

# CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

<b>Meeting</b>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey.
<b>Chair</b>	Mr M Gray
<b>Attendees</b>	Mrs V Bolt, Mrs L Hamlyn, Mrs Dyer-Lynch, Mrs A Rowlands, Mrs L Ivereigh, Helen Jiggins, Mrs Kaposy
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr P Jenkins, Mr P Ramsay, Mr A Curtis

<b>115</b>	<b>To hear questions or comments from members of the public (max 15mins)</b>
	<p>Mr Godfrey spoke to Council about the decision made at the last meeting to turn down his request to place the memorial stone for his wife at the foot rather than the head of her grave.</p> <p>He explained his concerns around space for people visiting her grave and possible vulnerability of the stone to damage.</p> <p>Mr Gray explained that in order for Council to reconsider their decision at least 7 members needed to agree to re-open the discussion.</p> <p>A vote was taken on the proposal. There were insufficient votes to re-visit the earlier decision.</p>

<b>116</b>	<b>To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items</b>
	None

<b>117</b>	<b>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2015</b>	<b>Action</b>						
	<p>Mrs Rowlands advised that the issue she had raised about a lack of benches in the recreation ground had not been included in the minutes. The Clerk was asked to add consideration of additional benches for the recreation ground to a future agenda</p> <p>Noting the above amendment the minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p>	<b>AP15/132</b>						
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<b>118</b>	<b>To report matters arising from the minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2015</b>	
Item 101 (86)	The first of the defibrillators is to be installed this week in the phone box on Papist Way, although it will not be available for use until the registration process with SE Ambulance Service is completed. The manager of Tescos is following up their estates department to do the work to install the second defibrillator.	
Item 101 (93)	The HCA have agreed to recommend that Council take on the allotments. This will take some time as they have to agree a legal variance to the original S106. There are still outstanding issues regarding tool storage and the cost of water. Mrs Bolt advised that the existing allotment agreement will need revising. Other issues raised in the HCA/Lindens Homes meeting by the Chair were the missing link, broadband and business development money related to the live/work units. Linden Homes are to respond.	
Item 101 (96)	Mr Gray advised that OCC's compliance officers are still chasing BT to fill in the hole they created on Station Rd, he has also called Keith Stennings of OCC Highways to see if he can help. The Clerk was asked to find contact details/phone numbers for BT to pass on to residents to make complaints. It was also suggested that people speak to any Openreach contractors they might see working in the village about the issue.	<b>AP15/133</b>
Item 108	The contractor has been appointed to do the work on the unlisted churchyard walls. His intention is to complete the work before the bad weather sets in.	
Item 102 (a)	Mrs Bolt advised that the Environmental Health department have now supported the application for a sound lobby for the Great Hall at Fair Mile. Their original comments that they had insufficient information to make a decision had been caused by a lack of communication within their department.	
Item 104	The bus consultation response has been completed and sent to OCC.	
Item 202 (93)	The current issues around older children and the Cholsey Meadows play area are being dealt with by the school and youth worker. Helen Jiggins undertook to talk to residents about fundraising for a separate facility for older children and youths on the development.	

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<b>119</b>	<b>From the Action point register</b>		
	AP15/006	Helen Jiggins requested further information about what S106 money remains available. Mr Gray suggested a separate meeting be arranged to discuss the issue.	
	AP15/120	Mr Gray advised he has passed on the registration no of the abandoned lorry to TVP	
	AP15/110	Mrs Rowlands advised that she has reported the problem with the Westfield Rd sign.	
	AP15/127	Mrs Bolt reported that she had sent a response to the proposal to change Sunday Trading changes rules.	

<b>120</b>	<b>Planning</b>				
	<b>(a)</b>	<b>To consider Planning Applications as at 27 August 2015:</b>			
	P15/S2703/HH	1 Abbots Mead – double storey side extension. Mrs Ivreigh outlined the application for Council. No objections had been received from neighbours. After discussion Mrs Ivreigh recommended Council approve the application.			
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mrs Ivreigh	<b>Seconded</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Carried</b> unanimously
	P15/S2875/FUL	27 West End – removal of condition 3 of original application P14/S1867/HH Mrs Ivreigh advised that the original retrospective planning application had been refused by Council and that the applicant was now asking for removal of a clause which specified that the bathroom window must be obscured glass and fixed shut. The neighbours opposed the application. After discussion Mrs Ivreigh recommended Council refuse the application on the basis that it is un-neighbourly. Council asked the Clerk to note in the response to planning that they have been lead to believe that the original extension has not been built in line with the conditions of the original planning permission.			
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mrs Ivreigh	<b>Seconded</b>	A Rowlands	<b>Carried</b> Unanimously
	P15/S/LB	Mrs Ivreigh explained that the applicant sought to remove and replace an existing extension at the rear of the property. No objections had been received from neighbours. After discussion Mrs Ivreigh recommended Council approve the application.			
<b>Proposed</b>	Mrs Ivreigh	<b>Seconded</b>	Helen Jiggins	<b>Carried</b> Unanimously	

