

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES

<b>Meeting</b>	Wednesday 17th December at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey.
<b>Chair</b>	Mr M Gray
<b>Attendees</b>	Mrs M Dyer-Lynch, Mrs M Kaposy, Mrs V Bolt, Mr P Ramsay, Mrs A Rowlands, Mr M Madeley, Mr P Jenkins, Mr A Dalby
<b>Apologies</b>	Mrs L Hamlyn, Helen Jiggins, James Butler

<b>221</b>	<b>To hear questions or comments from members of the public (max 15mins)</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Mr Sheldon expressed his opinion that Council's decision to give Parish Council staff a 1.5% pay increase in 2015 was out of step with current local government pay policy, which proposed a 2.2% increase over 15 months.	

<b>222</b>	<b>To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items</b>	<b>Action</b>
	None	

<b>223</b>	<b>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Mrs Rowland asked for an amendment to be made to the minute of item 213 to note her concern expressed at the time that should a cabinet be purchased separately, Council need to ensure that it is of a suitable standard and quality. Noting this amendment the minutes of the meeting of 3 <sup>rd</sup> December were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.	
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Gray
	<b>Seconded</b>	Mr Dalby
	<b>Carried</b>	With 6 abstentions

<b>224</b>	<b>To report matters arising</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>(a)</b>	<b>from the minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014</b>	
	Item 213 Mr Gray advised that Tesco have confirmed that as part of their refurbishment they will install an electrical point on building for the defibrillator.	

<b>(b)</b>	<b>from the action point register</b>	
	AP14/164 Mrs Dyer-Lynch advised she has reviewed the latest Rural Opportunities Grants Bulletin, currently there is nothing relevant for Cholsey.	
	AP14/188 Mrs Dyer-Lynch advised she has responded to the Wallingford Market Town co-ordinator regarding the Agatha Christie Trail board.	
	AP14/192 Mrs Dyer-Lynch reported that most of the gutter clearing on Wallingford Rd has now been completed, however she will continue to monitor until all the work has been done.	
	AP14/190 Mr Gray advised that he will re-schedule to meet Mrs Kaposy re: the water damage on Caps Lane.	
	AP14/162 Mrs Rowlands advised that she has been contacted by a resident regarding the provision of cycle rack covers at Cholsey station. The Clerk is to send details to Mrs Rowlands of the response sent to an earlier enquirer on the same topic.	<b>AP14/199</b>

<b>225</b>	<b>Planning</b>	
<b>(a)</b>	<b>To consider Planning Applications as at 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014:</b>	
	P14/S3641/HH 34 Wallingford Rd – demolition of 3 sheds – to be replaced with 1 shed & a greenhouse Mr Dalby advised he had reviewed the application and noted that the documentation did not include details of the structures to be demolished. He recommended Council approve the application.	
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Dalby
	<b>Seconded</b>	Mrs Kaposy
	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously
	P14/S3697/P11 Cholsey Farm Bridge – alterations to parapets – rail line electrification works Mr Dalby recommended Council approve the application	

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	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Dalby	<b>Seconded</b>	Mrs Kaposy	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously
	P14/S2694/P11	Reading Road bridge – alterations to parapets – rail line electrification works Mr Dalby recommended Council approve the application				
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Dalby	<b>Seconded</b>	Mrs Kaposy	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously
	P14/S3705/LB	Silly Bridge - alterations to parapets – rail line electrification works Mr Dalby recommended Council approve the application				
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	P14/S2846/FUL	Amendment No 1 - Land West of Reading Road – Solar voltaic facility. Mr Dalby explained that the amendments involved the environmental plan. He recommended Council approve the amendment.				
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Dalby	<b>Seconded</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously

<b>(b) To note planning decisions received.</b>						
	P14/S3294/HH	40 Wallingford Rd – 2 storey side and 1 storey link extension etc - <b>Granted</b>				
	P14/S3046/FUL	Flats 18-28 Gables Waterloo Close – replacement windows - <b>Withdrawn</b>				
	P14/S3183/HH	Oakwood House Winterbrook – garage with accommodation over – <b>Withdrawn</b>				

