

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of the Parish Council took place on Monday, 27th September 2021 at 6pm

Present: Cllrs Brown (Chairman), Blomfield, Kersting and Ingram

Also Present: Mrs Farrelly (Clerk), Cllr Patricia Birchley, Cllr Mohammed Fayyaz, Cllr Jane MacBean and one member of the public.

5449) To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Philip Matthews had sent their apologies

5450) To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 26th July 2021 and deal with any Matters Arising
Approved and signed by the Chairman

5451) To receive declarations of interest
None

5452) Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors

- Cllr Birchley recently wrote to all Schools in Buckinghamshire to thank them for keeping pupils on track during a very difficult time during the pandemic.
- Buckinghamshire is at the forefront of new technology for charging electric cars with a trial taking place in Marlow to install wireless induction pads into the ground.
- Proud of Bucks awards, which are three awards for Community Boards, we will be looking for local people to put forward for awards in categories Best Adult Contribution, Best Child Contribution and Best Community Group Contribution.
- The Community Safety Award takes place every 3 years and is a strategic assessment including COVID, Thames Valley Police and other safety services to keep the public safe. This will take place later this year.
- Cllr Fayyaz highlighted that from the 1st October the waste recycling opening times will change.
- Cllr Macbean highlighted that there may be some additional funds available for patch and plain work and Pound Lane will be highlighted.

5453) To suspend standing orders and invite questions from members of the public
A member of the public raised the continued issues with the water main through Hawridge being ruptured and the response from Thames Water. The repeated repairs and then leaks indicated it was no longer fit for purpose and that pressure needs to be placed on Thames Water to replace the water mains. There are concerns that the continued water leaks will damage the road and once we head into winter, this may cause further issues.

Cllr Brown updated the parish council on the often daily discussions that had taken place with Thames Water and Buckinghamshire Council regarding this issue, in particular to speed up the responsiveness of repairs. Cllr MacBean also updated the parish council on the daily site visits by the StreetWorks Technician. Dialogue continues with Thames Water to resolve the issues as well as asking for the road to be resurfaced as a result of the damage the leaks have caused, although this has yet to be agreed.

5454) Reports

(a) Chairman's Report and Questions to the Chairman

Cllr Brown attended a meeting to consider views on how to support rejuvenation and development of rural businesses.

Cllr Brown had also attended a meeting with Wendy Morrison, project manager for the Chilterns Hill Fort Project regarding a survey of trees at Cholesbury Camp. The report indicated a number of trees requiring urgent attention concerning their condition and health..

(b) Clerk's Report

Councillors noted the Clerk's Report

NS&I Account The Clerk advised address details and signatories have now been updated.. The next step will be to move all the funds over to the Lloyds Bank account, at which point as councillors had previously agreed the NS&I account would be closed.

Defibrilator at Cholesbury VH-The Clerk highlighted that the defibrillator pads are coming to the end of life and new ones will be purchased.

- (c) Update on Gigabyte Broadband Project. Cllr Ingram to report
Cllr Ingram reported that Openreach had confirmed that the FTTP scheme had reached the 'Building phase'. The strong response from residents has ensured the scope includes all addresses on the Cholesbury exchange not already included in another project. Installation must be delivered by August 2022. A new scheme to bring FTTP to some addresses in the parish served by the Wendover exchange has been assessed by Openreach with household registrations now imminent.

5455) Local Government Boundary Commission

- (a) To note and agree response to consultation on council size and electoral boundaries for Buckinghamshire Council.

Councillors noted the consultation on the potential options for Buckinghamshire Council's size and agreed for Cllr Brown to submit a response on behalf of the parish council.

5456) Finance

- (a) To note the following regular orders of payments

- (i) Clerk's net salary for September 2021 - noted
(ii) HMRC – £100.80 – noted

- (b) To report and note payments made under section 4.5 of the Council's Financial Regulations approved by Chairman as per Register of Delegated Decisions circulated with Agenda

- (i) Clerk's net salary for August 2021 – noted and approved
(ii) HMRC – £100.80 – noted and approved
(iii) Buckinghamshire Council Election Expenses - £154.88 – noted and approved

- (c) To approve the following orders for payment and any other arriving after this notice

- (i) Clerk's Expenses - £8.28 - approved
(ii) BMKALC Councillor's Training Course - £38.00 – approved
(iii) Defibshop - £114.00 – approved

5457) Planning (see planning schedule)

- (a) To note any responses to planning applications since the last meeting

- (i) PL/21/3016/KA Kingston Cottage Hawridge Common Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP5 2UQ – noted that no comment was submitted

- (b) To deal with any planning applications, including those received after the date of this notice:

- (i) PL/21/3295/FA - Mermaid Cottage Hawridge Common HP5 2UH – no comment
(ii) PL/21/3296/HB - Mermaid Cottage Hawridge Common HP5 2UH - Listed building Consent – no comment
(iii) PL/21/3244/FA - Braziers Well Oak Lane Braziers End Buckinghamshire HP5 2UL – no comment
(iv) PL/21/3352/CONDA The Black Horse Public House The Vale Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP5 3NS – no comment
(v) PL/21/3029/FA Bluebell Cottage 1 Hawridge Vale Cottages Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP5 2UG – no comment

- (c) To receive decisions from Buckinghamshire Council

See planning schedule – appendix 1

- (d) To receive notice of appeals

See planning schedule – appendix 1 Councillors discussed the current status of open appeals

- (e) To receive an update on enforcement matters

See planning schedule – appendix 1 Councillors noted the list of open cases had been reviewed and updated

5458) To consider matters relating to Highways and Rights of Way

- (a) Review Highways and Rights of Way Schedule

See Appendix 2. The schedule has been updated to reflect issues that have been resolved as well as some new issues arising in the parish. Cllr MacBean and Cllr Brown to discuss the status of actions on flooding issues.

- (b) MVAS deployment update

Deployment of MVAS in Hawridge by Chesham Town Council has been arranged for November 2021 for a period of 2 weeks. Meantime equipment held by the Parish Council will need to be delivered to the Chesham TC Depot

- (c) Other highways matters

- (i) Water leaks - update on repairs by Thames Water and any further actions to be taken

After the discussion under minute 5453 councillors agreed for Cllr Brown to write to the Chairman of Thames Water to raise awareness of the repeated leak issues and poor repair work in the parish.

- 5459) To consider matters relating to the Green at Buckland Common and Springall Hill Allotments
(a) To review and agree the terms & conditions and annual fee for allotment rental wef Sept 2022
Councillors agreed to continue with an annual rent of £25 per plot with no changes to be made to the terms and conditions. It was noted the Council's earlier decision that going forward to avoid tenants ceasing their tenancy after one rent-free year new tenants will be charged from the point in which the plot is taken on but if they continue the second year they would then receive a rent free period
It was noted that treework on the boundary between the Allotments and gardens on Brown's Rise identified in the Spring were due to be carried out in the Autumn. Cllr Blomfield to follow up.
- 5460) To confirm the time and date of the next meeting
(a) 6pm on Monday, 25th October 2021

Planning Applications Schedule

Application No	Address	Description of Proposal	Date Submitted	Expiry Date	Parish Council Response	Status / Additional Comments
Decided						
PL/21/1630/FA	Woodview House Farm The Vale Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP5 3NT	Partial conversion of an agricultural barn into a residential annex, including 2 new side windows and 4 front roof lights	6 th May 2021		May 21 No Comment	Refuse Permission
PL/21/1732/FA	5 Little Twye Cottages Little Twye Road Buckland Common Bucks HP23 6PB	Proposed three dormer windows to rear, additional windows to front and rear elevations and changes to existing doors and windows	1 st June 2021		June 21 No Comment but with query	Conditional Permission
PL/21/2083/FA	Craven Cottage Jenkins Lane St Leonards Buckinghamshire HP23 6NW	Single storey rear extension	9 th June 2021		June 21 No comment	Refuse Permission
PL/21/2204/FA	The Pines Bottom Road Buckland Common Buckinghamshire HP23 6NU	The erection of a car port	11 th June 2021		June 21 Comments submitted	Refuse Permission
PL/21/2490/TP	Overburnts Cholesbury Lane Cholesbury Buckinghamshire HP23 6ND	Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)	23 rd June		June 21 No Comment	Trees allowed in Part
PL/21/2509/AGN	Land Between Jenkins Lane and Bottom Lane St Leonards Buckinghamshire	Notification of agricultural or forestry development under Schedule 2, Part 6 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for: Farm storage building	30 th June 2021		July 21 No Comment	Prior approval not required
PL/21/3016/KA	Kingston Cottage Hawridge Common Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP5 2UQ	Unkown species - Fell (Conservation Areas: Cholesbury & Hawridge)	29 th July 2021		August 21 No Comment	TPO shall not be made
PL/21/2364/FA	Unit 1A Woodlands Farm The Vale Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP5 3NS	Raising of the roof height and change from lean-to to gable end roof to front section of building	2 nd July 2021		July 21 No Comment	Conditional Permission
Outstanding						
PL/20/3988/FA	Russet Barn Little Twye Road Buckland Common Buckinghamshire HP23 6PB	Side extension and conversion of stables into residential annexe	8 th Dec 2020		21 Jan 2021 No objection comment but needs to be	

