

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST. LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Cholesbury Village Hall on Monday 25th September 2017 at 8pm

Present: Cllrs Allen, Blomfield, Brown, Matthews, Minting and Sanger.

Also present: Mrs Lewis (Clerk), County Cllr Birchley and District Cllr Rose.

3052) To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Joseph.

3053) Matters arising

None.

3054) To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Allen declared an interest in 3060 (a) (iv) as the applicant had consulted him on the initial application.

3055) Questions from members of the public

County Cllr Birchley reported that she had recently assisted residents of the Parish with policing matters, had monitored discussions between the Parish Council and TfB and kept abreast of issues on Grapevine. As BCC Chairman, she had hosted a session for budding entrepreneurs with local business leaders, including some from this Parish; attended the graduation ceremony at Bucks New University and the opening of new student accommodation at Wycombe Abbey. Cllr Matthews asserted that the condition of Rays Hill was causing increasingly hazardous driving. It was felt unlikely that the date for repair could be brought forward.

District Cllr Rose reported that the Local Plan is delayed, due to a request from central government to recalculate housing need using a revised formula. It is likely that the new formula will result an increase of 40% in assessed housing need, which will inevitably result in reclassification of some areas currently classified as Green Belt. Also, current agreements with neighbouring Districts, to absorb some of Chiltern's housing requirements, have been put up for re-negotiation. It was confirmed that the Unitary Authority plans were still on hold. District Cllr Rose assured the meeting that, in answer to a previous question by Cllr Brown, that any taxi driver/company, wishing to operate within Chiltern from another District, has their credentials checked through the District in which they were originally registered. In response to a question previously asked by Cllr Sanger, it was confirmed that there are Emergency Plans in place within the District for Emergency Services, large landlords (i.e. housing associations) and Utility Suppliers and evacuation centres identified for use. There are management structures in place involving all necessary service heads, who meet, review and practice emergency procedures regularly.

3056) Questions to the Chairman

None.

3057) 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 24th July 2017 and those of the Planning Committee meeting held on 17th August 2017.

3058) Reports

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

(b) *Chairmen's Meeting with CDC*: Cllr Allen attended the meeting in July at which an update was given on the Chiltern Community and Wellbeing Plan. Cllr Allen had requested an update on the Conservation Area Review, which was that the project is delayed, in line with delays with the Local Plan. The Parish Council will have the opportunity to comment on the draft, after it is published. Opinion on the proposed 'Parish Charter', suggested by CDC to give a central point of contact for Parish Councils, was felt to be unnecessary, as there was already a central point of contact in the District Cllr.

(c) *Unitary Authority Steering Group*: Cllr Brown attended the meeting in July. Even though the Unitary Authority proposals have yet to be approved by central government, BCC continue to prepare for the possibility and adapt its mode of working to devolve increasing powers to Town and Parish Councils. It is felt that devolution will stimulate community involvement. It will also increase workloads for Cllrs and Clerks. There will also be introduced 'Community Hubs'; drop in centres in each town to provide face to face contact with County Council service providers.

(d) *MVAS data from August*: From its location at the cricket pitch, the data recorded over a two-week period showed that the vast majority of vehicles were driving within, on or slightly above the speed limit. Excessive speeding was seen in a handful of cases, very late at night.

(e) *LAF*: Cllr Brown attended a meeting in July at which there was a presentation by Thames Valley Police on local issues. Four-fifths of crime was committed by vulnerable people (i.e. with addiction or mental

health issues) with the remainder of crime consisted of anti-social behaviour and petty theft. Parishioners are reminded to exercise caution as the clocks go back as break-ins increase towards Christmas. Items (f) and (g) were delayed to the October agenda.

3059) Finance

- (a) Orders for payment were approved for: The Clerk's salary (for September) and payment in August was noted; Mazars £150.00 (External Audit Fee); Chris Brown £25.90 (Expenses for travel and parking Unitary Authority Meeting, July & TfB Conference, September); Castle Water £7.58 (Allotment Water June to October 2017).
- (b) There were no suggestions for LAF funded projects.

