

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST. LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Cholesbury Village Hall on Monday 27th November 2017 at 8pm

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

Also present: Mrs Lewis (Clerk) and two members of the public.

3079) To receive apologies for absence

County Cllr Birchley and District Cllr Rose.

3080) Matters arising

None.

3081) To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Brown declared an interest in item 3092 (iii) as his property has the footpath running to it.

3082) To co-opt a new Councillor, note resignation of Cllr Minting and Notice of Vacancy published 22/11/17

Bill Ingram was voted to be co-opted as the new Cllr to replace Judy Joseph.

Cllr Minting has submitted his resignation. The Parish Council extended their thanks to Cllr Minting for his service. A notice of vacancy has been posted as per the recommended guidelines. The notice period ends on 14/12/17. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the remaining candidates for the initial vacancy and confirm their willingness to be put forward for the new vacancy, should there be no request for an election. It was agreed by the members to hold a co-option meeting before Christmas, if applicable.

3083) Questions from members of the public

It was reported that the bus service from Tring Tesco's had not arrived over an hour later than scheduled on 22nd November, stranding some parishioners and requiring them to pay for a taxi. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact BCC to add weight to their complaints direct to the bus company.

3084) Questions to the Chairman

None.

3085) 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 23rd October 2017 with one minor amendment to 3078) Agreed vision sprints will be cut three times/year *including* a 1.2m verge cut once/year.

3086) Reports

(a) *Clerk's Report*: There were no matters to report.

(b) Chiltern Liaison Meeting (Cllr Allen); the meeting covered; affordable housing provision – not applicable in this Parish due to AONB status; Local Plan update – public consultation delayed until June/July 2018 due to changes made by central government to calculation framework for assessing housing need; Unitary Authority update – on hold; HS2 – Cllr Brown noted that there was a scheme offering woodland planting as compensation for woodland lost in construction and it may extend to this Parish.

(c) Superfast Broadband II update (Cllr Brown); At the start of this year a contract was signed to initiate Phase II of the project to supply households not covered by Phase I. Cllr Brown has informed Open Reach of such households in this Parish and work to cover Lanes End, Chivery, Coppice Farm Park and Taylors Lane will be addressed September 2018. The far end of Shire Lane will be addressed September 2019, as will the stretch of The Vale including Woodlands Farm to Nut Hazel Cross Farm. There are also some properties (i.e. at the end of Arrewig Lane) that were covered in Phase I, but are so far from a green box that they receive no discernible benefit. Cllr Brown will post an update on the Council's website and in the Hilltop News.

3087) Finance

(a) Orders for payment were approved for: The Clerk's salary (for November); St. Leonard's Parish Hall £39.00 (Hall Hire April to December 2017); Cholesbury Village Hall £117.00 (Hall Hire April to December 2017); Chiltern District Council £289.33 (Dog bin emptying April to September 2017).

(b) The draft budget for 2018-19 was reviewed, without amendment by members, although changes were made by the Clerk to reflect reduced allotment income following a plot becoming available. The budget will be finalised at the January meeting.

3088) Planning

(a) To deal with any planning applications, including those received after the date of the agenda.
There were no applications to review.

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

(i) CH/2017/1697/FA Windyridge, Jenkins Lane, St Leonards, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NW, Erection of a detached granny annexe in lieu of approved replacement garage. Refused.

(ii) CH/2017/1702/KA The Old Vicarage, Parrotts Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6ND, Crown reduction of a birch tree within a Conservation Area. No TPO.

(iii) CH/2017/1707/FA - 1 Cherry Tree Cottage Cherry Tree Lane Buckland Common Buckinghamshire HP23 6NZ, Two-storey rear extension. Conditional Permission.

(iv) CH/2017/1811/KA The Old Rectory, Cholesbury Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6ND, Felling of two horse chestnut trees within a Conservation Area. No TPO.

(c) The following appeal decision was received by the council at this meeting;

(i) APP/X0415/W/17/3177550, CH/2016/2079/FA, Whitecroft, Hawridge Vale, Hawridge, HP5 2UG. Refused.

(d) To discuss potential enforcement matters:

(i) Land between Glebe Cottage and Danesfield – The land has been cleared of mainly scrub. District Cllr Rose informed Cllr Allen by telephone prior to the meeting that an officer had visited the site and there was no current basis for enforcement action, but that activity on the site would be kept under review.

(ii) Little Pressmore Farm – the owner and enforcement officers are in continued communication with regards to planning application advise.

(iii) Woodlands Farm, Shire Lane – the site is not currently occupied but the status of the site is being kept under review.

3089) The Green at Buckland Common

There were no matters to discuss.

3090) Springall Hill allotments

(i) A further tenant has rescinded their plot, leaving a total of two whole plots vacant (one whole and two halves). All rents have been received, with one to be confirmed with the December bank statement, as paid online.

(ii) A resident of Brown's Rise had contacted the council regarding the height of trees in a plot behind their garden. Cllr Allen inspected the trees, the resident sent a photo of the trees, as seen from his garden, and it was resolved that the Clerk would write to the tenants of the plot to request that the trees be coppiced. It was also resolved that the contract be amended in due course to include a limit for all structures and produce grown at the allotments and that no further trees should be planted. Cllr Blomfield observed that there was a leylandii in the hedge backing onto Browns Rise that was overgrown and it was resolved that this would be removed.

3091) Devolved responsibilities

Regarding sign-cleaning post winter, it was resolved that Cllr Brown would re-circulate the road-sign map for Cllrs to comment upon sign cleanliness, in order to assess need.

3092) To consider matters relating to Highways

Cllr Allen noted that road closure/traffic control notices had been received indicating planned works to Horseblock Lane in early 2018, however, work to Hawridge Hill was still incomplete and it was resolved that Cllr Allen would contact Simon Dando about this.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the LAT about the collapsed drain at Sandpit Hill and also super sucker planned visits to the Parish, to include the boreholes at Sandpit Hill and Dorriens Farm.

(i) To discuss the damage caused by waste collection services to the verge at Church Lane, Hawridge. It has been agreed that waste collection vans will now drive forward into Church Lane, turn at a location agreed with a resident, and drive out forwards, as it was felt that reversing into the lane was difficult and contributing to the kerb damage.

(ii) To summarise road repair priorities for 2018/19.

The Parish Council will prioritise re-surfacing of Cholesbury Lane from Pound Lane to The Full Moon.

(iii) To consider stile replacement on the footpath leading to The Full Moon public house.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact BCC to inquire as to the procedure for applying for replacement gates on the footpath.

3093) To complete a ballot paper for nomination of a Buckinghamshire Parish Councils representative on the Chilterns Conservation Board

The Parish resolved not to submit a vote.

3094) To discuss the formal consultation regarding the future of the mobile library service

It was resolved that the Clerk would write to the Library Service stating the case for the residents of Coppice Farm Park that use the Mobile Library and suggest ways in which the service could be maintained.

3095) To consider taking part in the 100-year anniversary celebrations of the end of WWI

It was resolved that, considering the large remembrance event planned in Chesham, it would not be necessary to undertake an event in the Parish. However, if local groups wished to commemorate in their own way, the Parish Council would consider what support it could provide, on a case by case basis.

3096) To discuss points to be raised by Cllr Brown at the CDC Peer Review Committee

The members requested that Cllr Brown raise a requirement for increased transparency in Planning Enforcement cases and suitable selection of waste collection vehicles in relation to access.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

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

Date of next meeting: Monday 22nd January 2018 at St. Leonards Parish Hall.