<b>226</b>	<b>Finance</b>					
<b>(a)</b>	<b>To approve accounts for payment</b>					
	The accounts were approved for payment					
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Seconded</b>	Mr Madeley	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously

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

<b>227</b>	<b>To consider and agree the recommendations of the Finance Group for Council charges for 2015/16.</b>					<b>Action</b>
	Mr Madeley reported that the Finance Group had discussed Council charges at their meeting on 3 <sup>rd</sup> December. He advised that the Parish Office had done a benchmarking exercise with other local parish councils and the findings had shown that Cholsey's charges were roughly in line, neither the cheapest nor the most expensive of those researched. Therefore the Finance Group's recommendation was that the charges for the burial ground and recreation ground should remain the same for 2015-16, the exception being the charges for the street vendors which the group recommended be increased by 2.5%.					
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Madeley	<b>Seconded</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously

<b>228</b>	<b>To agree to sell the Winterbrook notice board to Wallingford Town Council for £300</b>					<b>Action</b>
	Mr Gray reported that Wallingford Town Council had agreed to purchase the Winterbrook Notice Board for £300. Mr Gray advised that the "Cholsey Parish Council" plaque will be removed and reused elsewhere in the village. Mrs Bolt proposed Council accept the offer from Wallingford Town Council.					
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mrs Bolt	<b>Seconded</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously

<b>229</b>	<b>To receive Mr Gray's report from the Didcot and district NAG meeting</b>					<b>Action</b>
	Mr Gray advised that he attended a meeting of Didcot and District NAG on 6 <sup>th</sup> December. The agenda included reports from a number of relevant bodies of interest to Cholsey. Unfortunately none of the bodies were there to make their reports. Thames Valley Police were represented and Mr Gray raised the issue of car parking, however, no interest was shown by the TVP representative in the subject. Mr Gray suggested that it might be more appropriate for Council to try and become involved in Wallingford NAG, although the village officially falls within the Didcot area NAG.					

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230	To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices	Action
	<p>Council reviewed the following correspondence:</p> <p><b>1. LETTERS (including e-mails)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Thank you from Sue Ryder for donation</li> <li>(ii) Town and Village Infrastructure Funding to continue in 2015/16</li> <li>(iii) Email from Oxfordshire Rural Community Council re various issues</li> <li>(iv) Email from J Alden (Linden Homes) ref allotments etc</li> </ul> <p>Mr Gray advised that Linden had provided a copy of the plan for the Fair Mile allotments. This proposed the provision of 16 small, 8 medium, and 24 large allotments. In response to Council's original request for a community garden (a shared area which a number of people would undertake to cultivate and then share the produce), Linden Homes suggested that an area equivalent to 8 large plots be set aside for a community garden. The proposals also included plans to erect a central common-use shed on the allotments. After discussion Council agreed that the shed should be removed from the plans due to concerns over possible vandalism and misuse and ongoing problem of maintenance and repairs which would fall on the Parish. Council felt that in line with current practice elsewhere in the parish, allotment holders would put their own sheds on their plots. Mr Gray volunteered to progress discussions with Linden regarding the community garden and central shed. Members requested that pressure be put on Linden to complete the work as soon as possible so that allotments can be made available to residents.</p> <p><b>2. REPORTS, PLANS &amp; STRATEGIES</b> No correspondence received</p> <p><b>3. NOTICES, POSTERS and FLYERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Big Plan – OCC Learning Disability Strategy – notice of meetings</li> </ul> <p><b>4. MAGAZINES and NEWSLETTERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Neighbourhood Policing – Dec Update</li> <li>(ii) Rural Services Network – Hinterland Bulletin</li> <li>(iii) Carers Oxfordshire Annual review</li> <li>(iv) Rural Services Network – Rural Housing decision</li> </ul>	AP14/200

