

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES

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

<b>41</b>	<b>To hear questions or comments from members of the public (max 15mins)</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Mr Sheldon reported overgrown hedges at various locations around the village. The Estate Manager will be asked to contact the relevant residents where necessary.	<b>AP15/089</b>

<b>42</b>	<b>To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items</b>
	None

<b>43</b>	<b>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015</b>					
	Mr Rowlands advised that it had been Mr Jenkins not herself who had requested an update on the "Missing Link" in item 40 Having noted the above amendment the minutes were approved as a true record.					
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Seconded</b>	A Rowlands	<b>Carried</b>	With 2 abstentions

<b>44</b>	<b>To report matters arising</b>	
	<b>(a) from the minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015</b>	
	Item 35	Mrs Rowlands reported that the defibrillator and cabinets have arrived. Mr Gray advised that he has made initial contact with Tesco about mounting one defibrillator on their wall and the Estate Manager has started work to adopt the phone box on Papist way to house the second defibrillator.
	Item 36	Mr Gray advised that he has scheduled a meeting with the residents who are to plant a community woodland.
	Item 32	Mr Gray advised that a promising application has been received for the Youth Worker role.

<b>(b)</b>	<b>from the action point register</b>	
	14/184	Mr Gray advised that the update will be in the next edition of the Forty magazine
	14/190	Mr Gray advised that he has reported the water leak damage.
	15/005	Mr Gray reported that he has contacted SODC regarding using Fair Mile S106 money elsewhere in the village but they have told him this is not possible.
	15/011	The "Farm" entrance to Fair Mile will have illumination. The Office is investigating putting reflectors on wall either side of the main entrance.
	15/021	The SOHA technical officer has contacted the Office regarding lighting on Scraggs Alley
	15/026	Helen Jiggins advised that she has contacted the Cricket Club regarding the parish notice board for Fair Mile – they have agreed to have the notice board fixed to side of cricket pavilion
	15/061	Mr Gray advised that he has set-up a meeting on Friday the 19 <sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed wild flower area on the Forty.
	15/070	Mr Gray advised that he has followed this up with OCC Highways.
	15/071	OCC Highways have advised that there is no funding available for new boundary signs.
	15/074	PCSO Sue Harris is to attend the allotments to provide advice and mark equipment during HortSoc store opening hours (10am-12) on a Saturday to be agreed – she has yet to confirm the date.
	15/079	The Clerk has responded to the resident involved but needs to check the situation with BT regarding the phone should the kiosk be adopted.
	15/082	When the new timetable is implemented in July all buses will use the new stop on Reading Rd. Currently single deckers are going into the site but on occasions when a double decker is used, due to restricted access the stop on Reading Rd is being used.
	15/083	The school bus is stopping at the Reading Rd bus stop so that schoolchildren don't need to cross the road. However, children are then going to the shop on Papist Way.
	15/086	The additional litter pick has been done by Biffa.
	15/087	Mr Gray reported that he has been advised that work will begin on the "Missing Link" in July.

