

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of the Parish Council took place at St Leonards Village Hall on Monday, 28th March 2022 at 6pm

Present: Cllrs Brown (Chairman), Ingram, Kersting, Maury and Matthews

Also Present: Cllr Birchley and Cllr Macbean and Mrs Farrelly(Clerk)

5513) To receive apologies for absence
Apologies were received by Cllr Fayyaz.

5514) (i) To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 28th February 2022 and deal with any Matters Arising
Approved and signed by the Chairman

5515) To receive declarations of interest
None

5516) Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Cllr Birchley highlighted the following:

- Police initiatives continue with a new 'Do the right thing' campaign recently launched in Thames Valley addressing men to recognise and callout sexism and harassment.
- In May 2022 there is a Road Safety Summit taking place bringing together local councils, highways and Thames Valley Police. The Police and Crimes Commissioner would like to make our roads safer for all users.
- A Rural Taskforce has been launched and has already recovered £400,000 worth of trailers, caravans and farming equipment which had been stolen. The taskforce is also looking into money laundering connected with rural crime which ultimately can be linked into organised crime.
- Buckinghamshire has had the 2nd highest expressions of interest from families wanting to volunteer to offer Homes for Ukraine refugees. The first family has already arrived in the county in Chesham.
- Buckinghamshire Council continues to lobby HS2 on behalf of residents and the huge impact on the communities due to road damage, traffic and road closures.
- Buckinghamshire, in the last 12 months, has contributed £18billion to the economy of Great Britain and exports from the county account for £3.7billion annually.
- The Village Forum took place on the 23rd March 2022 and was led by Cllr Chris Brown. Action notes will be circulated in due course.

Cllr MacBean advised she had visited several roads with Highways Officers and highlighted concerns of the Parish Council due to inaction. Cllr Brown said this was much appreciated as the frustrations over lack of progress had also been raised again in March to Transport for Bucks and Buckinghamshire Council senior managers. It was noted as a result of persistent lobbying TfB has at long last agreed to get the bore hole at Sandpit Hill inspected and improving the drainage via grips and gullies on the slopes on either side of the hill would also be inspected

5517) To suspend standing orders and invite questions from members of the public
No members of public were present.

5518) Reports

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

Cllr Brown had attended meeting with Buckinghamshire Council and ecologists. The Council are planning to pilot the implementation of 'cut and collect' of grass verges which will improve the quality of verge management and increase the diversity of wildlife. This has been successfully trialled in other areas country i.e. Dorset and as a result of councils have cut back on four cuts per year to a maximum of two per annum. The Chairman has put the parish forward to be part of the pilot.

(b) Clerk's Report

It was noted that although the Parish Council have recently co-opted a new councillor, there is still one vacancy available for co-option following the elections in 2021, and one other outstanding vacancy arising from a subsequent councillor retirement. A notice will be put up the noticeboard for 14 days.

The new Cholesbury noticeboard, located in the car park of the cricket club, has now been Installed.

The Clerk referred to new NALC guidance on the Death of a National Figure. Councillors agreed to a small working party comprising the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk.

(c) Update on Broadband Project

Cllr Ingram reported that Openreach has apologised for the errors which led to 'threatening emails' sent to residents about broadband vouchers becoming invalid. Openreach has given assurances that there will be no financial burden on any of the 390 addresses to be served by the Openreach project. The full project is still on target for a 12th June 2022 delivery date.

The fibre project for addresses on the Wendover exchange is now on a priority list that Openreach has forwarded to the DCMS. It is hoped the Gigabit Voucher pledging portal should be open shortly.

5519) Finance

(a) To note the following regular orders of payments

(i) Clerk's net salary for March 2022

(ii) HMRC – £117.82

(iii) Following national agreement to the 2021 Salary Review, payment of 11 months back pay

(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
None

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

(i) Clerk's Expenses - £8.28 - Approved

(ii) Cholesbury Hall Hire - £18.00 - Approved

(iii) P Matthews Agricultural Contractors - Noticeboard Installation - £576.00 - Approved

5520) Planning (see planning schedule)

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

None

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

None received

(c) To receive decisions from Buckinghamshire Council – see schedule

The schedule was noted

(d) To receive notice of appeals – see schedule

(i) Report by Chairman on adjourned appeal

The Chairman reported on appeal hearing PL/20/1835/FA EN/20/230- Field A4800 Cholesbury Lane, Buckland Common which commenced on 8th March but had to be adjourned due to illness of the appellants' barrister. The appeal will reconvene hopefully in late April once new dates are confirmed.

