

# CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

<b>Meeting</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey.
<b>Chair</b>	Mr M Gray
<b>Attendees</b>	Mrs Dyer-Lynch, Mrs L Hamlyn, Mr P Ramsay, Mrs A Rowlands, Mrs L Ivereigh, Mrs V Bolt, Mr J Adelson
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr P Jenkins, Mr R Whitfield

<b>26</b>	<b>To hear questions or comments from members of the public</b>
	There were no questions or comments from members of the public.

<b>27</b>	<b>To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillors</b>
	<p><b>County Councils Report</b></p> <p>Mr Gray reported on The Comet an OCC scheme being piloted to support communities without public transport. The scheme utilizes the down time of minibuses which are used to deliver transport for statutory services. The CC will make a charge of £18-£20 per hour for communities to use the service. Cholsey has been unaffected by the cuts to bus subsidies, and the changes Thames Travel has made to its routes as a result of these cuts may in fact have a positive effect on the timekeeping of their regular Cholsey service.</p> <p>OCC has seen a positive response to a new initiative which has seen deferred transfer of care reduce by 30 percent thus freeing up hospital beds.</p> <p>The CC "found" an additional £2 million for provision of children's services. Mr Gray was unsuccessful in his attempt to get a quarter of this money allocated to new community children's centres.</p> <p>Work has started on the Reading Road "Missing Link" between Cholsey Meadows and the Winterbrook roundabout and to install the pedestrian refuge to make crossing the Reading Road safer for residents, this may last up to 10 weeks.</p> <p><b>District Councillors Report</b></p> <p>Mrs Murphy reported that things were very quiet at the District Council currently. The assessment work on the possible unitary authority is still going on. Once this phase is completed there will be a period of public consultation. Work to outsource some district functions has been progressing and these will begin to come into effect from August. SODC's new chief executive will start in September.</p>

<b>28</b>	<b>To consider registering the Red Lion as an asset of Community Value</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>This item was brought forward to allow District Councillor Mrs Murphy to provide input to the discussion.</p> <p>Mrs Rowlands asked Council to consider registering the Red Lion as an asset of community value due to concerns about the social impact on the community if it were to close.</p> <p>If the Red Lion is listed as an asset of community value and then comes up for sale, registering it would give the community six months to put together a bid to buy it.</p> <p>After much discussion Mrs Rowland proposed Council register the Red Lion an asset of community value.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to obtain the appropriate forms and documentation.</p>	AP16/035
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mrs Rowlands
	<b>Seconded</b>	Mrs Ivereigh
	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously

<b>29</b>	<b>To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items</b>
	There were no declarations of interest for any agenda items.

<b>30</b>	<b>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>
	Mr Gray proposed Council approve the minutes for 4th May.
	<b>Proposed</b>
	Mr Gray
	<b>Seconded</b>
	Mrs Ivereigh
	<b>Carried</b>
	With 2 abstentions

<b>31</b>	<b>To report matters arising from the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>	<b>Action</b>
a)		
	19	Mrs Bolt reported that CHiPs will now be able to offer a further 12 free places as a result of Council's S137 donation.
	22(ii)	Mrs Dyer-Lynch advised that the bus subsidies end on 21 <sup>st</sup> not 31 <sup>st</sup> July.

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	25	Mrs Bolt gave Council a brief update on what was planned for the Queen's birthday event on the Rec Ground: Musical activities including Cholsey Band and the Community Choir, Cholsey Pantaloons, Clubs and Societies bringing stalls, Cakes and refreshments with the Youth Club providing tea and coffee in aid of the Skate ramp. The event will end with a balloon race.	
<b>b)</b>	<b>from the action point register</b>		
	16/032	Mr Gray advised that work on the road markings for the new parking restrictions will begin in June.	AP16/036
	16/010	Mr Gray advised that in addition to the cars for sale on Papist Way and Silly Bridge that someone had been selling cars in the centre of the village. Mr Gray rang the number given and spoke to the individual involved and the issue seems to have been resolved for now. The office will follow-up on the situation with SODC Street Trading.	
	16/027	Keith Stenning had confirmed that the bollard is temporary and will be replaced by a permanent one in due course.	

<b>32</b>	<b>Planning</b>					
<b>(a)</b>	<b>To consider Planning Applications as at 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016:</b>					
	P16/S1434/HH	Kennedy Crescent				
		Mrs Ivreigh took Council through the plans. No comments had been received from neighbours. After discussion Mrs Ivreigh recommended Council approve the application.				
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mrs Ivreigh	<b>Seconded</b>	Mr Rowlands	<b>Carried</b>	Unanimously.