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<b>45</b>	<b>Planning</b>					
<b>(b)</b>	<b>To consider Planning Applications as at 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015:</b>					
	P15/S1714/HH	6 Willow Close – erection of a single storey garden room. Mr Jenkins explained the application to councillors. After discussion Mr Jenkins proposed the application be <b>approved</b> .				
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Jenkins	<b>Seconded</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously
	P15/1782/HH	13 Abbots Mead – conversion of existing garage into accommodation. Mr Jenkins advised that although in the past Council have opposed such applications permission has still been granted by SODC and there are now a number of such conversions in the village. No objections have been received from neighbours. After discussion Mr Jenkins proposed Council <b>approve</b> the application.				
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Jenkins	<b>Seconded</b>	Mrs Dyer-Lynch	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously
<b>(b)</b>	<b>To note planning decisions received.</b>					
	P15/S1190/HH	40 Wallingford Rd – <b>Granted</b>				
	P15/S1047/FUL	Rowlands Pharmacy - <b>Granted</b>				
	P15/S1413/HH	39 Papist Way - <b>Granted</b>				
	Mr Jenkins advised that the planning appeal regarding application P14/S1596/FUL Meadow Farm had been dismissed.					
<b>46</b>	<b>Finance</b>					
<b>(a)</b>	<b>To approve accounts for payment</b>					
	The accounts were reviewed and approved for payment. Mr Gray advised that a figure has been agreed with Pinelog for full and final settlement for the Pavilion build. An amount will be retained by Council to fix the problems with the overflow car park surface.					
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Seconded</b>	Mrs Rowlands	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously
<b>(b)</b>	<b>To note payments received</b>					
	Noted.					
<b>47</b>	<b>To agree to send a letter to SODC regarding the criteria agreed by Council to be adopted by planning when considering sites for development.</b>					
	After discussion regarding the wording of the letter and possible inclusion of comment regarding infrastructure at Fair Mile/Cholsey Meadows, Mr Gray proposed the letter should be sent.					
	<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Seconded</b>	Mrs Dyer-Lynch	<b>Carried</b>	With 2 abstentions
<b>48</b>	<b>To discuss quotations for the work to rectify the problems with the Pavilion car park surface.</b>					
	This item was deferred to the next meeting as not all quotes had been received.					
<b>49</b>	<b>To agree a response to SOHA's Scrutiny Group questionnaire regarding social housing</b>					
	Council discussed their responses and concluded: Council would like to see more social housing being built. In relation to questions regarding government policy Q3 a) Extending right to buy to housing association tenants. Council believe that removing housing stock is short sighted. Q3 b) Reduction in benefits cap to 23,000. Council believe that a cap is not inherently a bad idea however it should be regionally based. Q3 c) Abolition of housing benefit for 18-21 year old. Council believe this will particularly hit vulnerable adults especially those that do not have the support of their families. Q4. Council hopes that SOHA will continue to drive the building of more social housing. They believe the Bedroom tax is invidious and councillors have experience locally of people who have had to move house because of it. Council felt that the survey was weighted to get the answers SOHA want.					

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50	<b>To agree a donation to CAGE to support the preparation of a submission to the Enquiry in Public.</b>				
	<p>Mr Gray explained that CAGE are cooperating with all the local anti gravel extraction groups who are challenging SODC's decision to raise the amount of gravel required over the next 15 years. The donation would be Cholsey's contribution the cost of a barrister to act on behalf of CAGE and the other groups.</p> <p>Mr Gray also asked for a mandate to talk to CAGE on Council's behalf with ability to donate up to £1,000 for this specific use.</p>				
<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Seconded</b>	Helen Jiggins	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously

51	<b>To consider requesting a lower speed limit on Wallingford Rd.</b>				<b>Action</b>
	<p>In response to the fatality on 4<sup>th</sup> June on Wallingford Rd Council discussed lowering the speed limit on the Wallingford side of Caps Lane. After discussion Mr Jenkins proposed Council write to OCC Highways requesting a reduction from the current national speed limit to 50 mph.</p> <p>Mr Gray advised that work should be starting on the cycle path in October. As part of the work a small build out will be created on the road to try and reduce the speed of vehicles coming into village. There will be a gap in the build out for cyclist to go through.</p>				<b>AP15/090</b>
<b>Proposed</b>	Mr Jenkins	<b>Seconded</b>	Mr Gray	<b>Carried</b>	unanimously

52	<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) Invite to Wallingford School Founders Day 25<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>(ii) CPRE Membership Renewal Mr Gray proposed Council renew it's membership. Seconded Mr Curtis and carried unanimously.</p> <p>(iii) HortSoc – Request to put up sign on Station Rd allotments The Clerk was asked to add this to the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.</p> <p>(iv) Email from resident re: phone box on Forty and Tesco signage Mr Gray undertook to raise the Tesco signage issue via the District Council.</p> <p>(v) ORCC – Data for Communities questionnaire Council decided to ask Mr Jiggins to take a look at the questionnaire with support from Mrs Bolt</p> <p><b>2. REPORTS, PLANS &amp; STRATEGIES</b></p> <p>(i) Pavilion Trust Minutes – 24<sup>th</sup> March</p> <p>(ii) Internal auditors summary Mr Gray noted that no caveats had been made by the auditor.</p> <p><b>3. NOTICES, POSTERS and FLYERS</b></p> <p>(i) CPRE – Free community energy workshop London</p> <p>(ii) ORCC – Free Community-led planning workshop Mr Gray noted that the workshop was similar to one to be run by SODC in September</p> <p><b>4. MAGAZINES and NEWSLETTERS</b></p> <p>Thames Guardian magazine</p>				<b>AP15/091</b>

