

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting took place at St Leonards Village Hall on Tuesday, 9th January 2024 at 6.30pm

In Attendance: Cllrs Ingram, Kersting, Matthews, Baddon, Neighbour, Maury and Wellenreiter

Present: Mrs H Farrelly (Clerk) and County Cllr Birchley

- 5625) To receive apologies for absence
Apologies were received from County Councillor MacBean and Fayazz.
- 5626) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council held on 21st November 2023 and deal with any Matters Arising
Councillors approved the re-drafted October and November minutes.
The December minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 5627) To receive declarations of interest
None
- 5628) Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors
Cllr Birchley recognised that flooding continues to be an issue in the parish and continues to work towards supporting the residents in reaching a solution to these problems.
- 5629) To suspend standing orders and invite questions from members of the public
None
- 5630) Reports
(a) Chairman's Report
UK Power Networks plan to complete the final stage of tree remediation on two overhead 11kV power line circuits serving the parish in the next few weeks.
(b) Clerk's Report
Nothing to report
- 5631) Finance
(a) To note the following regular orders of payments
(i) Clerk's net salary for January 2024 - noted
(ii) HMRC - £123.80 - noted
(b) To approve the following orders for payment and any other arriving after this notice
(i) Clerk's Expenses - £8.00 - approved
(ii) PM Agricultural Ltd - £264.00 - approved
(iii) £101.15 - St Leonard PH hire (approved under Chairman's actions in December) – noted and approved
(c) To note the Q3 statement
Councillors noted the Q3 statement and had no comments to make.
(d) Budget 2024-25 - to consider and agree
The Chairman explained that in recent years, the parish council had relied too heavily on spending out of reserves and windfall grants without increasing the precept adequately. Precept increases in the past five budget years have been 7%, 0, 0, 3%, 0, cumulatively = 10%.

During this same period, salary and admin (representing half our costs) have increased by 37% in the past 5 years and by 45% by the end of the next year. The parish council has also agreed an increase in spending on the Green and allotments.

In order to restore the reserves and continue investing in the Green, allotments and website, a further substantial increase in the precept will be needed in the 2024/2025 budget.

Councillors approved the proposed budget for 2024-25.
(e) Precept 2024-25 – to consider and agree
Having approved the budget, Councillors subsequently approved the precept of £13,000. The Clerk will notify Buckinghamshire Council of the decision.
- 5632) 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
(c) To receive decisions from Buckinghamshire Council

See schedule

(d) To receive notice of appeals – see schedule

None

(e) To receive an update on enforcement matters

The Chairman updated the parish on current enforcement matters and the process that should take place.

5633) To consider matters relating to Highways and Rights of Way

Since the parish council has been unable to get any effective intervention by the highway's authorities for the past 20 years or so, the Chairman reported that private parties are exploring possible legal remedies. At the same time, Cllr Neighbour has been exploring the potential to apply for grants for a privately funded intervention.

5634) To consider matters relating to the Green at Buckland Common, Springall Hill Allotments and other maintenance matters

Cllr Neighbour had spoken to a number residents about various ideas to improve The Green. Councillors noted that the budget for next year for The Green will be £750.00 but any additional expenditure for improvements might be achieved through a Community Board grant.

5635) To note date of the next meetings:

(i) Tuesday, 20th February 2024 at 6.30pm

Planning Schedule

Application No	Address	Description of Proposal	Date Submitted	Parish Council Response	Status / Additional Comments
Decided					
PL/23/3054/FA	Old Britannia Bottom Road Buckland Common Buckinghamshire HP23 6NU	Erection of a single storey extension and alterations linking the existing dwelling and outbuilding. New door and infill of existing opening in the outbuilding.	21 Sept	Oct 23 No comments	Conditional Permission
Outstanding					
PL/22/0985/FA	Glebe Farm Heath End Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP4 3UE	Partial demolition of existing buildings and conversion of retained sections to facilitate creation of new detached dwelling and extension of existing dwelling	21 March	April 22 Comments submitted	
PL/22/1050/FA	The Old Farmhouse Heath End Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP4 3UE	Erection of stabling, hay store and feed/tack room and equipment store for private use	22 April	May 22 Comments submitted	
PL/22/3841/FA	The Cottage Hawridge Common Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP5 2UQ	Two storey front extension, solar panels and sun tunnels to front and north side, changes to doors and windows, pitched roof and side canopy to existing outbuilding	28 Dec	Jan 23 No comments	
PL/23/2024/FA	St Marys Barn Hawridge Place Church Lane Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP5 2ZB	Internal alterations and additional/replacement windows and doors. Alterations to drive.	20 June	August 23 No Comments	
PL/23/2025/HB	St Marys Barn Hawridge Place Church Lane Hawridge Buckinghamshire HP5 2ZB	Listed building consent for internal alterations and additional/replacement windows and doors. Alterations to drive.	20 June	August 23 No Comments	
PL/23/2479/FA	Land Off Hog Lane Hog Lane Ashley Green Chesham HP5 3PS	Change of use to the mixed use of land for the keeping of horses and the stationing of caravans for residential purposes with the erection of 2 dayrooms and laying of hardstanding.	21 Aug	Sept 23 Comments submitted	
PL/23/2818/FA	Chiltern Rise Jenkins Lane St Leonards Buckinghamshire HP23 6NW	Loft conversion with rear dormer and single storey rear extension	11 Sept	Sept 23 – No comments	
PL/23/3653/TP	Moat House Cholesbury Lane Cholesbury Buckinghamshire HP23 6ND	T4 and T5 oak - reduce by around 2-2.5m in both height and spread, cuts to be confined to regrown material produced after historical reduction works, maximum cut size should be 70mm diameter. (TPO/1958/002)	14 Nov	Nov 23	

Application No	Address	Description of Proposal	Date Submitted	Parish Council Response	Status / Additional Comments
PL/23/3690/FA	Rumbold House Broomstick Lane Cholesbury Buckinghamshire HP23 6PF	Part two/single/first floor rear, replacement single storey side extension additional/changes to fenestration, 2 new dormers to the front elevation and rooflight to the side elevation, new render and over cladding to the whole property	20 Nov	Nov 23 No Comment	
PL/23/3689/FA	The Hermitage Jenkins Lane St Leonards Buckinghamshire HP23 6NW	Replacement of existing hedge to front boundary, new front wall and widening of front driveway gates.	16 Nov	Nov 23 Comments submitted	
PL/23/3778/FA	Bramleys Broomstick LaneCholesburyBuckinghamshireHP23 6PF	Partial demolition of dwelling and demolition of outbuilding. Erection of two-storey detached dwelling.	23 Nov	Nov 23 No comments	
New Applications					
None					