

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST. LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in St. Leonards Parish Hall on Monday 26th March 2018 at 8.00pm

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

Also present: Mrs Lewis (Clerk), County Cllr Birchley, District Cllr Rose and approximately 25 members of the public.

4043) To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Blomfield.

4044) Matters arising
Cllr Sanger reported that he had contacted LLATVCC and had been informed that a newsletter was imminent.

4045) To receive declarations of interest
None.

4046) Questions from members of the public
The assembled members of the public were concerned about the potential closure of The Full Moon Public House. It was established that there was no definite information available concerning its proposed future (unlike the cases of The White Lion and The Rose and Crown), although there was notice of closure from 1st April, however a closure was announced in January 2018 that did not happen. It was explained that the Parish Council and/or a local interest group could apply to list the pub as an asset of community value, however, if the pub was to be sold on to be run by another owner, the six-month waiting period for local interest groups to prepare a bid could act as a disincentive to prospective buyers. Also, the potential market value of the business is likely to be prohibitive and the asset registration only ensures a right to bid, not a right to buy. Suggestions were made for local support groups against pub closure. It was not thought that direct discussion with the current owner would be likely to clarify the situation further at this present time. County Cllr Birchley reported that there was to be significant patching in Heath End and Arrewig Lane. Significant developments in Wendover Woods were having some impact within the Parish and unsuitable use of Lane End by heavy machinery and articulated lorries had been reported to the Forestry Commission. There is also significant development proposed in Halton as the RAF base closure proceeds and there is also concern for traffic impacts locally. The minister for Communities and Local Government has said that he is 'minded to' approve the proposal for a single Unitary Authority in Buckinghamshire, combining all District Councils with the County Council and a public consultation is now open. County Cllr Birchley had attended the opening of the new Crown Court in Aylesbury as well as other functions. District Cllr Rose reported that progress was being made with the re-development of The White Lion and a planning application was likely to be imminent. A new planning application is also expected for The Rose and Crown. Cllr Brown asked about progress with the Local Plan and it was replied that it was on-track. There was a slight shortfall in five-year housing stock, but this was of minimal impact to the robustness of the plan. It was also reported that works on HS2 were expected to break ground within 12 months.

4047) Questions to the Chairman
None.

4048) 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 26th February 2018.

4049) Reports
(a) *Clerk's Report*: The report was discussed and actions agreed.
(b) *LAF*: It was resolved to discuss potential projects related to 'wellbeing' at the next meeting and to have transport related projects on the agenda in July. There was a large budget of £25,500 available across all parishes, £5,250 of which was reserved for wellbeing projects and the remainder for transport projects.
(c) *Rural Policing Group*: Crime in the previous quarter had been very low, excepting for the one burglary incident in Heath End, which was part of a larger operation involving theft in Ashley Green. ANPR monitoring continues on rural lanes suspected of being used as routes by criminals wishing to avoid main thoroughfares and a property marking campaign is being run to encourage residents to mark items stored in garages/sheds as the warmer weather approaches and items may be left unattended.
(d) *St. Leonard's Parish Hall*: Cllr Brackley has joined the management committee as representative of the Parish Council.

4050) Finance

- (a) Orders for payment were approved for: The Clerk's salary (for March); Hall Hire, St. Leonard's Parish Hall (Dec '17-Mar '18) £39.00; Hall Hire, Cholesbury Village Hall (Dec '17-Mar '18) £18.00; PM Matthews Agricultural Contractors (Hedgecutting at allotments and Buckland Common) £216.00.
- (b) The request by the Chilterns Conservation Board for additional funding towards the Hillforts Project was postponed to the next meeting in order for the members to have time to assess the request.
- (c) The Clerk's Grade increase (21 to 22) from April 2018 was noted.

