

**Minutes of the Meeting of CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL held on Wednesday 16th April 2014 at 7:30pm
at The Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey**

Present: Chairman: Mr M Gray

Councillors: Mr J Butler, Mrs V Bolt, Mrs M Dyer-Lynch, Mr P Jenkins, Helen Jiggins, Mrs M Kaposy, Mr M Madeley, Mrs A Rowlands.

Apologies: Mrs L Hamlyn, Mr A Dalby

464 To hear questions or comments from members of the public (max 15mins)

Mrs Thompson addressed the meeting regarding amendments to planning application P11/W2357 the former Carmel College at Mongewell. Mrs Thompson expressed the view that the access to the site is still inadequate and requested Council's support for residents in opposing the application.

Mr Alden and Ms Probyn attended the meeting on behalf of Linden Homes in response to Council's rejection of the planning application for the change of use for 3 of the live work units at FairMile. Mr Alden explained that he wanted to make sure Council have a good understanding of the difficulties regarding the sale of these units, so that Linden can move forward with the application. He wished to make clear to Council that this is not something that Linden can "let sit and fester for years". Mr Alden explained that the main issue with selling the units has been the inability for interested purchasers to get finance because of the proportion of live to work space. Mortgage regulations around lending for live/work units have changed since the FairMile units were designed. Members expressed their concerns about the continuing erosion of infrastructure on the Linden Homes site.

Mr Alden suggested that Linden Homes may be willing to compensate for the loss of the business units by providing finance to be used elsewhere in the community to provide help for local businesses.

After a lengthy discussion Mr Gray proposed that Council discuss the application at the next meeting.

465 To consider an application from Mr Paul Ramsay to become a member of Council.

After a short discussion and with reference to Mr Ramsay's letter Mr Gray proposed that Council co-opt Mr Ramsay as a member. Seconded Mrs Rowlands, **Carried** unanimously.

466 To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items.

None

467 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2 Apr 2014

Mr Gray proposed acceptance of the minutes. Seconded Mr Jenkins, **Carried** with 1 abstention.

468 To report Matters arising

(a) from the minutes of 2 Apr 2014

Item 457 – Mrs Bolt advised the meeting that she has been in contact with OCC and arranged for dementia training for 6 people which will be 3 sessions over 3 weeks. Mrs Bolt asked the Clerk to get back in touch with OCC and confirm the dates. **AP14/074**

Item 456 – The Cemetery Working Party have met and reviewed the placing of benches in the churchyard. Mrs Bolt requested the item be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Mrs Bolt will ask the Estate Manager to pull together a proposal for consideration at the next meeting. **AP14/075**

(b) from the Action Point Register(s)

AP13/051 – The first meeting of the Cemetery Working Party has taken place.

AP14/053 – The potholes on Ilges Lane have been repaired.

AP14/072 – The improvements to the inscription on the Forty shelter have been completed.

469 Planning

(a) To consider Planning Applications as at 10 April 2014:

P14/S0895/LB – Whitecross House, Winterbrook – removal of an internal wall.

Mr Jenkins advised Council that he had reviewed the plans and recommended approval.

Seconded Mrs Rowlands. **Carried** unanimously.

P14/S0937/HH – 29 Papist Way, Cholsey – First floor extension and single story rear extension.

Mr Jenkins advised Council that he had reviewed the plans and recommended approval. He noted that one of the neighbours has objected on the grounds that it is impinging on his rights to light.

Seconded Mr Butler. **Carried** unanimously.

P14/S0847/HH – Argyll House – Winterbrook – Proposed front extension

Mr Jenkins advised that this application was previously approved on 15 Feb 2010 by Council and has now lapsed, the resubmitted application is unchanged.
Seconded Mr Gray. **Carried** unanimously.

P11/W2357 – Amendment No's 2 & 3 – Former Carmel College, Mongewell

Taking into account Mrs Thompsons representation on behalf of Mongewell residents Mr Jenkins proposed Council refuse the application grounds of access as the amended application does not address the original access issues.
Seconded Helen Jiggins **Carried** unanimously.

P14/S0958/LB – 3 Reading Rd, Cholsey – Installation of a satellite dish

Mr Jenkins recommended approval. Seconded Mrs Rowlands. **Carried** with 1 abstention.

P14/S0894/HH – 1 Larkfield Cholsey – Proposed ground floor front extension

Mr Jenkins advised Council that that he had reviewed the plans and recommended approval. No correspondence had been received from neighbours. Seconded Mr Butler. **Carried** unanimously.

(b) To note planning decisions received.

P14/S0350/HH – 36 Rothwells Close, Cholsey – Granted
P14/S0432/HH – 43 West End – Granted
P12/S2563/FUL – Upton Rd Wallingford - Granted

(c) To note planning Certificate of Lawful Development received

P14/S0897/LDP - 29 West End, Cholsey – mobile home for ancillary accommodation.
Noted

470 Finance

(a) To approve accounts for payment

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT 16 APR 2014

Grundons	Burial Ground Waste	205016	£40.18
Cholsey HortSoc	S137 donation	205017	£40.00
Cholsey Pavilion Trust	Drain Rodding 4 April	205018	£50.00
GLS Educational Supplies	Office Supplies	205019	£3.72
J Butler	WW1 Lectern - reimbursed	205020	£255.60
Total Pest	Mole Control Church/Rec	205021	£286.20
Staff Salaries	April	205022- 205024	£2,083.24
Cholsey Pavilion Trust	Payment due to CPT from Action for Children who paid PC via BACS in error	205025	£40.00
TOTAL			£2,798.94

Mr Butler advised Cholsey 1000+ will be sending a donation to cover some of the cost of the lectern purchased for the WW1 commemoration.

