

## CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting took place at the  
St Leonards Parish Hall on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs Ingram, Maury, Wellenreiter, Neighbour, Baddon and Kersting

In attendance: Parish Clerk Mrs Hayley Farrelly, County Cllr MacBean and Birchley and one member of the public

5728) To receive apologies for absence  
Apologies received from Cllr Matthews

5729) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and deal with any Matters Arising  
Approved and signed by the Chairman

5730) To receive declarations of interest  
None

5731) Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors  
Cllr McBean explained in more detail the changes to ward boundaries and how this will affect the parish.

5732) To suspend standing orders and invite questions from members of the public  
None

5733) Reports

(a) Chairman's Report

Community Boards will change in April moving from 16 community boards down to just 8. There are real concerns that small rural parishes will be far removed from local communities now and need to have stronger connections. Ross Tackley will remain as our local community board manager. It is unclear at this time how much funding the community board will receive and how this will be distributed for a wider area.

### Enforcement

The enforcement team has visited the site traveller site and made some observations and taken note of the problems brought by Cllr Ingram to Cllr Strachan. Issues revolve around soil that may be contaminated having been laid on top of hardstanding standing. Cllr Ingram stressed that this was now for the Environmental Agency to look into.

The Black Horse continues to be a concern with large, aggressive dog breeds on the property as well as an unapproved change of use. The enforcement teams have been notified.

(b) Clerk's Report

Councillors noted that the precept request was submitted before the end of January deadline.

Councillors approved the updated publication scheme, which will be updated on the website.

The Clerk explained the process for the up and coming May elections to councillors and circulated the application forms. Councillors noted that submission of the application forms needs to be done in person by the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at 4pm.

5734) Finance

(a) To note the following regular orders of payments

(i) Clerk's net salary for February 2025 - noted

(ii) HMRC - £136.40 - noted

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

(i) Clerk's Expenses - £8.00 - approved

(ii) St Leonards Parish Hall hire - £14.00 - approved

(iii) Hedging plants - £189.97 - approved

(iv) Labour for planting - £240.00 – approved

Agreed under Chairman's discretionary spend. Cllrs approved.

5735) 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  
None
- (e) To receive an update on enforcement matters  
Discussed under Chairman's Report

5736) To consider matters relating to Highways and Rights of Way

Cllr Birchley and Cllr Ingram drove round parish with the Local Area Technician and there were 6 items that were agreed would be dealt with in October. Unfortunately, nothing has been done since, which is disappointing.

Flooding in Parrots Lane and Sandpit Hill continues to be incomplete. Cllr Ingram is in receipt of a letter from Highways to say they will look at the legacy borehole to see if its blocked and preventing overflow capture. In their letter they have accepted that it might require a new bore hole.

Cllr MacBean agreed to contact the highway engineer to ensure that this is on track, as well as to highlight the issues on Parrots Lane requiring remedial work. Cllr McBean further added that there is a programme to clear gullies in the area and will ask when this is likely to take place in the parish.

Cllr Baddon highlighted that ditch clearing needs to be looked at more broadly to address ongoing issues. This does not form part of our devolution agreement so Cllr MacBean agreed to look into this further.

5737) To consider matters relating to the Green at Buckland Common, Springall Hill Allotments and other maintenance matters

The Clerk will arrange for the skip to be removed.

5738) To note date of the next meetings:

- (v) Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 at 6.30pm

Planning Schedule

Application No	Address	Description of Proposal	Date Submitted	Parish Council Response	Status / Additional Comments
<b>New</b>					
PL/24/3586/FA	Hayford, Parrotts Lane Cholesbury Buckinghamshire HP23 6ND	New front porch	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Jan 2025 No comment	
PL/24/3691/FA	Land at Holmwood Cholesbury Lane Buckland Common Buckinghamshire HP23 6NQ	Creation of highways crossover and associated hardstanding for vehicles, to serve existing paddock	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Jan 2025 No comment	