

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST. LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Cholesbury Village Hall on Monday 24th September 2018 at 8.00pm

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

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

5041) To receive apologies for absence
Cllrs Blomfield and Brackley.

5042) Matters arising
None.

5043) To receive declarations of interest
None.

5044) Questions from members of the public
County Cllr Birchley reported that exam results within Buckinghamshire this year had been very good. The county council is currently setting its budget for the coming year and again faces most pressure from social care duties, with recent increases in child protection issues.
District Cllr Rose reported that the decision on future council structure was still pending. The Local Plan is expected to be ready for the next stage of consultation at the start of 2019. Currently a final green belt review is ongoing.

5045) Questions to the Chairman
None.

5046) 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 July 2018.

5047) Reports
(a) *Clerk's Report*: It was added that the precept instalment for September had been received.
(b) *MVAS*: The equipment was located at Cholesbury cricket pitch during the summer. The usual speeding was recorded in the early hours of the morning and there was some speeding during the evening 'rush hour'. The equipment will be used again, by the school, in October/November. It was noted that some councils are taking part in a Community Speed Watch initiative as an alternative to MVAS.
(c) *LAF*: There was a presentation of the Chesham Masterplan, which is progressing in its development.
(d) *HS2*: The group of councils concerned about the effect construction will have on local traffic wrote to 'HS2 complaints' on 3rd August to complain about the lack of promised baseline traffic surveys and it was replied that the delays/lack of surveys were due to BCC. BCC responded in reply that HS2 were to blame. The council suggested that the group should ask for a meeting with Cheryl Gillan MP, who has been copied into correspondence, but not been directly involved to date.

5048) Finance
(a) Payments were authorised for: The Clerk's salary (for August and September); CPRE £36.00 (2018/19 Membership); Hayley Lewis £156.15 (Bucks Free Press Clerk advert) (retrospective).
(b) A quote from Mr J. Horn for £50.00 to treat the Millenium Bench with wood preservative was accepted.

5049) Planning
(a) To deal with any planning applications, including those received after the date of the agenda.
(i) PL/18/3012/VRC Units 7 and 8, Woodlands Farm, The Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, Variation of Condition 13 of Planning Permission CH/2017/2234/FA (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): To allow for basement rooms to the semi-detached dwellings. The Parish Council resolved to send a reply of 'No Comment'.
(ii) PL/18/3280/TP St Lawrences Church, Parrotts Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, Reduction of branches of an oak tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order. The Parish Council resolved to send a reply of 'No Comment'.
(iii) PL/18/3153/FA Woodside, Oak Lane, St Leonards, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NN, Single storey side extension. The Parish Council resolved to send a reply of 'No Comment'.
(b) To receive decisions of Chiltern District Council.
(i) CH/2018/0731/HB Vale Farm House, Hawridge Vale, Hawridge, Chesham, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2UG Replacement kitchen incorporating internal ground floor alterations. Conditional Permission.

(ii) CH/2018/0810/FA The White Lion Public House, Jenkins Lane, St Leonards, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NW, Single storey rear extension following the demolition of existing extension, ground floor internal alterations and reconfiguration of first floor to create living accommodation. Conditional Permission.

(iii) PL/18/2040/FA Oaktrees, Jenkins Lane, St. Leonards, HP23 6NW, First floor rear extension. Conditional Permission.

(iv) PL/18/2002/VRC Units 7 and 8, Woodlands Farm, The Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, Variation of Condition 13 of Planning Permission CH/2017/2234/FA (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): To allow for basement rooms to the detached dwelling. Conditional Permission.

(c) To receive notice of appeals.

(i) CH/2018/0400/FA The Kiln, 3 Shire Lane, Cholesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NA, Detached 4 bay garage with extension of existing driveway. The council resolved not to comment further.

(ii) CH/2018/0545/FA Adjacent To 1 The Row, Hawridge Common, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2UH, Detached dwelling with detached garage. The council resolved not to comment further.

(d) To receive an update on enforcement matters.

District Cllr Rose gave an update as follows:

Woodlands Farm, Shire Lane: discussions between the owners and CDC are on-going.

Little Pressmore Farm: a new officer has been assigned to the case.

Field End: it is advised that the landowner potentially affected by the build contact District Cllr Rose directly.

(e) To note that the parish council decided not to meet and sent a response of 'No Comment' to;

(i) PL/18/2500/FA Whitecroft, Hawridge Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 2UG, Replacement dwelling.

(ii) PL/18/2878/FA 5 Wood View Cottages, The Vale, Hawridge, Buckinghamshire, HP5 3NT, Single storey rear and side extension.

(iii) PL/18/2945/FA 4 Horseshoe Cottages, Parrotts Lane, Buckland Common, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NX, Loft conversion with increased ridgeheight, insertion of three rooflights to side and rear elevations and roof alterations.

5050) The Green at Buckland Common

Cllr Matthews was requested to remove the dead cherry tree along Cherry Tree Lane.

5051) Springall Hill allotments

Wiggington and Chesham councils were approached regarding vacancies at the allotments, but they did not have people on their waiting lists/willing to travel to St. Leonards. However, local adverts/current tenants have filled some of the vacant plots, although one tenant did not wish to renew all of their plots, so now there are two whole plots available. Cllr Blomfield will be asked to cover these plots with plastic.

Updated contracts and rent invoices for 2018/19 have been sent out and two tenants have paid to date.

5052) Devolved responsibilities

It was noted by Cllr Brown that the understanding of what will be on offer in the next stage of the devolution process is unclear and there is the possibility that it may require parishes to source their own labour to repair roads, which would be unworkable for this parish. Further information is awaited.

It was noted that the directional sign at the bottom of Pound Lane and Stoney Lane may need repair. Cllr Ingram agreed to inspect.

5053) To consider matters relating to Highways

Some of the actions agreed with TfB at the last meeting have been actioned and a reminder has been sent to the LAT for the rest. With regard to the resurfacing of Swan Lane to Chapel Lane and the removal of grit on the road, this has not been completed fully and the grit remains. It was resolved that Cllr Allen would write to Mark Averill and Simon Dando with regards to this. Also, the state of the road through Heath End has received numerous complaints from residents and it was resolved that Cllr Allen would also raise this issue with them. Cllr Brown requested that Cllrs note the condition of white lining at junctions throughout the parish and report any >50% worn to the Clerk.

5054) To consider matters related to handover of duties from the current Clerk to the new Clerk

It was proposed and agreed that the council employ Ms Joanne Martins as the new Clerk, starting 1st October 2018, subject to contract. The council gave the current Clerk permission to change all contact details, including for banking arrangements, over to the new Clerk and to transfer files and electronic accounts. The council thanked the current Clerk for her service.

5055) To follow-up on planned changes in electoral arrangements in St. Leonards and Cholesbury

It was resolved that Cllr Brown would draft a letter to the Acting Returning Office, Bob Smith, to state the council should have been consulted on any planned changes.

5056) To consider the consultation on BCC Household Recycling Centres

The council resolved not to comment on this consultation, which involved proposals to change opening times and charges for certain types of waste at local recycling centres.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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

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