(e) To receive an update on enforcement matters

See schedule

5521) Queens Platinum Jubilee

The Chairman has written to the various groups and organisations in the parish to ascertain the events that are planned or considered over the Jubilee weekend. Zurich Insurance, the parish council's insurance provider, has offered specific insurance cover for Jubilee events. The parish council have been in discussion with groups about this.

5522) To consider matters relating to Highways and Rights of Way

(a) Review Highways and Rights of Way Schedule

Councillors discussed the outstanding Highways issues noted in Appendix 2. Cllr Macbean said she would continue as previously to follow up on a number of matters raised.

(b) Other highways matters

(i) Electricity Substation Cholesbury Common

The Chairman reported the parish council and some residents in Hawridge and Cholesbury had been notified of the application to consent under Section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 on behalf of UK Power Networks who are proposing to carry out works on the Common to install a GRP Substation and associated cabling. It is understood the landowner of the Commons had negotiated a suitable location which ensured the structure would not be visible. The parish council noted and would respond to the application.

(ii) Sign cleaning in the parish

Cllr Brown agreed to send the list of road signs to Cllr Ingram, who has a contact that may be able to undertake this work on behalf of the parish council.

- 5523) To consider matters relating to the Green at Buckland Common, Springall Hill Allotments and other maintenance matters
Cllr Matthews advised the Common will have its first cut in July.
- 5524) To note date of the next meeting
(a) Tuesday, 19th April 2022 – St Leonards Parish Hall at 6pm

APPENDIX 1

Application No	Address	Description of Proposal	Date Submitted	Expiry Date	Parish Council Response	Status / Additional Comments
Decided						
PL/21/3673/FA	Beechwood Jenkins Lane St Leonards Buckinghamshire HP23 6NW	Demolition of garage and erection of single storey side/rear extension, hip to gable rear roof extension with Juliet balcony, front porch, side dormer window and 4 side rooflights, changes to doors and windows	20 Sept '21		October 2021 Comments submitted	Conditional permission
PL/21/4648/HB	High Chimneys Cholesbury Lane Cholesbury Buckinghamshire HP23 6ND	Listed Building Consent for amendment to listed building consent CH/2016/1186/HB (Side link extension to barn incorporating conversion to ancillary habitable accommodation, removal of side boiler room chimney, internal alterations, fenestration alterations) comprising internal revisions to layouts in cottage, linking extension and barn conversion, conversion now proposed of old Boiler room for a bathroom accessed from the Living room, roof repairs to the cottage and an external fenced enclosure to the possible installation of an Air Source Heat Pump	17 Dec		December 2021 No Comment	Conditional consent / permission
PL/21/4528/FA	Cholesbury Reservoir Jenkins Lane St Leonards Buckinghamshire	Cholesbury Reservoir Jenkins Lane St Leonards Buckinghamshire	25 Nov		November 2021 Comments Submitted	Refuse Permission
PL/22/0228/FA	Mayflower The Vale Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP5 3NY	Single storey rear extension	26 Jan		January 2022 No comment	Refuse Permission