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					ancillary to the main residence.	
PL/21/0368/FA	OS Field 3831 Hawridge Common Hawridge Buckinghamshire	Conversion of existing agricultural building into a residential dwelling	1 st Feb 2021		5 th March Comments submitted by PC	
PL/21/0307/FA	The Barn Vale Farmhouse Hawridge Vale Hawridge Chesham Buckinghamshire HP5 2UG	Conversion of existing building to form detached dwelling house, single storey rear extension, 4 rear and 2 side rooflights, changes to windows and doors, new gate and fencing, cycle storage and car charging point and reduction to ground level immediately surrounding part of the existing building	5 th Feb 2021		1 st March No comment	
PL/21/0690/FA	Land Adjacent to Cholesbury Lane (OS Field 4800), Cholesbury Lane, Buckland Common, Buckinghamshire	Change of use of land to residential for members of the Gypsy/Traveller community, comprising the siting of 3 mobile homes and 3 touring caravans, and associated works (Hardstanding, parking, refuse store, vehicular access) for a temporary period of 3 years.	18 th March 2021		Planning meeting on the 20 th April 2021 Objection in Strongest terms	
PL/21/1184/FA	Little Bury Wood Cholesbury Lane HP23 6ND	New garden outbuilding	8 th April 2021		Apr 21 No Comment	
PL/21/2677/FA	Home Paddock Cholesbury Lane Cholesbury Buckinghamshire HP23 6ND	Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuildings and construction of a replacement dwelling, garage and pool house with new carport and greenhouse, installation of ground mounted solar panels, new front wall and gate and associated landscaping	5 th July 2021		July 21 No Comment but with some queries regarding solar panels	
New Applications						
PL/21/3244/FA	Braziers Well Oak Lane Braziers End Buckinghamshire HP5 2UL	Construction of an equestrian manege (25m X 60m) with post and rail fencing.	2 nd Sept 2021		Sept 2021 No comment	
PL/21/3295/FA	Mermaid Cottage Hawridge Common Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP5 2UH	Erection of green house	8 th Sept 2021		Sept 2021 No comment	

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PL/21/3296/HB	PL/21/3296/HB - Mermaid Cottage Hawridge Common Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP5 2UH	Listed building consent for erection of green house.	8 th Sept 2021		Sept 2021 No comment	
PL/21/3352/CONDA	The Black Horse Public House The Vale Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP5 3NS	Approval of conditions 2 (materials) and 3 (fenestration materials) of planning permission PL/20/1015/FA (Retention of outbuilding and alterations to roof, windows and doors.)	23 rd August 2021		Sept 2021 No comment	
PL/21/3029/FA	Bluebell Cottage 1 Hawridge Vale Cottages Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP5 2UG	Single storey rear/side extension and new door and window to side elevation.	29 th July 2021		Sept 2021 No comment	

Appeals

Application No	Address	Description of Proposal	Date of Planning Inspectorate Appeal	Parish Council Response	Status / Comments
PL/20/1835/FA EN/20/230	Field A4800 Cholesbury Lane, Buckland Common	Change of use from agricultural to Travellers' site	tba	PC submission sent 12 Mar	Application Refused - 23 Sept 2020 Notification of Planning Appeal against refusal and planning enforcement received. Date for appeal Dec /2021

Enforcement Cases

Ref Number	Address	Enforcement Issue	Est'd Infringement Start Date	Current Status
EN/19/0315	7- Acre Field, Heath End Berkhamsted, HP4 3SU	Unpermitted Change of Use of field for wedding receptions	8 th June 2019	Jan 2021 PCN issued further update From Clr MacBean / Enforcement Team Aug '21 Noted - 2 further events took place during Aug / Sep
EN/20/230	Field A4800 Cholesbury Lane, Buckland Common	Enforcement and Stop Notices issued on change of use – including surface and occupation by caravans etc	2 June 2020	Notice of Appeal Hearing received. see Appeals above

Highways and Rights of Way Schedule – 27 September 2021

(Additional Items / updates since last report in Bold)