<b>(b)</b>	<b>To note planning decisions received.</b>					
	<p>P15/S2912/HH 22 Cross Rd – <b>Granted</b>  P16/S0923/HH 4 Thames View, Cholsey Meadows – <b>Granted</b>  P16/S0634/HH 11 Goldfinch Lane – <b>Granted</b>  P16/S0686/HH Apple Trees 58A Wallingford Rd – <b>Granted</b>  P16/S0922/HH 84 Station Rd – <b>Granted</b>  P16/S0875/FUL 4 Cross Rd – <b>Granted</b>  P16/S1090/HH 57 Wallingford Rd – <b>Granted</b></p> <p>Council notes that items they had asked SODC Planning to consider in relation to the property on Station Road and Apple Trees appeared to have been ignored. The Clerk was asked to contact SODC on this issue.</p>					
	AP16/037					

<b>33</b>	<b>Finance</b>					
<b>(a)</b>	<b>To approve accounts for payment</b>					
	The accounts were reviewed and approved for payment.					
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Adelson	<b>Seconded</b>	Mr Ramsay	<b>Carried</b>	With 1 abstention

<b>(b)</b>	<b>Finance</b>					
	<b>To note payments received</b>					
	Noted					

<b>(c)</b>	<b>To receive the internal auditors report</b>					
	Mrs Ivreigh advised that there were no issues raised by the internal auditor and recommended approve the internal auditors report					
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mrs Ivreigh	<b>Seconded</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Carried</b>	Unanimously

<b>(d)</b>	<b>To agree the annual governance statement for 2015-16</b>					
	Mrs Ivreigh took Council through the annual governance statement point by point and recommended Council agree the statement.					
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mrs Ivreigh	<b>Seconded</b>	Mrs Rowlands	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously

<b>(e)</b>	<b>To agree the accounting statement for 2015-16</b>					
	Mrs Ivreigh advised Council that the accounting statement had been subject to internal audit. After inviting questions from councillors she recommended Council agree the statement.					

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	<b>Proposed</b>	Mrs Ivereigh	<b>Seconded</b>	Mrs Dyer-Lynch	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously
<b>(f)</b>	<b>To agree minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016</b>					
	The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs Ivereigh as Chair of the Finance Committee.					
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mrs Ivereigh	<b>Seconded</b>	Mr Ramsay	<b>Carried</b>	Unanimously by those at the meeting
Mrs Ivereigh requested that if committee members are unable to attend a meeting that they ask another councillor to attend in their place.						
<b>(g)</b>	<b>To consider entering into a new three year agreement with Came &amp; Company insurers</b>					
	Information on the proposed agreement had been provided to councillors. After discussion Mr Gray proposed Council enter into a further three year agreement.					
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Seconded</b>	Mrs Dyer-Lynch	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously
<b>34</b>	<b>To discuss and agree what rent to charge for the allotments at Cholsey Meadows</b>					
	Mr Gray explained that due to planning constraints on Cholsey Meadows site sheds and lockups had to be provided to a given specification on the site. A covenant on the transfer means that these sheds will have to be replaced at some point in the future and this needed to be factored in when determining the allotment rent at Cholsey Meadows.					
	Mrs Bolt proposed that the discussion be deferred to a meeting she has scheduled with the Estate Manager and Mrs Ivereigh next week. They will produce a proposal to bring back to Council for a decision.					
<b>Proposed</b> Mrs Bolt <b>Seconded</b> Mrs Ivereigh <b>Carried</b> unanimously						
<b>35</b>	<b>To receive a verbal report on the Happy Hub Children's Centre</b>					
	Mr Gray advised that the Happy Hub launch event on 28 <sup>th</sup> May was very well attended with about 80 people enjoying the various activities. Although the Hub's first regular session yesterday was not attended, several children attended the two sessions run today and tomorrow the Hub will run the first of its weekly sessions at Cholsey Meadows. Half-Tem has probably had an impact on attendance and in future the Hub may change what it offers in holiday time.					
<b>36</b>	<b>To receive a verbal report on the Celsea Place appeal</b>					
	Mr Gray reported that councillors had attended the appeal where they presented Council's list of issues and concerns to the inspector and asked for some things to ameliorate the impact of the development on the village, including the impact on the village centre. The inspector made a site visit during which she witnessed a near accident between vehicles. Mr Gray believes that the best Council can hope for is to get some positive restrictions put on the developers to lessen the harm to the village.					
<b>37</b>	<b>To receive a verbal report on the Neighbourhood Plan</b>					
	Mr Ramsay advised that the launch meeting had been attended by in excess of 50 people a number of who had shown an interest in joining the steering committee. The plan is to hold the first meeting of the steering committee before the next full parish council meeting. Mr Ramsay also reported on a meeting he had attended for the larger villages regarding the new proposed housing allocation figures from SODC. Larger villages are being asked to take a figure of 10% of current housing on top of the existing allocation as part of SODC's Local Plan. The increase is being driven by the fact that SODC don't have the five year land supply for new development demanded by government. A consultation on the proposals will begin in June with SODC officers holding meetings in the larger villages to talk about the plan.					
<b>38</b>	<b>To receive the Estate Managers report for May</b>					<b>Action</b>
	Mr Ramsay advised that he feels further repairs are required on one of the bridges. He asked about progress on the pathways in the churchyard. The Clerk will ask the Estate Manager to provide an update. Mrs Ivereigh reported that following the Bluebirds football tournament a large amount of food and barbeque grease had been thrown into the long grass at the side of the field. Mr Gray advised that the Bluebirds are aware of the problem and are doing some additional cleaning up. It was suggested that Council might budget for pop-up bins to be used at events held in the Rec.					AP16/038

