

## CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Cholsey Parish Council held on Wednesday 16 July at 7.30pm in The Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey, Oxfordshire.**

**Chair:** Mr Jenkins took the Chair until Mr Gray arrived at 8:05pm.

**Present:** Mrs Hamlyn, Mrs Bolt, Mr Madeley, Mrs Dyer-Lynch, Mrs Kaposy, Mr Jenkins.

**Apologies:** Mr Butler, Mrs Rowland, Helen Jiggins.

### **89 To hear questions or comments from members of the public (max 15mins)**

Mr Sheldon requested that an addition be made to the Action Point Register to change the notices on the Ilges Lane allotments path. The allotments path is not a right of way according to OCC and Mr Sheldon would like the notices to reflect this as he feels that it is being used as a thoroughfare and people are not being respectful of the allotments. Mr Sheldon went on to make an observation regarding the minutes of the Council meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2004 where Mr Butler had proposed that a separate allotment account be kept and a subsequent discussion that the Clerk's time should be used as required without apportioning it.

Mrs Young spoke to Council as a neighbour of 27 West End regarding planning application P14/S1867/HH, relating to that property. She explained to Council how she and other neighbours had lost a considerable amount of their privacy as a result of the development and that they feared that they would lose even should the development proceed as planned. She went on to explain that despite discussions with the owners of 27 West End, and assurances received as a result of those discussions, nothing had changed. The property continues being worked on even though the alterations are under investigation and the subject of a retrospective planning application.

### **90 To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items**

Mr Jenkins declared an interest in planning application P14/S1890/FUL 16 Honey Lane to be discussed under Item 93.

### **91 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014**

Mrs Hamlyn proposed that the minutes be accepted, seconded Mr Jenkins, **carried** with 1 abstention.

### **92 To report Matters arising (a) from the minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014.

#### **(b) from the Action Point Register(s)**

AP13/186 - Mrs Hamlyn volunteered to take up the land registry issue relating to the Eastern Cemetery with Slades Solicitors as once again Slades have missed their promised deadline to complete the work.

AP14/020 – It was suggested that now that the café on the Forty has changed hands, that the owners could be approached regarding the tenants of the flat above.

### **93 Planning**

#### **(a) To consider Planning Applications as at 10th July 2014:**

##### **P14/S1890/FUL – 16 Honey Lane – proposed dwelling with integral garage and associated parking**

Mr Jenkins re-iterated his interest in the planning application and agreed to outline the plans only and then leave the remaining members of Council to make a decision.

After much discussion Council decided that the application should be rejected on the grounds of unneighbourliness due to the proposed development being overbearing on neighbours, not in keeping with the centre of the village and resulting in a loss of visual amenities.

Proposed Mrs Hamlyn, seconded Mrs Kaposy, **carried** with 1 abstention.

Members asked the Clerk to express their concerns to the planning department, that not all of the near neighbours had been consulted about the application.

##### **P14/S1867/HH – 27 West End – retrospective application for part ground floor front extension and new first floor extension**

Mr Jenkins advised that Council had refused this application when it was originally submitted and, as Council had heard earlier in the meeting, the work being done had resulted in considerable loss of privacy for neighbours. After discussion he proposed that Council refuse the application on the same grounds as they refused it originally.

Seconded Mrs Bolt, **carried** unanimously.

##### **P14/S1957/HH – 30 Ilges Lane – children's play-fort in rear garden**

Mrs Jenkins proposed Council approve the application, seconded Mrs Bolt, **carried** unanimously.

Mr Gray joined the meeting at 8:05pm.

**(b) To note planning decisions received.**

Mr Gray reported from the planning committee meeting that he had just attended. The application for Bezants, Winterbrook had been approved unanimously and the application for 11 Kentwood Close approved 7 to 2 against.

**94 Finance**

**(a) To approve accounts for payment**

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT 16 JUL 2014

Petty Cash	Petty Cash Top-up	205075	£40.00
Charlton Environmental	Weedspraying - Application 2	205076	£396.00
Grundons	Churchyard Waste	205077	£58.00
Total Pest	Mole Control	205078	£286.20
Scion Estates	Churchyard grass cut - 10th & 24th June	205079	£604.18
Champion & Co	DIY supplies for Maintenance Person	205080	£18.26
CHOKO	Section137 donation	205081	£99.00
Community Car Scheme	Section 137 donation	205082	£200.00
Salaries	July Salaries x 5	205083-7	£3,404.38
Jacob Dearman	T-shirts x 6 and Flyers for Summer Play Scheme -reimbursed	205088	£48.00
Printinco	Agatha Christie Boards - design work	205089	£106.80
OALC	Fee for New Councillor Course for H J	205090	£78.00
TOTAL			£5,338.82

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

SOHA	Donation for Summer Play Scheme	4768	£200.00
TOTAL			£200.00

Current Account Balance to date		£72,393.85
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NEW PARISH HALL ACCOUNT

New Parish Hall Account Balance to date		£39,808.47
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Mr Gray proposed acceptance of the accounts, seconded Mrs Bolt, **carried** unanimously.

**(b) To note payments received**

Noted.

