

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST. LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Cholesbury Village Hall on Monday 26th June 2017 at 8pm

Present: Cllrs Allen, Brown, Matthews and Sanger.

Also present: District Cllr Rose, Mrs Lewis (Clerk) and one member of the public.

3018) To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Blomfield, Joseph and Minting and County Cllr Birchley.

3019) Matters arising

None.

3020) To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Allen declared an interest in planning applications CH/2017/0911/FA & CH/2017/1090/KA.

3021) Questions from members of the public

District Cllr Rose reported that work continues on the Local Plan with other matters of priority being the proposed construction of a new multi-storey car park and a new leisure centre, both in Amersham. Following the general election, there is no update on a decision on formation of Unitary Authority (ies). Cllr Sanger asked whether there was a Civil Contingency Plan and whether it had been tested. District Cllr Rose replied that there was a detailed plan in place, which had been tested during times of flooding, but he was unaware of whether there had been actual live mock tests and would find out and report back.

3022) Questions to the Chairman

None.

3023) To approve the minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 22nd May 2017.

3024) Reports

(a) *Clerk's Report*: The report was received from Mrs Lewis (see attached) and actions agreed.

(b) *Steering Committee on Unitary Authority formation with BCC*: Cllr Brown attended the meeting on 19th June at which he was the only Parish Council representative, with other attendees being from Town and District Councils. The focus of the meeting was on future devolution of services, under a Unitary Authority framework, to possibly include devolution of asset management (i.e. buildings), service management (i.e. leisure centres/licencing) and also increased involvement in the road maintenance programme to decide priorities, a pilot on which is currently ongoing involving the Amersham depot and neighbouring Parish Councils. Proposed changes are not likely to affect this Parish directly, but will affect parishioners and therefore it is important to be represented within the group. It will also be important to have input on how relationships with any new structure will be formed and maintained. This matter will be the focus of the next meeting, in July.

3025) Finance

(a) Orders for payment were approved for: The Clerk's salary (for June); Chris Brown (parking & mileage for Steering Meeting) £13.30; Castle Water (Allotment Water Dec 16-Mar 17) £5.27.

(b) It was resolved the members would consider transport related projects for LAF funding (taking into consideration the requirement for 50% matched funding) and a decision on applications would be made at the July meeting, in time for the August deadline.

(c) It was resolved to make a donation to Hawridge and Cholesbury Cricket Club, towards funding for their new nets, to the value of £250.00.

(d) It was resolved to purchase road marking paint up to the value of £10.00.

3026) Planning

(a) To deal with any planning applications, including those received after the date of the agenda;

(i) CH/2017/0911/FA 1 Cherry Tree Cottage, Cherry Tree Lane, Buckland Common, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NZ, First floor rear extension. The Parish Council resolved to make a comment of 'no comment' on the application.

(ii) CH/2017/1090/KA Home Farm Cottage, Cholesbury Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6ND, Removal of a cypress and a holly tree within a Conservation Area. The Parish Council resolved to make a comment of 'no comment' on the application.

(b) The following decisions were received by the council at this meeting:

(i) CH/2017/0524/KA - The Old Smithy, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire HP5 2UQ,

Felling of a sycamore, a pear tree and an apple tree - all within a Conservation Area. No TPO shall be made.

(ii) CH/2017/0662/FA - Bower Farm, The Vale, Hawridge Chesham Buckinghamshire HP5 3NS, Alterations to existing outbuilding including fenestration changes and replacement roof tiles and cladding. Conditional Permission.

(iii) CH/2017/0573/OA - Land Adjacent To The Pines Bottom Road Buckland Common Buckinghamshire HP23 6NU, Application for outline permission with all matters reserved for the construction of a new dwelling on land adjacent to The Pines. Refused.

(iv) CH/2017/0668/SA - The Kiln, 3 Shire Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NA Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed operation relating to the removal of shed and construction of four bay garage. Approved.

(v) CH/2017/0783/FA Field End Cholesbury Lane Cholesbury Buckinghamshire HP23 6ND, Single storey side extension, single storey front porch extensions with additional front entrance, fenestration alterations, replacement two storey garage with first floor accommodation. Conditional Permission.

(vi) CH/2017/0782/FA Woodview House Farm, The Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 3NT, Part open part closed single storey front extension and steps, part single part two storey side rear extension, demolition of outbuildings, hard landscaping to close off existing field entrance at the front of the property and form a new replacement to the rear of garden, relocation of driveway to the farm buildings at rear to provide access to barn. Withdrawn.

(c) No notice of appeals were received by the council at this meeting.

(d) To discuss potential enforcement matters:

(i) Little Pressmore Farm – The signage and sculptures have been removed from the entrance to the farm whilst consideration of any potential planning application requirement is assessed by the District Council, in order to ensure that the site is compliant with legal requirements for use of the site and use of advertising. The owner is co-operating with the District Council and is keen to comply and ease any concerns local residents may have about change of use.

(ii) Woodlands Farm – Cllr Rose had no updates on this case other than to say that there had been no changes to the status of the evidence available.

3027) The Green at Buckland Common

A parishioner neighbouring the common has asked the council for assistance in reducing the hedge height along the border of the common with Cherry Tree Lane. The council will cut the hedge in October. The parishioner will be asked to consult with other residents of Cherry Tree Lane to agree on an appropriate hedge height and then inform the clerk. The common will be cut w/c 10th July by PS Matthews Agricultural Contractors.

3028) Springall Hill allotments

There were no matters to discuss.

3029) Devolved responsibilities

There were no matters to discuss.

3030) To consider matters relating to Highways

A response received from Simon Dando (Contract Manager TfB) to the matters listed in the minutes of the April meeting was deemed insufficient by members and it was resolved that Cllr Allen shall request a specific timeline for each of the works. Mr Dando suggested in his reply that work to surface dress The Vale this summer may be delayed in order to undertake significant drainage work, to ultimately prolong the life of any road improvements, but this has to be confirmed, as the council has received notice that road improvements will commence on July 5th. If communication and action is not received on these matters, then Cllr Allen plans to meet with Neil Gibson (Managing Director, TfB).

It was agreed that the clerk would contact TfB regarding cutting of vision splays and missing warning posts on Oak Lane. The matter of flooding on Oak Lane is still outstanding and is being followed up.

3031) To consider implications of planned changes in Data Protection Legislation

It was agreed that the clerk would seek advice from the Parish Liaison group prior to beginning an audit of information.

3032) To consider a response to the formation of a Parish Charter, as suggested by the four District Councils.

It was agreed that Cllr Allen would raise the matter with Cllr Darby at the next Chairman's forum.

The meeting closed at 9.18pm

Chairman..... Date.....

Date of next meeting: Monday 24th July 2017 at St. Leonards Parish Hall.