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<b>39</b>	<b>To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p><b>1. LETTERS (including e-mails)</b></p> <p>(i) OCC – Invitation to town and parish workshops - devolution Mr Gray advised that he will be attending the meeting.</p> <p>(ii) OCC – update on progress of proposals for local government restructuring</p> <p>(iii) OCC – Subsidised Bus Service Update Mrs Dyer Lynch provided copies to councillors</p> <p>(iv) SODC – Invitation to Summer Town and Parish Forum – Didcot Mr Ramsay undertook to attend on Councils behalf.</p> <p>(v) OALC – New councillor training courses Mr Gray suggested that new councillors might like to attend.</p> <p>(vi) OCAF- Request to consider rights of way as part of the planning process</p> <p>(vii) Oxfordshire LEADER Funding update</p> <p>(viii) CPRE – Invitation to EGM &amp; inaugural meeting of new CPRE SOD district</p> <p>(ix) CPRE – Planning seminar – “ Can the Law help your campaign”</p> <p>(x) RSN – Invitation to Free Seminar – Access to Services and Rural Proofing</p> <p>(xi) RSN – Invitation to Rural conference 2016 – Cheltenham</p> <p>(xii) GWR – Cycle policy change notification</p> <p>(xiii) SODC – Phone number change notification</p> <p><b>2. REPORTS, PLANS &amp; STRATEGIES</b></p> <p><b>3. NOTICES, POSTERS and FLYERS</b></p> <p>(i) CPRE – Events for members</p> <p><b>4. MAGAZINES and NEWSLETTERS</b></p> <p>(i) TVP – Wallingford Sector newsletter - May</p>	
<b>40</b>	<b>To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair</b>	
	<p>Mr Gray reported that the 31 Days in May events run by the Community Library had been very successful. The library have reviewed their stock and introduced more children’s books, more talking books and more large print books.</p> <p>Mr Gray and the Youth Worker will be taking a small group to look, and enjoy, the Oxford skatepark as part of the Cholsey Skatepark project.</p> <p>The Community Choir will be holding a concert with the takings donated to the Happy Hub.</p> <p>CAGE (Campaign Against Gravel Extraction) is active again with all the anti gravel groups working to reduce the OCC Core Strategy minerals target figure. A small campaign has also been mounted to try and get Grundon to release the archaeology report for New Barn Farm or to allow an independent archaeologist on site.</p> <p>Concern has been expressed about foundation stage places at the school. Mr Gray will be holding a meeting at Cholsey Meadows where parents have registered most concern. OCC are indicating that the school will need to have two entry classes from 2018</p> <p>Mr Gray is trying to open negotiations with the local Clinical Commissioning Group about a clinic for the village. Mr Adelson advised that Rose Hill in Oxford already have a nurse led community clinic to deal with less urgent cases.</p>	
<b>41</b>	<b>To receive Councillors’ Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda</b>	
	<p>Mrs Ivereigh reported that the Treehouse school are producing a history of the village.</p> <p>Mrs Hamlyn reported that Biffa have completed a litter pick in Ilges Lane.</p> <p>Mrs Bolt advised that the Cholsey school fete on 25<sup>th</sup> June will have a Rio carnival theme.</p>	