**95 To discuss and agree a response to SODC Local Plan proposals for new housing.**

Council discussed their response to SODC's Local Plan proposals. After discussions Council agreed that their belief was that the additional houses are not necessary and are strongly opposed to any more houses being built in Cholsey in addition to the 128 new homes already agreed. They felt that the evidence given to support the requirement for additional houses was questionable and that SODC should fight the imposition as far as possible. Members expressed their concerns about the ability of the infrastructure in the village being able to cope with a further increase in population. Council felt that SODC should look at building homes close to workplaces, one

suggestion was to build on Grenoble Road which, although green belt land is already partially developed. The green belt could then be extended around it.

Council also felt that SODC should ensure developers are not allowed to build the desirable village houses first, leaving allocated houses in the towns un-built.

Mr Gray undertook to draw up the response, along the lines discussed, with the help of the Clerk and submit it to SODC. **AP14/124**

**96 To consider quotations received from Arborists for a complete survey of Cholsey's Trees.**

After discussion Mr Jenkins proposed the quotation from Arborist 2 be accepted, seconded Mrs Bolt, **carried** unanimously

**97 To consider Council taking on the build of the Ilges Lane Cycle Path.**

Mr Gray advised that Oxfordshire County Council has told him that due to issues surrounding the byway designation they are unable to deliver the Ilges Lane cycle path for an unspecified period of time, and suggested that the Parish Council take on the build. They would provide the funding that has been set aside for the path. Mr Gray went on to explain that the project would be managed and overseen by a resident, a retired and highly experienced civil engineer who had volunteered his time for village projects at the Annual Parish Meeting. If Council agree to take on the project Mr Sinclair will run a tender process largely using the scheme already defined by the County Council. Mr Madeley asked what could be done should the project run over budget. Council felt that in the unlikely event that this occurred, OCC could be approached to provide additional funds.

Mr Gray proposed that Council take on build and agree that any leftover money should be used for maintaining the path, and in addition that Council agree to pay the Estate Manager for any addition hours for administration and liaison work generated by the project, seconded Mrs Bolt, **carried** unanimously.

Mr Gray advised that the island to be built in the centre of Reading Road does not form part of the scheme, but will be built as part of a separate project that forms part of the work to be carried out by Linden Homes relating to the Cholsey Meadows development, which has to be completed before they finally leave the site.

**98 To discuss the findings of the Parish Plan review.**

Council agreed to defer this to a future meeting. **AP14/125**

**99 To discuss holding a "Light's Out" Event in the Pavilion on 4<sup>th</sup> August**

After discussion Council decided to hold an event in the Pavilion Hall to be open for villagers to come and go and spend some time in quiet contemplation. Mr Madeley agreed to organise and publicise the event. Proposed Mr Gray, seconded Mrs Bolt, **carried** unanimously. **AP14/126**

**100 To consider and agree renewing Councils membership of CPRE**

Mr Gray proposed Council renew their membership of CPRE at the same cost as last year, seconded Mr Jenkins, **carried** unanimously.

**101 To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices**

1 (i) Email from resident re: Outdoor Gym at Cholsey Meadows – Mrs Bolt proposed that this be referred to the Fair Mile Futures group and Cholsey Development Trust. seconded Mr Madeley, **carried** unanimously

1 (ii) Email from Mongewell Residents Association re: concerns about the Carmel College development. After discussion Council agreed to write endorsing the views of the residents regarding concerns about the safety of allowing cars to enter and exit the site onto the A4074. **AP14/127**

2.(i) OCC Flood risk management strategy consultation. Mr Gray agreed to ask Mr Sinclair if he could take a look at the proposals, especially regarding the flood alleviation channel and any downstream impact it might have. **AP14/128**

**102 To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair**

Mr Gray advised that the Finance group meeting had been postponed due to members being away/unavailable etc – a new date has yet to be set. The Personnel group are to meet in the autumn to discuss the new staffing position and ensure the requisite administration is all in place.

The planning application for the Land at Caps Lane is to go to the SODC planning committee.

The organisation for the Summer Play Scheme now titled "Action in the Park" is going well, a flyer has been produced to be given to all school children and posters advertising that day's events will be put up in The Tax Shop on the Forty.

Work on the play area at Fair Mile has started and is due to be complete by the end of next week. Mr Gray suggested that an official opening event should be organised.

Mr Gray reported that at the last County Council meeting the new Chief Constable and Police Commissioner had attended. Mr Gray had raised the situation re the lack of PCSO support for Cholsey and had received the same response as he had received from Sgt Weller that they have no spare capacity among PCSOs and therefore are unable to send anyone to replace those away due to maternity, sickness etc. They are keen for communities to become involved with local NAGs (Neighbourhood Action Group) which provide an interface between residents and the police. Mr Gray asked the Clerk to add this item to a future agenda for discussion by Council. **AP14/129**

**103 To receive Councillors' Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda**

Mr Madeley reported that he had been approached by a resident who wished to donate a tree for the park and wanted to know what sort of trees were accepted. Mr Gray advised that trees should be smaller native species. Mrs Bolt advised that Cholsey Primary has extended the provision of the forest school to 135 children as part of their outdoor learning package.

Mrs Bolt also advised that there will be a "getting involved" meeting on Friday at Fair Mile's Great Hall for anyone interested volunteering.

*Mrs Hamlyn left the meeting at 8:55pm*

Mr Jenkins reported that the Virgin media cabinet at corner of Honey Lane and Papist Way junction is rotting, and asked the Clerk to report it. **AP14/130**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9:00pm.

**Date of next meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 7:30pm at The Pavilion, Station Road.**