Mr Gray proposed acceptance of the accounts. Seconded Mr Jenkins. **Carried** with 1 abstention.

(b) To note payments received

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

Residents	Allotment Rent		£4.50
Action for Children	Payment due to Pavilion Trust paid to PC via BACS in error		£40.00
TOTAL			£44.50

Noted

471 To consider and agree a response to the Community Governance Review.

Mr Gray reminded members of the eight criteria set out by SODC for responses. Mr Gray suggested how Council might respond on each criteria for members agreement. After discussion Mr Gray agreed to proceed upon the lines agreed and to complete the response in time for Council's next meeting. **AP14/076**

472 To receive the minutes and proposals of the Finance Group meeting of 1st April.

Noted.

473 To discuss a list of needs for s106 funding.

Mr Butler suggested that the prospect of more houses in the village in coming years, the Parish Council should be considering what capital projects would support improvement in the village. Mr Gray felt that the main need was for work to be done to try and improve the parking situation in the centre of the village around the shops.

Mr Butler suggested that someone should review the Parish Plan and identify any outstanding items. Mr Sheldon who was in the audience and who had been involved in the Parish Plan agreed to review the plan and report back to Council. **AP14/077**

474 To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices

1 (i) Vyman Solicitors – New invoice received for cycle rack work after Council queried their original costs (£6 credit) The Clerk will write to Vyman to a full break down of time spent, rates charged, and personnel involved.

AP14/078

1 (ii) Letter and Survey from The Post Office re: Cholsey PO – Mr Butler proposed that the Chair write a letter to the Post Office in strongest possible terms to oppose their proposal to re-site the Post Office facilities to the Tesco Counter, and to copy in Tesco management. **AP14/079**

1 (iii) North Wessex Downs AONB – development grant programme – Mrs Dyer Lynch agreed to review the correspondence and report back to Council. **AP14/080**

3 (iv) River Thames Society AGM – The Clerk will ask Mr Alan Dawe if he can attend the AGM on Council's behalf. **AP14/081**

476 To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair

Mr Gray reported that he has met with OCC engineers regarding the cycle path along Wallingford Road. They are to produce a plan for the cycle path which will then be subject to a public consultation.

Mr Gray reported that over 100 residents attended the Parking Consultation on 5th April, most completed comment forms which will be forwarded to Mr Tole at OCC Highways Department. R Butler expressed his thanks to all the Parish Councillors who attended.

Mr Gray advised that he is now holding informal surgeries in the Community Café every Saturday morning.

Two applications have been received for the Youth worker although the closing date for applications is not until 22nd April in the meantime the Youth Club is currently running well with 2 volunteers.

Mr Gray asked the Clerk to add an item regarding grants for the Community Library to the next meeting agenda.

Mr Gray reported on the CAGE response to OCC's Gravel Core Strategy. After representation from both Mr Gray and Mrs Lynda Adkins the tone of the response which was felt to be rather combative was modified.

Mr Gray reported that he has met with some of the developers who are seeking to build the additional housing identified for the village. Ms Murfett of SODC's Planning Policy team will be attending Council's meeting on 21st May to discuss the new housing proposals and the results of the public consultations. **AP14/072**

Mr Gray reported that along with the Estate Manager and the Clerk he will be receiving training on the new website on 6th May.

477 To receive Councillors' Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda

Mrs Bolt reported that she has been made Chair of Cholsey Development Trust.

Mr Madeley suggested that Council could hold a meeting in Winterbrook. Mrs Dyer-Lynch agreed to talk to contacts she has in Winterbrook to see if someone would be willing to provide a venue. **AP14/083**

Mr Butler asked if Mr Gray had managed to speak to the Winterbrook resident who is interested in becoming a Councillor. Mr Gray agreed to re-contact the interested party. **AP14/084**

Mr Butler advised that Cholsey United Football club have asked him for an indication of costs for using the recreation ground. Council agreed that Mr Butler could give them a ball park figure of £40 per match or £700 per season to cover the use of the changing rooms and pitch but not setting up nets etc or marking the pitch. Mr Butler also expressed his thanks to those councillors who are participating in the CHOKO cycle to Africa event this coming weekend.

Mrs Rowlands reported that a tree on the lane from West End to the Jubilee field appeared to be leaning over badly. The Estate Manager will be asked to take a look and the Maintenance person carry out remedial work as

necessary. **AP14/085** Mrs Rowlands also mentioned problems with the road surface under the bridge at West End which appears to have been interfered with. Mr Gray undertook to report it to Highways. **AP14/086** Helen Jiggins advised that she has been approached by residents and asked to report that a vagrant is camping off Ferry Lane. It was suggested that the vicar should be contacted also as St Mary's operate and outreach service.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:50pm.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 7th May 2014 at the Pavilion, Station Rd, Cholsey.

Melanie Malcolm, Parish Clerk