<b>(6)</b>	<b>To note planning decisions received.</b>
	None

<b>121</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>	Mrs Bolt	<b>Seconded</b>	Mrs Dyer-Lynch	<b>Carried</b> With 1 abstention

<b>(b)</b>	<b>Finance</b>				
	<b>To note payments received</b>				
	Noted Mr Gray advised that he has been told Council will shortly receive the money to maintain and eventually replace the play area at Fair Mile/Cholsey Meadows.				

<b>122</b>	<b>To discuss and agree a request for a S137 donation from South and Vale Carers</b>				
	South and Vale Carers had provided information that they currently support 11 families and carers in Cholsey. Mr Gray suggested Council match last years S137 donation of £150.				
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Seconded</b>	Mrs Kaposy	<b>Carried</b> Unanimously

<b>123</b>	<b>To discuss and agree a request for a S137 donation from Sue Ryder</b>				
	Although Sue Ryder has been unable to provide figures for their services in Cholsey, Mrs Bolt advised Council that she is aware of residents receiving their support. Mr Gray suggest ed Council donate £100 in line with last year.				
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Seconded</b>	Mrs Rowlands	<b>Carried</b> Unanimously

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<b>124</b>	<p><b>To agree a response to the OCC Household Waste recycling centre consultation</b></p> <p>Mr Gray reported that he had received over 40 emails from people concerned about the possible closure of Oakley Wood recycling centre. He has met with the person at OCC running the consultation who told him that irrespective of financial considerations and the cost savings OCC must find, the existing recycling centres are generally coming to the end of their lives. The proposals currently under consideration will not be acted upon for 3-4 years and OCC anticipate that eventually Oakley Wood and Drayton recycling centres will be replaced with a new site closer to the main centre of population at Didcot. Mr Gray had been shown data to back up OCC's claim that closures do not result in an increase in fly-tipping.</p> <p>Council worked through the consultation questionnaire, opposing the reduction in the number of sites preferring to restrict the opening hours rather than loose sites. They registered concern at the distance any centralised site would be from outlying areas of South Oxfordshire including the population of Henley. The suggestion was made that OCC could reduce costs by allowing Community Interest Companies to manage sites. Mr Gray is currently trying and get together a group of people to see if this might be an option for the Oakley Wood site.</p>
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<b>125</b>	<p><b>To agree a response to the OCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan</b></p> <p>Council considered a response drafted by Mr Gray/ CAGE opposing OCC's Core Strategy for minerals and waste on the grounds of: Soundness contending that Oxfordshire County Council has:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overestimated the likely future demand for minerals and underestimated the amount of on-site waste that will be available for construction purposes,</li> <li>2. Overestimated future infrastructure needs – projects such as Better Broadband and the electrification of the main line will not use gravel,</li> <li>3. Failed to take into account the proximity of the Cholsey site to RAF Benson. We are concerned that the lack of inert waste to fill the holes created will result in the creation of a large body of water, whether wetland or lake.</li> <li>4. Failed to consider external sources of minerals that could replace a significant proportion of the likely future demand.</li> </ol> <p>And also on the basis of legality in that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The County Council did not consult properly with local town and parish councils.</li> </ol> <p>In addition Council agreed that it fully supports all submissions from Communities against Gravel extraction (CAGE). After discussion and questions around the response Mr Gray proposed Council approve the draft.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;"><b>Proposed</b></td> <td style="width: 25%;">Mr Gray</td> <td style="width: 15%;"><b>Seconded</b></td> <td style="width: 15%;">Mrs Bolt</td> <td style="width: 15%;"><b>Carried</b></td> <td style="width: 20%;">unanimously</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Seconded</b>	Mrs Bolt	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously
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<b>126</b>	<p><b>To agree to spend £600 (provisional figure) to install six 30mph roundels on Reading Rd</b></p> <p>Mr Gray reminded Council that OCC Highways have advised that a crossing cannot be put at/near the Reading Rd/Papist Way cross roads for safety reasons. Any crossing would have to be placed much further along towards Mongewell where it is unlikely to be used. After consulting with OCC Highways and exploring all the alternatives about what might be done to improve the existing situation OCC have agreed to pay for 4 extra signs warning motorists of pedestrians and have suggested Council might pay for 6 additional speed roundels to be painted on the road. Mr Gray proposed that Council agree to spend £650 on roundels.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;"><b>Proposed</b></td> <td style="width: 25%;">Mr Gray</td> <td style="width: 15%;"><b>Seconded</b></td> <td style="width: 15%;">Mrs Dyer-Lynch</td> <td style="width: 15%;"><b>Carried</b></td> <td style="width: 20%;">With 1 abstentions and 1 against</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Seconded</b>	Mrs Dyer-Lynch	<b>Carried</b>	With 1 abstentions and 1 against