231	To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair	Action
	<p><b>Transport Group</b> - Mr Gray reported that the Transport Group are pressing on with the Community Transport Plan. The intention is to apply for a community minibus via the Government's recent scheme and to that end a business plan is currently being drawn up. Cholsey Primary School have indicated that they will be willing to provide some funding if it can be used to provide transport to school for pupils particularly those from Moulsoford and Fair Mile. Parents of pupils attending the school from Moulsoford have been canvassed and almost all indicated that they would use the minibus service were it to be provided.</p> <p><b>Community Information Network</b> - Mr Gray reported that he had spoken to Age UK about Council's plan to employ an Elderly Persons Worker and they had agreed to supervise their work.</p> <p><b>Fair Mile Bus Stop</b> – Mr Gray advised that there had been various problems with the current location of the bus stop and that he had accompanied David Bellchamber from Highways on a visit to the site to try and find an alternative location. The suggestion from Highways is that the bus stop is moved out to main road with a path to link it to the Fair Mile site. A bus shelter will be provided which will need to be maintained by the parish. The bus will go in same direction each time, so a stop will only be required on the Fair Mile side of the road. Mrs Bolt voiced concerns that unless the community minibus project is successful there will be large numbers of children waiting by the very busy main road. Mr Gray suggested that the item be added to the agenda for January's meeting.</p> <p><b>Fair Mile</b> - Mr Gray reported on the meeting he had attended with Linden Homes:  <i>Business Contribution</i> - Jeremy Alden of Linden has confirmed that a business contribution will be provided by Linden Homes.  <i>Fair Mile Play Area</i> – The handover of the play area is to be put in train along with the s106 contribution to maintain the play area for the next 10 years.</p>	AP14/201

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	<p>Council need to ensure that the bark put down as a temporary surface is replaced with grass. Linden Homes are liaising directly with Home Front over the recent damage and the repairs needed.</p> <p><i>Allotments</i> – this topic was discussed earlier in the meeting under item 230</p> <p><i>Reading Rd Cycle/Footpath</i> and crossing – this is being delayed by discussions over the requirement for lighting. Once this has been resolved the plans need technical approval and a S278 agreement needs to be put in place before work can start. Once everything is in place Linden estimate that work will take around 4 weeks.</p> <p><i>Ferry Lane</i> – the condition of the Ferry Lane road surface was raised and a request made to Linden for remedial work to be undertaken. Mr Gray advised that he has since received an email from Linden to the effect that this is not their responsibility.</p> <p><i>Buchanan Plan for the village centre</i> – Mr Gray advised that he asked Linden for a copy of this plan, with a view to using it as the basis for a new plan for providing additional parking in the centre of the village. Mrs Bolt advised that she may have a copy and will undertake to check.</p> <p><i>Lime Walk</i> – Linden Homes advised their only role was to facilitate transfer of the grazing meadows from the HCA to BBOWT. They provided the contact details for the relevant person at the HCA. Mr Gray undertook to get in touch with them to raise Council’s concerns.</p> <p><i>Linden Development Proposals</i> – Mr Gray advised that at the end of the meeting Linden had wanted to discuss their plans for a development of 65 houses on the site off Celsea Place. Mr Gray had advised them that Council are working with SODC using the original site allocations plan and would not be entering into discussions with individual developers.</p> <p>Station Road Development – Mr Gray reported that in response to requests from residents he had asked planning officers to make a site visit to the bungalow currently being built on the plot behind Station Rd. The officer attending had advised that the building is in line with the permission granted.</p>	<p><b>AP14/202</b></p> <p><b>AP14/203</b></p>

<b>232.</b>	<b>To receive Councillors’ Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Mrs Kaposy asked for the latest news on the local gravel extraction plans. Mr Gray advised that CAGE have met and intend to join forces with other anti-gravel groups in the area, to speak out with one voice against the need to increase the amount of gravel planned for extraction and therefore for new extraction sites to be developed.</p> <p>Mrs Bolt advised that the Bulls Hole Bridge handrail is wobbly at one end and asked if the maintenance person could investigate and repair.</p> <p>Mr Jenkins advised that the road under railway bridge is flooded and requested that warning signs be put out.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the title deeds for the burial ground extension had now been received from the land registry. Mrs Bolt asked that the Estate Manager be thanked for her perseverance and work on this issue.</p>	<p><b>AP14/204</b></p> <p><b>AP14/205</b></p>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30