Issue	Ref	Location StL=St Leonards BC=Buckland Common CH=Cholesbury H=Hawridge	First Raised	Reported date and Status TfB = Transport for Buckinghamshire FMS = Fix My Street Reporting tool RoW = Rights of Way Officer
Closed				
Road signage	10 / 20	Whole Parish	Ongoing BCC	Repainting of Road signs – mid line/ junctions / roundels/ warning- junction signage completed midline and roundels outstanding - 2020 -10 Reported to Amersham Depot Manager by Cllr MacBean. Notified by Jane MacBean that order placed for renewing signage April –May 21 chased CCM 19/07 Painting completed on majority of sections August '21
Road signage	07 /20	Hawridge Lane – Jtn with Hawridge Common	2020 – 01	'Unsuitable for motor Vehicles' blue advisory sign missing. Reported to LAT and Rights of Way Officer 2019. Chased, repeatedly. No response ref 4012 6323 – Referred to Customer Compliance Manager (22 Mar) 21/04 advised order for replacement sign made awaiting update Chased C&CM 20 /05. 07/06 and 019 /07 22 July incorrect sign saying 'Footpath only' installed TfB advised New sign installed w/e 20 August
Road Maintenance	13 / 20	Arrewig Lane – St L	2020 – 11	Pot holes and warn road surface throughout length reported via FMS and to Cllr Birchley. TfB advise the road was Jet Patched at end of July
Rights of Way	28/21	Footpath CSL/48A/1 - H	2021 - 09	Dangerous structure – Electricity stay crosses footpath as it emerges onto Hawridge Common road. Originally raised in 05/2020. Raised again with RoW team 09 / 15 and footpath is awaiting order for extinguishing and authorising diverted route. Electricity Stay confirmed moved 26/09
Pinned				
Rights of Way Issues	12 / 20	Undefined Path between Sandpit Hill and Parrotts Lane – Ch	2020 – 12	Enquiry from Chiltern Society to have path added to Definitive Map – Raised with RoW Officer Dec 2020 – Registered with Definitive Map Team Feb '21
Flooding on Roads	02 / 20	Dorriens Farm, Cholesbury Lane – BC	Ongoing	Pipe under road repaired, bore hole requires inspection / repair. 09 /21 Awaiting scheduled Drainage inspection

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Flooding on Roads	16 / 21	Oak Lane (2 locations) – StL	2020 – 12	Flooding 2 adjacent locations reported to FMS: (i) by Dundridge Manor, (ii) near junction with Jenkins Lane landowner has cleared pipe but problem is caused by run-off and detritus along Jenkins Lane clogging up pipework
	15 / 21	Oak Lane – Braziers End	2020 – 12	Flooding onto road from field – raised via FMS and discussed with landowner ,to be monitored
	22 / 21	Sandpit Hill	2021 -06	Pipework and Bore hole needs clearing Cllr MacBean assisting to get full inspection 09 /21 Awaiting scheduled Drainage inspection
Open				
Flooding on Roads	01 / .20	Swan Lane / Jenkins Lane – StL	2019 – 07 BCC	Remedial work undertaken at The Hermitage Sept 2020, Monitored remedial work unsuccessful. Permanent solution required Raised with Cllr MacBean 01/05 who has raided with Drainage Manager to be reviewed at September meeting
	26 / 21	Rays Hill	2021- 09	Runoffs and gullies are block or need resetting leading to flooding at bottom of the Road Reported to FMS 09 /15
Road Maintenance	21/21	Vale Rd - H	2021 - 05	Road surface just below Black Horse inn pub worn out. Due to Gravel that built up and was not totally removed road surface is slippery. Reported to FMS 19/05
	25 / 21	Rays Hill CH	2021 - 09	Road surface is broken up and worn on both hills profile for drainage needs resetting. Reported on FMS 09/15
	27 / 21	Pound Lane H	2021 - 09	Reported to FMS 09/15 road surface broken up / worn on whole length 275m
Verge Maintenance	20/21	Jenkins Lane – Top end - Stl	2021 -05	Mowing of grass on wide verge at top end of village – 21/04 referred to Cllr MacBean to discuss with Asset Management Team To be further updated at next meeting
	18 /21	Hawridge Common HP5 2UQ	2021 - 02	Two Trees in Verge leaning into road opposite house previously reported but no action LAT ref 4014 3170 chased Feb 26 – Site visit 1 Mar –Referred to Tree Surgeon for assessment 22/03 Chased C&Cm 20 May and 07/06 and chased 30 /07 - Inspection carried out some surgery undertaken apparently. Needs further checking before closing
	23/21	Verge Cutting	2021 - 07	Vision splay and verge clearance schedule queried with Ops Manager TfB Clearance work eventually completed w/e 20th August. Quality of cut is poor areas missed and verge not fully cleared of perennial growth.

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	29/21	Bridleway CSL/51/1	2021 - 09	Bridleway – Black Horse Lane being assessed for drainage work by RoW team
Road Signage	24/21	Oak Lane CH	2021 - 09	Missing bollards on one side of double bend need replacing Posted on FMS 09 /15
	17 / 21	Shire Lane / Cholesbury Rd - C	2021 – 02	Blue Cycle Route sign hanging loose – reported to FMS Advised scheduled for repair by FMS chased C&CM 07/06 May chased July no change
	09 / 20	Whole Parish	2020 – 10	Devolution Project- Cleaning of Road Name and Village Entry and Destination Signs – data gathering for Spring 2021