

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting took place at The Meeting Room on Tuesday, 6th January 2026 at 6.30pm

In Attendance: Cllr Ingram, Hoare, Baddon, Allen, Morris and Wellenreiter
Present: Mrs H Farrelly (Clerk)

Apologies received from Cllr Neighbour

- 5806) To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 25th November 2025 and deal with any Matters Arising
Minutes approved and signed by the Chairman
- 5807) To receive declarations of interest
Cllr Hoare declared an interest in one planning application.
- 5708) Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors
None
- 5709) To suspend standing orders and invite questions from members of the public
None
- 5810) Chairman's Report and Question

The Chairman reported that the Parish precept, as agreed at the previous meeting, had been formally submitted at a level of £21,000.

Damage had been reported to the noticeboard located on the cricket pitch, with two panes of glass broken and shattered in the upper right-hand corner. It was confirmed that the damage did not appear weather-related. The broken glass had been safely cleared and discussions held with the supplier regarding repair. It was advised that the noticeboard doors could be removed and the glazing replaced.

Councillors were reminded that contributions for the Hilltop News report should be submitted.

An update was provided regarding the Blackhorse public house. The Chairman reported meeting an individual who had exchanged contracts with the owner and anticipated closing by the end of January. The prospective new owner intends to operate the premises as a country pub. The building was reported to be in poor condition due to lack of inspection by the previous owners. Concerns had been raised locally regarding large dogs kept on the premises and insufficient fencing, with one neighbouring landowner reportedly rehoming livestock due to this issue.

Clerk's Report

Nothing to report

- 5811) (i) To note the following regular orders of payments
i. Clerk's net salary for December 2025 - noted
ii. HMRC – £140.40 – noted
iii. Clerk's net salary for January 2025 – noted
iv. HMRC - £140.40
(ii) To approve orders for payment and any other arriving after this notice
i. Dog Bin Service - £336.00 – approved
ii. Hall Hire - £25.00 - approved
(iii) To note the Q2 and Q3 Statement
Noted
- 5812) (i) To note any responses to planning applications since the last meeting
None
(ii) To deal with any planning applications, including those received after the date of this notice:
i. PL/25/6555/CONDA – Springwood Cholesbury Lane, Buckland Common, Bucks – no comments
ii. PL/25/5932/SA – 10 Chiltern Cottages, Cholesbury Lane, Buckland Common, Bucks – no comments

- (iii) To receive decisions from Buckinghamshire Council – see schedule
None
- (iv) To receive notice of appeals
None
- (v) To receive an update on enforcement matters

Councillors noted that no planning application had been submitted for the previously discussed 7-acre field, where a puppy daycare operation continues. Enforcement action had not been taken. Cllrs Fulford and Kneller had undertaken a site visit with Cllr Ingram to review the situation.

5813) To consider matters relating to highways and ROW

Cllr Ingram reported ongoing correspondence with the Local Area Technician (LAT) regarding surface dips on Parrotts Lane that are causing damage to vehicles. Further clarification had been requested from the relevant asset management committee.

Concerns regarding Hillfarm Lane and Hawridge Lane were discussed following a meeting with councillors from Bellingdon held at Velo Café. The LAT had been expected to attend but submitted apologies. Support for addressing the issues had been expressed by other representatives.

Flooding concerns were raised relating to Oak Lane, including severe flooding at three locations and significant standing water at the junction with Jenkins Lane. Members reported inadequate drainage and water flow originating from higher ground, crossing roadways and freezing in colder conditions, removing applied grit and presenting safety risks.

The Council noted that Buckinghamshire Council had been advised of required remedial work but no action had yet been taken, attributing the situation to insufficient maintenance.

Concerns were also raised about potholes on Arrewig Lane. Members questioned the prioritisation of temporary warning signage given more pressing issues elsewhere.

5814) To consider matters relating to the Green at Buckland Common, Springall Hill Allotments and other maintenance matters

Tree works at Buckland Common were expected to be undertaken within the following two weeks, with safety considerations emphasised. Further tree works relating to ash trees remained pending confirmation of a date.

Councillors noted correspondence received from a resident via the Cholesbury.com website alleging mismanagement of the Green. The Chairman recorded a contemporaneous note and conducted a site inspection with a contractor. The inspection found minimal damage, noting only temporary tractor tyre marks resulting from mowing operations on soft ground conditions. These were expected to disappear naturally.

It was also noted that hoof impact from horses could cause ground depressions potentially more disruptive to walkers.

5815) Dates for the next meetings

- 17th February 2026