

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Cholesbury Village Hall on Monday 27th July 2015 at 8pm

Present: Cllrs Allen, Blomfield, Brown, Joseph and Sanger.

Also present: County Cllr Birchley, District Cllr Rose, Mrs Lewis (Clerk) and two members of the public.

1767) To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Matthews and Cllr Minting.

1768) Matters arising
None.

1769) To receive declarations of interest
None.

1770) Questions from members of the public

District Cllr Rose spoke that, following the rejection of the HS2 long tunnel proposal by the Commons Select Committee, the District Council was "considering its options" in terms of a response.

District Cllr Rose reported that the Planning department at the District Council was under pressure, following a number of resignations and although replacements had been found, it would take time for them to be 'up to speed'. The owners of The White Lion have given notice of intention to appeal the rejection of their planning application and details will be shown on the District Council planning website, when the appeal is lodged. The matter is now in the hands of the Planning Inspectorate.

Regarding Woodlands Farm, Shire Lane, a retrospective planning application is still awaited. There are no fixed deadlines with regard to submission. Possible enforcement action is at the discretion of the planning officer.

County Cllr Birchley reinforced her own opposition to the recommendations of the Commons Select Committee for HS2.

County Cllr Birchley was pleased to report that a new day centre for the elderly/disabled has opened at the Cameron Road site in Chesham, with meeting rooms available for use by the public.

Cllr Allen asked the proposed use of a site in Old Amersham with a planning application in for 'elderly care' and County Cllr Birchley agreed to look into it. Cllr Allen also expressed thanks for the surface dressing of Oak Lane recently and expressed the desire of the council to have The Vale/Cholesbury Lane similarly treated in the near future. Cllr Allen also asked that the recent poorly signed diversion routes be addressed for future improvement and County Cllr Birchley agreed to find out who was responsible.

Cllr Brown asked about the progress with safeguarding following the recent case in Aylesbury, the formation of the MASH centre and increases in budget provision. County Cllr Birchley replied that progress was being made, but there was still room for improvement.

A member of the public gave the background to their appeal against rejection of a Certificate of Lawfulness application for siting of a Shepherd's Hut in their garden as background to 1775 (d).

Another member of the public spoke to request that the mowing of Buckland Common be changed in future to have the lower section kept for a wildflower meadow and the top section be mown to allow children to play.

1771) Questions to the Chairman
None.

1772) To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
It was resolved to approve the minutes from the meeting of the Parish Council held on 22nd June 2015 and those of the Planning Meeting held on 13th July 2015.

1773) Reports

(a) *Clerk's Report*: The report was received from Mrs Lewis (see attached) and actions agreed. The council resolved to oppose any charges levied by the external auditors in respect of the changes requested to the annual return.

(b) *Turpin Charity*: The surveyors for the two parties are still in the process of agreeing a price for the land.

(c) *Rural Policing Group*: Cllr Brown attended the recent meeting. Crime was reported as being very low in the Parish.

(d) *Local Area Forum*: Cllr Brown has submitted a request for funding to kerb the triangle at Church Lane, Hawridge Hill.

1774) Finance

(a) Orders for payment were approved for: The Clerk's salary (for July); Chris Brown (SFBB Expenses June and July) £27.00, (Website hosting annual fee/bluehost) £46.74, (Domain name registering/Daily) £7.19, (Padlock for MVAS equipment/Browns) £15.00.

(b) It was agreed to investigate options for savings accounts, other than NS&I and report at the September meeting.

(c) The quarterly budget report was received and approved.

1775) Planning

(a) *Applications*:

(i) CH/2015/1265/FA Stone Cottage, Parrotts Lane, Buckland Common, Buckinghamshire, HP23 6NX, Two storey rear extension, conversion of garage to habitable accommodation with link to main house, roof alteration, fenestration alterations. It was agreed to make a comment of "No comment" on this application.

(b) *Decisions of Chiltern District Council:*

(i) CH/2015/1000/FA Pierscourt, Jenkins Lane, St. Leonards, HP23 6NW, single storey front and side extensions. Conditional Permission granted.

(c) *Notice of Appeals:*

None.

(d) The Parish Council agreed to write to the Planning Inspectorate in support of a parishioners appeal to the refusal of the Certificate of Lawfulness application CH/2014/1622/SA.

(e) It was agreed that Cllr Allen would write to the planning department to request advice as to the best way to reply with no particular comment and still be able to speak at a Planning Committee Meeting, should the case be referred.

(f) To receive an update on Planning Enforcement Matters; for Woodlands Farm, Shire Lane and The White Lion – see 1770). The Parish Council has been made aware that contact has been made with the owner of the Rose and Crown and that currently, there is an intention to maintain access across the land between footpaths. The Parish Council stated that it would like a footpath across the land to be formerly reinstated.

The Parish Council resolved to inform Planning Enforcement of a timber structure being erected at The Bungalow, Bottom Road, which does not seem to have been included in their recent planning application.

1776) The Green at Buckland Common

The Parish Council agreed to change the mowing in future to keep the bottom section longer and the top section shorter.

1777) Springall Hill allotments

(a) The annual inspection was re-scheduled for 1/8/15 at 10am.

1778) Highways

a) The next LAT meeting is on 8/9/15. The give-way lines have been re-painted at the junction of Cholesbury Lane and Cholesbury Road. The Vale Road was patched extensively and Oak Lane has been surface dressed. Work is planned to Browns Rise, Bottom Road, Little Twye and Parrots Lane as well as silt removal from Hawridge Hill and Swan Lane, verge clearance between Church Lane and Hawridge Lane and siding out along Jenkins Lane from St. Leonards Church.

1779) To vote for a councillor for election to the Chiltern Conservation Board

It was agreed to vote for Cllr Allen.

1780) To receive an update on matters relating the condition of bridleway CY25 and discuss any other footpath issues

The Rights of Way officer has the bridleway on watch for the next few months, although there is very little budget. One associated landowner may be willing to assist in repair.

1781) To receive an update on Superfast Broadband

Installation of SFBB is beginning in the area. Work in Bellingdon is on going and *may* be live as early as mid-August. Work in Cholesbury is currently awaiting matters to be resolved with UK Power Networks, but *may* still be live by mid September. In Buckland Common, road closures (planned for 16-30th September) are required to complete installation and so the earliest completion date is mid October. Other areas (including Braziers End/Rays Hill/some of Oak Lane and Asheridge) should hopefully be live in December 2015/January 2016. The upgrade of the Cholesbury exchange, due for July 14th has been delayed until August 19th.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

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

Date of next meeting: Monday 28th September at St. Leonards Parish Hall.