53	<b>To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair</b>				
	<p>Mrs Woolaston is in great need of additional drivers for the Community Car Scheme. Although the scheme still has a good number of volunteers usage has increased. Mr Gray asked councillors to approach anyone they knew who might be a possible volunteer.</p> <p>The Youth Worker post has been advertised on the OCC website and there has been one promising applicant so far.</p> <p>Waitrose's Community Benefit token scheme is currently featuring Action in the Park. The two weeks of activities are now largely planned. As well as many of last years activities there will be Zorbing balls and a mini festival. Wallingford Childrens Centre has had a good report from it's recent Ofsted inspection.</p> <p>The residents meeting regarding the crossing issues on Reading Road was only attended by four residents. A follow up meeting arranged by Mr Gray with the senior highways engineer was disappointingly only attended by one resident. The highways engineer was of the opinion that siting a crossing on Reading road close to Fair Mile would be dangerous and suggested that the use of additional signage should be investigated to help in the short-term. On his advice costs of 30 mph repeater signs and pedestrian warning signs have been investigated and could be purchased at a total of around £450. The Police have been asked to do more speed checks in the area, and erection of gateways will be revisited with Linden Homes. The school crossing patrol service has advised that they believe it would be too dangerous to put a Lollipop person on the road. Mr Gray advised that he has</p>				

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also asked Anthony Kirkwood the senior road safety officer to visit the site with a view to what might be done.

<b>54</b>	<b>To receive Councillors' Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda</b>	
	<p>Mr Curtis reported that in relation to the previous item he has experienced overtaking on build-outs on Reading Rd. Mr Gray advised that the highways engineer had been of the opinion that they had not been built out far enough.</p> <p>Mr Curtis felt that Council should increase its social media presence. He was asked to bring some suggestions to Council about what could be done.</p> <p>Mrs Ivereigh reported a hole in pavement on way to station, she will report it via "Fix My Street"</p> <p>Mrs Dyer-Lynch reported on the local Travel and Transport group meeting. All subsidised services will be subject to cuts and Dial a Ride may finish. Consultation papers on the proposals are to be sent out this week. There will be public meetings about the cuts one of which will be in Didcot and the proposals are to go before OCC in September. Mrs Dyer-Lynch explained that school buses and concessionary passes cannot be cut as they are statutory services. Some villages have joined together to pay the subsidy required to keep their local buses. Councils are being asked to work with local schools to share minibuses and a one-off £1,000 payment will be available for Councils to provide their own minibus. Mrs Dyer-Lynch asked all councillors to look on line and respond to the consultation.</p> <p>Mrs Bolt reported that the four places funded by Council on CHIPs have been filled. Around 90 children have enrolled for the scheme. There is to be a tea party concert at Cholsey Primary on Friday.</p> <p>Mr Jenkins requested the Estate Manager contact Charlton Environmental to do a second weed-spray around the village. He advised that the finger post at the corner of Honey Lane has been moved and asked that the Maintenance Person be asked to adjust it.</p> <p>Mrs Hamlyn spoke about how perseverance by Council had resulted in many positive improvements including the traffic lights on Church Road bridge and the cycle racks outside Tesco.</p> <p>Mrs Rowlands advised Council that there is to be a Cholsey authors day on 6<sup>th</sup> September in the afternoon at the Pavilion.</p> <p>Helen Jiggins advised that she has been contacted by a resident regarding the misspelling of the sign for Nicholls Close on Fair Mile. The Clerk was asked to contact SODC.</p> <p>Cholsey Amateur Dramatic Society will be holding their premier performance on Friday at the Great Hall. Local support would be appreciated.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>AP15/093</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AP15/094</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AP15/095</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AP15/096</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AP15/097</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>AP15/098</b></p>

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.