3060) Planning

- (a) To deal with any planning applications, including those received after the date of the agenda;
- (i) CH/2017/1503/FA The Kiln, 3 Shire Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NA, Detached 4 bay garaging with storage above, extension of existing gravel drive. The council agreed 'No Comment'.
- (ii) CH/2017/1697/FA Windyridge, Jenkins Lane, St Leonards, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NW, Erection of a detached granny annexe in lieu of approved replacement garage. The council agreed to request that, if the application is approved, that permitted development rights are not attached to the annexe.
- (iii) CH/2017/1702/KA The Old Vicarage, Parrotts Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6ND, Crown reduction of a birch tree within a Conservation Area. The council agreed 'No Comment'.
- (iv) CH/2017/1707/FA - 1 Cherry Tree Cottage Cherry Tree Lane Buckland Common Buckinghamshire HP23 6NZ, Two-storey rear extension. The council agreed 'No Comment'.
- (b) The following decisions were received by the council at this meeting:
 - (i) CH/2017/1117/FA Woodlands Farm, The Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, Infill extension between buildings 1 and 2. Conditional Permission.
 - (ii) CH/2017/1243/FA Holly View, The Vale, Hawridge, Chesham, Buckinghamshire, HP5 3NS, Replacement garage with open fronted cart shed. Conditional Permission.
 - (iii) CH/2017/1271/FA Heath End Cottage, Heath End, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP4 3UE, Flat to pitched replacement garage roof, conversion of redundant integral garage to residential. Conditional Permission.
 - (iv) CH/2017/1330/FA Longmead, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2UH, Erection of replacement dwelling. Conditional Permission.
 - (v) CH/2017/1468/KA Bowmore Farm, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2UH, Removal of six poplar trees and height reduction of two fir trees - all within a Conservation Area. No TPO.
 - (vi) CH/2017/1415/FA 1 Horseshoe Cottages, Parrotts Lane, Buckland Common, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NX, Demolition of existing carport and erection of detached timber carport. Conditional Permission.
- (c) No notice of appeals were received by the council at this meeting.
- (d) To discuss potential enforcement matters: Enforcement Officers have recently visited *Little Pressmore Farm* and have noted the different activities taking place there and will now consider each one on its own merits and advise the owner accordingly as to any planning permits required. An Enforcement notice is imminent on *Woodlands Farm, Shire Lane*.
- (e) It was noted that the council agreed not to meet and to send a response of 'No Comment' on application CH/2017/1538 Twin Oaks, Cholesbury Lane, Buckland Common, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NQ, Single storey side rear oak framed extension.
- (f) CH/2017/1648/FA OS Parcel 2814 Opposite Tiles Farm Asheridge Road Asheridge Buckinghamshire, Change of use of land to a mixed use as a residential caravan site for two gypsy families with a total of up to 3 caravans (including no more than one static caravan), laying of hardstanding and provision of means of foul drainage (retrospective). The council agreed to object to the application in the adjoining parish of Chartridge. Cllr Allen would prepare a statement on behalf of the council. It was noted by Cllr Rose that an emergency stop notice had been served to prevent any further development of the site until the planning application has been considered.

3061) The Green at Buckland Common

Following the annual inspection, it was agreed that, in addition to the cut in October, growth beneath the trees would be strimmed. Philip Matthews agricultural will be asked to undertake the work, as well as trimming of the hedge bordering Cherry Tree Lane to a height of 6ft, as previously agreed.

3062) Springall Hill allotments

- (a) There were no matters to report from the inspection, although the hedges will be cut in October by Philip Matthews agricultural.
- (b) The annual rental charge was agreed to remain the same for 17-18/18-19.
- (c) It was agreed that Mr Keen would work with Cllr Blomfield to weed kill and cover with plastic any unused plots. Also, pathway maintenance will be discussed. There are two half plots available.

3063) Devolved responsibilities

There were no matters to discuss.

3064) To consider matters relating to Highways

(a) Cllr Brown attended the TfB conference and raised issues with grass-cutting and road repairs:

There has been agreement from TfB to undertake the following works in the Parish:

- Jenkins Lane (at the top of Gilberts Hill) – plane and patch, mid-October
- Jenkins Lane (main stretch) – micro patching, mid-November
- Rays Hill – plane and patch, end Jan/early Feb
- Church Lane, Hawridge – traffic island upgrade, end October
- Horseblock Lane – plane and patch, end Jan/early Feb
- Hawridge Hill – micro-patching, plus patching, end October
- The Vale – drainage works followed by surface dressing, 2018

The Council agreed that the grass-cutting/vision splays had not been to standard this year and Cllr Brown will arrange a tour of the Parish with TfB to agreed standards for next year.

Cllr Allen is to request a meeting with Mark Kemp, Highways Services, to discuss improved communication going forward.

(b) Following review of MVAS speed data, it was agreed that there was insufficient evidence to support additional speeding measures in the Parish and therefore investment in a Sentinel Camera was unwarranted.

3065) To consider options for improving mobile network coverage in the Parish

It was agreed that Cllr Brown would write on behalf of the Council to Buckinghamshire Business First, Ofcom and Cheryl Gillan MP to request improved mobile network coverage in the Parish.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

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

Date of next meeting: Monday 23rd October 2017 at St. Leonards Parish Hall.