

## CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST. LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in St. Leonards Parish Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 at 8.00pm

Present: Cllrs Allen, Blomfield, Brackley and Brown,  
Also present: Mrs Lewis (Clerk) and District Cllr Rose.

5019) To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Ingram, Matthews and Sanger and County Cllr Birchley.

5020) Matters arising

The Clerk has submitted her resignation as of 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018. It was agreed that the role would be advertised within the local SLCC membership and on Grapevine and that she would continue in the role until the next meeting in September.

It was agreed that Cllr Allen would request a quote for oiling the Millenium Bench from J Horn.

5021) To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Brackley declared an interest in item 5034.

5022) Questions from members of the public

District Cllr Rose reported that the next stage draft of the Local Plan is now scheduled to be ready in October for assessment by the Scrutiny Committee and Full Council, prior to public consultation in early 2019. Cllr Brown enquired as to the status of the resolution to remove St. Leonards Parish Hall as a polling station, leaving Cholesbury Village Hall to cover both polling areas. District Cllr Rose explained that the decision was supported by him and was close to final approval, but that if the Parish Council wished to express an opinion against the proposal, they could do so. Cllr Brown expressed his dissatisfaction on behalf of the council, that they had not been consulted on the proposal.

5023) Questions to the Chairman

None.

5024) 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 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

5025) Reports

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

5026) Finance

(a) Orders for payment were approved for: The Clerk's salary (for July) and Cllr Brown (Mileage expenses, TfB conference, Aylesbury 4<sup>th</sup> July) £11.70.

(b) The Q1 report was reviewed. It was decided that future reports should assign devolution funding separately to general reserves.

(c) The Parish Council agreed to accept grants on behalf of H&C Cricket Club and H&C Commons Preservation Society in relation to two well-being projects totalling £1,250, although permission would need to be sought from BCC for the cricket club grant to be spent in the next financial year.

5027) Planning

(a) To deal with any planning applications, including those received after the date of the agenda. None.

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

(i) CH/2018/0743/FA 1 Wood View Cottages, The Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 3NT, First floor rear extension, hip to gable roof extension to ground floor rear roof, glass canopy over rear entrance, extended porch canopy and alterations to fenestration. Conditional Permission.

(c) No appeals were registered.

(d) District Cllr Rose reported that, due to annual leave, he had been unable to obtain updates on Field End and Little Pressmore Farm. The council expressed its disappointment that no reply had been received to its email to planning enforcement of 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 asking for an update on Little Pressmore Farm.

(e) The response sent to PL/18/2002/VRC was noted.

5028) The Green at Buckland Common

The Common was cut, although the dead cherry tree along Cherry Tree Lane is still to be cut down.

5029) Springall Hill allotments

The grass has been cut in the spare plot.

- i) Following advertisement of the available plots on both Grapevine and in the Hilltop News, no vacancies had been filled and therefore it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Chesham Town Council, Wiggington Parish Council and Chartridge Parish Council to see whether they would like to advertise the plots to their parishioners on allotment waiting lists.
- ii) The draft changes to the allotment contract were reviewed and agreed.

5030) Devolved responsibilities

- i) It was resolved to agree to an extension of the devolved services contract for a further four years from 2019, providing it was confirmed that the level of funding would remain unchanged. It was also resolved to express an interest in potentially extending the contract into other areas of service.

5031) To consider matters relating to Highways

- i) The Clerk had received details from the LAT concerning the schedule of repairs to several defects within the Parish, including the patch and plane of Swan Lane, scheduled for August 2018. In addition, it had been reported to the council that footpath CV24 was very overgrown. Cllr Allen agreed to speak to the landowner.
- ii) Cllr Brown reported he had met with the depot manager for Amersham and it was explained that there was to be a change in approach to pothole repair; patching larger areas of pot-holed road, rather than individual pot-holes. This approach would be slower, but longer-lasting.

5032) To agree new draft Standing Orders

The new draft Standing Orders were approved for adoption by the council.

5033) To discuss the recent theft of the postbox by the Old School House in St. Leonards

It was agreed that, other than reporting the incident to the Post Office and police, there was no further action to be taken.

5034) To consider support for a request to install a postbox at Coppice Farm Park

It was agreed that, in support of the residents' actions, the Clerk would write in support of the idea to the MP and Post Office, on the basis that any postbox be easily accessible to the public, not just residents of Coppice Farm Park.

5035) To review the Chiltern draft housing strategy

The strategy report was noted by the council.

5036) To review the Chiltern and South Bucks Playing Pitch Strategy Report

It was resolved that the Clerk would reply to the report noting that St. Leonards Playing Fields were not included.

5037) To consider information received on:

- i) potential changes in polling places within the parish: the council resolved to write to District Cllr Rose to formally express dissatisfaction at the lack of consultation on the proposed changes and express concern that the change may adversely affect elderly residents in the St. Leonards area.
- ii) electoral plans for 2019: it was noted that, in the event that a decision has not been made about a UA or UA's, the Parish Council had been informed that it may be required to hold an election independently in May 2019, which would have budgetary implications for the forthcoming financial year.

5038) To consider a response to a recent noise nuisance issue locally

It was agreed that no action would be taken by the council.

5039) To consider repeated nuisance behaviour by Duke of Edinburgh groups in the parish

It was agreed that no action would be taken by the council.

5040) To consider a response to the FUTURE LuToN public consultation

It was agreed to wait to reply to the next, more formal, stage of consultation.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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

Date of next meeting: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Cholesbury Village Hall.