4051) Planning

- (a) To deal with any planning applications, including those received after the date of the agenda.
- (i) CH/2018/0257/FA 1 Hawridge Vale Cottages, Hawridge Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2UG, Two storey side extensions. The Parish Council resolved to submit a response of 'No Comment'.
- (ii) CH/2018/0306/FA The Cottage, Oak Lane, St Leonards, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NN, Part single/part two storey/part first floor front/side/rear extension and construction of rear dormer. The Parish Council resolved to submit a response of 'No Comment'.
- (iii) CH/2018/0394/PNC Copas Farms Hay Barn (Unit 4G) at Woodlands Farm, The Vale, Hawridge, Prior notification under Class R of Part 3, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015 - Change of use for Agricultural to a flexible use within Class B1 (Business). The Parish Council resolved to submit a response of 'No Comment'.
- (iv) CH/2018/0355/AGN Nut Hazel Cross Farm, The Vale, Hawridge, HP5 3NU, Agricultural Building for Machinery. The Parish Council resolved to express concern at the proposed height of the structure with regards to its position adjacent to the road.
- (b) The following decisions were received by the council at this meeting:
- (i) CH/2018/0106/FA Holmwood, Cholesbury Lane, Buckland Common, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NQ, Part two storey, part single storey side/rear extension, erection of carport/log store, insertion dormer windows to rear roof slope of existing dwelling, erection of front porch and alterations to fenestration. Conditional Permission.
- (c) No appeal decisions were received by the council at this meeting.

4052) The Green at Buckland Common

It was resolved to maintain the mowing regimen of the previous year. Comment had been made to the Clerk by a resident that there was excessive weed/ivy growth around the base of the trees and it was resolved that Cllr Allen and Cllr Blomfield would inspect.

4053) Springall Hill allotments

Cllr Blomfield had reported prior to the meeting that he had spoken with the tenant regarding the tall fruit trees and agreed that they be pollarded. The tenant would do this themselves, tools permitting, or otherwise the Parish Council would undertake the task.

4054) Devolved responsibilities

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact three establishments for quotes for sign-cleaning.

4055) To consider matters relating to Highways

Drainage works down The Vale, prior to re-surfacing, are to progress further in May and June and the Parish Council is in receipt of detailed plans, which show significant works. Improvements at the pumping station near Hog Lane will also improve flooding issues. The re-surfacing works have also been extended and will now cover the length of road from Greenway to the top of Rays Hill.

Repairs undertaken to Horseblock Lane have already begun to deteriorate. Cllr Matthews has taken photos and will send them to County Cllr Birchley. The topsoil laid to the sides of the road has either washed away or coated the road and this is dangerous. Cllr Allen has not had a response from TfB to this matter as yet.

Various potholes have been filled, some have already failed and some are still awaiting repair, including the large hole on Cholesbury Lane, before the garage.

4056) To discuss feedback to proposals on modernising local government in Buckinghamshire.

It was resolved that, as there was insufficient information at this stage to inform a thorough debate and some members were therefore uncertain of their views, the council would not submit a combined view, but members may send their own individual representations to the Department for Communities and Local Government.

4057) To nominate an internal auditor for financial year 2017-18.

It was resolved to appoint IAC Ltd, as in recent years. The Clerk has been informed that the fee remains unchanged from the previous year.

4058) To discuss the potential closure of The Full Moon public house.

It was resolved that any decision on making an application to register the pub as an asset of community value would be postponed until the next meeting, when perhaps the situation with regards to the pub's future may be clearer. Should the pub be re-opened by the current owner or be in the process of being sold to a new owner, it was felt that an application may be disruptive to either of these possibilities.

4059) To discuss a potential community visit to Greatmoor, Energy from Waste facility.

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact the facility to enquire about availability for a private tour.

4060) To agree invitation of a speaker to the Annual Parish Meeting.

It was resolved that Cllr Sanger would invite Michael Nidd of LLATVCC to speak.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

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

Date of next meeting: Monday 23rd April 2018 at St. Leonards Parish Hall.