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<b>127</b>	<p><b>To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. LETTERS (including e-mails)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Invitation to ORCC AGM – 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – Kirklington</li> <li>(ii) Invitation – Treehouse School - First Aid Course</li> <li>(iii) SOFEA – Thanks for donation</li> <li>(iv) Invite to Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre open day</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>2. REPORTS, PLANS &amp; STRATEGIES</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) CPT minutes – 23<sup>rd</sup> June</li> <li>(ii) TVP – Neighbourhood Policing – Sept update</li> <li>(iii) Sainsbury's – Cholsey Relief in Need initiative</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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	<p><b>3. NOTICES, POSTERS and FLYERS</b></p> <p><b>4. MAGAZINES and NEWSLETTERS</b></p> <p>(i) RTS – Thames Guardian</p>
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<b>128</b>	<p><b>To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair</b></p> <p>Mr Gray reported that he had met with Beth Elkins from SODC who is Council's contact for Community Infrastructure support to assist with the process for S106 developer contributions and compliance. S106 arrangements for the proposed development for Celsea place were discussed should the development go ahead. Mr Gray advised that although Council opposed the development they would be negligent if they ignored the S106 requirements and then SODC found in favour of the developers. Ms Elkins had also visited Cholsey Meadows and viewed the Nursery in response to concerns raise at the meeting about the developers fulfilling their S106 responsibilities around provision of childcare facilities.</p> <p>Mr Gray asked councillors to begin considering any items they would like to be budgeted for in the next financial year. Councillors should contact Mrs Ivereigh or Mr Gray with their suggestions/requirements.</p> <p>Mr Gray advised that he has been given responsibility by OCC to oversee the project to retain as many Children's Centres as possible. He will be working with County, Parishes, GPs and Housing associations to fund and set up Community Interest Companies to run centres.</p> <p>The Youth Worker is working with some young people to look at providing a skate ramp for older children, the first stage will be to visit those in other locals villages. It is hoped that the young people involved will be involved with the design and build of the ramp and with fundraising.</p> <p>The tender process for the Wallingford Rd and Ilges Lane cycle paths is well under way, although work may not start until the spring to reduce delays (and associated costs) due to weather.</p>
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<b>129</b>	<p><b>To receive Councillors' Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda</b></p> <p>Mr Gray advised that Mr Ramsay had emailed several items to be raised at the meeting. These included the standard of grass cutting in the burial ground, which the Estate Manager is working with the contractors to improve. Reports of opportunistic theft around the village - the Clerk will raise the issue with the PCSO's. The bridge at the Millenium Wood is damaged – the Estate Manager will investigate.</p> <p>Mrs Hamlyn reported that a resident had contacted her concerned about shed break-ins. Mr Sheldon was asked to urge his members to report all break-ins to the police.</p> <p>Mrs Rowlands thanked the Estate Manager for giving his time at the weekend to help with the defibrillator training. Mr Gray thanked Mrs Rowlands for providing the training.</p> <p>Mrs Bolt commended the Estate Manager for the work he had done at the burial ground in relation to the problems with the grass cutting.</p> <p>Tickets are available for the CHOKO beer festival. Ladies from Kodumela will be coming to open the festival, probably for the last time.</p> <p>Mrs Kaposy reported a neighbour of hers had his outhouse broken into and tools taken. He had reported the incident to TVP.</p> <p>Mrs Ivereigh reported that she had recently been subject to some antisocial behaviour. Having managed to catch those involved on camera the PCSO's had responded quickly, identified 2 of the individuals and dealt with the issue efficiently.</p> <p>Helen Jiggins advised that the hole on Newlands Way had now been capped after 18 months of trying.</p>	<p><b>AP15/134</b> <b>AP15/135</b></p>
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The meeting closed at 9:20pm.