

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST. LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in St. Leonards Parish Hall on Monday 22nd January 2018 at 8.00pm

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

Also present: Mrs Lewis (Clerk), County Cllr Birchley and two members of the public.

4011) To receive apologies for absence

District Cllr Rose.

4012) Matters arising

Cllr Brackley was welcomed to her first Parish Council meeting as a Cllr.

4013) To receive declarations of interest

None.

4014) Questions from members of the public

David Jacobs, Estate Manager, Copas Farms, presented plans in relation to planning application CH/2017/2234/FA. The Cllrs asked whether the existing farm buildings were let and it was answered that they were. It was also questioned whether the pre-application advice from the District Council had been universally followed. It was replied that the District Council had suggested larger properties, but the style of the semi-detached properties had been chosen to reflect that of the nearby properties of a similar design. It was raised that there had been a Highways report in opposition to the scheme. The developer replied that vision splays, parking and access had been designed to alleviate potential problems. An overall decrease in current traffic flow was anticipated through modelling. The council expressed concerns about residential development within the green belt on current agricultural land.

County Cllr Birchley expressed her support from extension of the resurfacing of The Vale/Hawridge Hill, to include Cholesbury Lane to the Full Moon. Further drainage works on The Vale/Hawridge Hill are due to take place in May, ready for surface dressing in August. The County Council budget for 2018/19 has been set. 70% of the budget is needed for adult and children's social care.

A member of the public noted that June and Elaine Paige continue to pick up litter in the Parish. The council confirmed that they have previously been written to, to thank them for their efforts.

4015) Questions to the Chairman

Following a decision by Turpin Charity to consider a grant 'in principle' to the Wiggington shop, Cllr Brown questioned the reach of the charity across its prescribed geographical boundaries. Cllr Allen replied that the charity had discretion over boundaries and that, as there had been very little take-up of the funds available, extension of geographical spread, especially when benefits would be experienced by residents of Cholesbury-cum-St. Leonards, was felt justified.

4016) 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 19th December 2017.

4017) Reports

(a) *Clerk's Report*: The report was discussed and actions agreed.

(b) *LAF*: A priority setting workshop for the forthcoming year took place on 16th January. It was agreed that efforts need to be made to reduce isolation, mainly in the elderly and also to address the needs of youth in rural locations. Schools are to be involved to nominate students to form a 'council' to look at issues and solutions. It has also been suggested that each Parish has a grant of between £500 to £1,000 available each year, should a worthy use for the money be found. Also, parishes still with poor broadband connectivity had plans to work together to hold discussions with Open Reach to improve the service. Mobile connectivity within rural areas will also be addressed.

(c) *Rural Policing Group*: The expected spike in crime over the Christmas period was not as great as expected, with the main activity being theft from outbuildings. Following an appeal by Cllr Brown, a parishioner may attend future meetings along with the Parish Council representative.

4018) Finance

(a) Orders for payment were approved for: The Clerk's salary (for January).

(b) To finalise the budget for 2018-19, including the precept level. The budget was approved and signed by the Chairman. The precept level was agreed to be £9,800.00.

(c) To receive and review the Q3 finance statement. The statement was approved by the council.

(d) To resolve amendment of the bank mandate to include new Cllrs and remove ex-Cllrs. It was resolved to remove Judy Joseph and John Minting and add Cllrs Brackley and Ingram.

4019) Planning

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

(i) CH/2017/2234/FA Units 7 and 8 Woodlands Farm, The Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, Demolition of existing Class B8 warehouses and redevelopment to provide 4 x 3-bedroom semi-detached dwellings and 1 x 4-bedroom detached dwelling, served by new and altered accesses. It was resolved to object to the application due its location within the Green Belt.

(ii) CH/2017/2099/FA Woodland Farm, Shire Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NA, Extension to an agricultural building (Retrospective) and change of use from agricultural to general industrial use (Use Class B2) as a Forge. It was resolved to request that only Class B1 be approved and that there be limitations on working hours imposed in the interests on reducing traffic and noise in the interests of neighbouring residents. Also, no residential use should be permitted.

(iii) CH/2017/2278/KA Field End, Cholesbury Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6ND, Felling of three conifer trees all within a Conservation Area. It was resolved that a response of 'No Comment' be submitted to the planning department.

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

(i) CH/2017/2023/FA Longmead, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2UH, Erection of a replacement dwelling. Conditional Permission.

(ii) CH/2017/2078/FA Woodview House Farm, The Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 3NT, Replacement outbuilding to facilitate garaging, garden room and first floor annexed accommodation. Conditional Permission.

(iii) CH/2017/2135/FA 6 Wood View Cottages, The Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 3NT, Part two-storey part single storey side / rear extensions, raising of pitched roof level. Conditional Permission.

(c) No appeal decisions were received by the council at this meeting.

4020) The Green at Buckland Common

The hedge cutting will be completed within a month. It has been delayed due to the bad weather.

4021) Springall Hill allotments

The vacant whole plot has been taken on by a new tenant. A tenant reported to the Clerk that plastic sheeting had been stolen from their plot. The hedges will be cut within the month.

4022) Devolved responsibilities

Cllr Brown supplied a list of road signage to the Cllrs and it was agreed that the Clerk would assign areas for the Cllrs to check the condition of and to report back on at the next meeting.

4023) To consider matters relating to Highways

The Clerk reported that the list of potholes is being attended to by TfB. Some have been repaired, but some repairs have been delayed by the wet weather. A change over in LAT is imminent and will cause some disruption. In addition to works previously reported, there will be patching on Little Twye, in Heath End and to Arrewig Lane.

4024) To review and agree meeting dates for 2018-19.

Draft dates were approved and will be checked with the venues for availability, prior to being finalised.

4025) To agree new representation for St. Leonards Parish Hall Management Committee and the Rural Policing Group.

It was resolved that Cllr Brackley would attend the AGM of St. Leonards Parish Hall, with a view to being the representative and that Cllr Ingram would accompany Cllr Brown to the next Rural Policing Group, with a view to being the new representative.

4026) To receive and review MVAS data from November 2017.

The MVAS was located outside Hawridge and Cholesbury School in November. Although there was slightly less than a whole two weeks data collected, due to technical issues, the data showed a similar pattern to previous monitoring, in that, traffic mainly is in observance of the speed limits, with only a few cases of significant speeding, and this is usually late at night. The MVAS will next be used in March and will be located in St. Leonards.

4027) To discuss a response to the DCLG review of park homes.

Cllr Brackley had surveyed within Coppice Farm Park and the residents were generally satisfied with the running of the site. Therefore, it was resolved that no response was needed to the review.

4028) To discuss induction training for Cllrs Brackley and Ingram.

BALC Induction training, at a cost of £35.00 per Cllr, was approved. The Cllrs will attend the next available session in Aylesbury.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

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

Date of next meeting: Monday 26th February 2018 at Cholesbury Village Hall.