Outstanding						
PL/22/0188/FA	Old Bruns Farm Arrewig Lane St Leonards Buckinghamshire HP23 6NR	Erection of shed for storing equipment for orchard use	26 Jan		February 22 No comments	
PL/21/3643/FA	Old Orchard Oak Lane Braziers End Buckinghamshire HP5 2UL	Remodelling and extending single storey rear extension, changes to windows and doors, addition of a lap-pool and pool changing building in garden	6 Oct '21		October 2021 No comment	
PL/21/4446/FA	Bramleys Broomstick Lane Cholesbury Buckinghamshire HP23 6PF	Two storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing single storey side projection	19 Nov		December 2021 No comment	
PL/22/0353/FA	The Potteries Broomstick Lane Cholesbury Buckinghamshire HP23 6PF	Demolition of part two storey side projection and replacement with two storey side extension on same footprint	7 Feb		February 22 No comments	
PL/22/0374/FA	Hayford Parrotts Lane Cholesbury Buckinghamshire HP23 6ND	Demolition of existing garage and existing single storey side extension and construction of part single, part two storey side extension, single storey link extension to single storey attached garage, new front porch, re-roofing to main house and new rendered wall finish to replace existing painted brick, extended driveway	9 Feb		February 22 No comments	
PL/22/0477/TP	The Old Manor House Cholesbury Lane Cholesbury Bucks HP23 6ND	Oak (T1) - Reduce the height and spread by 2-3 metres. (TPO/1958/002)	9 Feb		February 22 No comments	
PL/22/0471/FA	Tansy Cottage Cholesbury Lane Buckland Common Bucks HP23 6NQ	Construction of a 2-bay detached garage with side office in rear garden	14 Feb		February 22 No comments	
PL/21/4902/FA	Overburnts Cholesbury Lane Cholesbury Buckinghamshire HP23 6ND	Alterations to garage including partial conversion, installation of dormer window and extension following demolition of storage room	18 Feb		February 22 No comments	
PL/22/0481/SA	Little Bury Wood Cholesbury Lane Cholesbury Buckinghamshire HP23 6ND	Certificate for Lawfulness for proposed change of use from residential (Use Class C3) to mixed use residential (Use Class C3) and podiatry (Use Class E(e))	23 Feb		February 22 No comments	
New Applications						
NONE						

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 Date for appeal reset for Tuesday 8th Mar (6 days) Adjourned after day 4 due to illness of advocate, remaining days to be rescheduled for hopefully late April

Enforcement Cases

Ref Number	Address	Enforcement Issue	Est'd Infringement Start Date	Current Status
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	Enforcement and stop notices still in force see Appeals above

APPENDIX 2

Highways and Rights of Way Schedule – Mar 2022

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				
Flooding	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 40174522 Work undertaken in 2021 was inadequate raised again with TfB. Further work carried out in March 2022
Road Maintenance	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 . Further work carried out in March 2022
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
Open				
Flooding on Roads	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 40176069. Inspection has now taken place. Raised with senior management. It has now been agreed that an inspection of the bore hole is required and hopefully a new bore hole dug. Awaiting notification of scheduling
	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. Raised again with Cllr MacBean requesting meeting with Drainage Manager
Road Maintenance	21 / 21	Vale Rd - H	2021 - 05	Road surface just below Black Horse inn pub warn out. Due to Gravel that built up and was not totally removed road surface is slippery. Reported to FMS 19/05

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	27 / 21	Pound Lane H	2021 - 09	Reported to FMS 09/15 road surface broken up / worn on whole length 275m Nov 2021 Inspection carried out by Bucks Council and Cllr MacBean
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
	23 / 21	Verge Cutting	2021 - 07	Vision splay and verge clearance schedule queried with Ops Manager TfB Clearance work eventually completed w/e 20 th August. Quality of cut is poor areas missed and verge not fully cleared of perennial growth. Query if final cut has been undertaken
	29 / 21	Bridleway - Black Horse Lane CSL/51/1	2021 - 09	Bridleway being assessed for drainage work by RoW team
	24 / 21	Oak Lane CH	2021 - 09	Missing bollards on one side of double bend need replacing Posted FMS 09/15
Road Signage	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 2022
	31 / 22	Hill Farm Rd	2022 - 01	New Blue Advisory sign unsuitable for motorised vehicles top end by Hill Farm reported to FMS 40183366 Following escalation has now been scheduled by LAT
	32 / 22	Heath End	2022 - 01	Request submitted to FMS for provision of street signs ‘Heath End’ and rectification of misapplied use of Cock Grove to online mapping.
Rights of Way Issues	30 / 21	Nr Hawridge Court - Hawridge	2021 - 11	Two damaged Stiles (1) Stile CSL/2285 on footpath CSL/32/2. FMS ref 211130256. (2) CSL/2200 on footpath CSL/21/1. FMS ref 211132933. Previously reported 6 April 2021 (ref: 210424584) Cllr Kersting reports that no repair undertaken to date.
	33 / 22	Bottom Road BC	2022 - 01	Stile CSL/2201 on Footpath CSL/21 requires an additional step. Landowner and Rights of Way Team have been advised by Cllr Ingram.