

## CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Cholsey Parish Council held on Wednesday 18 June at 7.30pm in The Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey, Oxfordshire.

**Chair:** Mr M Gray

**Present:** Mrs V Bolt, Mrs A Rowlands, Helen Jiggins, Mrs M Kaposy, Mrs M Dyer-Lynch, Mr P Jenkins, Mrs Hamlyn,

**Apologies:** Mr Dalby, Mr J Butler, Mr M Madeley, Mr P Ramsay

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

Mr Wilson spoke about his planning application P14/S1597/FUL – Land at Caps Lane due to be considered by Council later in the meeting. He stressed that the application falls within central and local planning policy and that a lot of issues raised by residents don't relate to planning regulations. He stated that residents and general users of Caps Lane had been considered when producing the application and business plans.

### 59 To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items

Mrs Kaposy declared a prejudicial interest in Item 8 planning application P14/S1597/FUL – Land at Caps Lane.

### 60 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Mr Gray proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded Helen Jiggins, **carried** with 1 abstention.

### 61 To report Matters arising

#### (a) from the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Item 44 (i) Mrs Rowlands reported that work has started under West End bridge but is not yet complete – she will continue to monitor.

Item 44 (ii) Mr Gray advised that he had been informed that SODC are now recommending that Winterbrook become part of Wallingford. Mr Gray requested that Council organise a show of strength at the meeting at which this is to be decided.

Item 44(v) Jacob Dearman the new Youth Worker has settled in well and in addition to his other work should be able to deliver a full range of activities for the 2 week Summer Play Scheme.

Item 47 Mr Gray reported that he had spoken with Mr Anderson regarding the 7 year lease restriction for the disused allotment land. It is not yet known whether this will prove a stumbling block to leasing the land. He has also spoken to Mr Anderson about a Community benefit for Cholsey from the development.

Item 50 Mr Gray reported that he has written to Highways about a 20 m.p.h speed limit for Ilges Lane. He is also investigating the possibility of obtaining a triangular speed limit sign as used around road works for the lane.

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

14/079 – Cholsey Post Office changes – Mr Gray advised that he has been in touch with Laura Tarling PO liaison officer, to raise concerns arising from the move of the PO within Tesco, one such being the siting of the counter next to the door when one of the issues raised by residents, during the consultation, had been security.

14/083 – Mrs Dyer-Lynch advised that she had been in touch with her contacts within Winterbrook and unfortunately due to various personal circumstances none had been able to provide a venue for a Council meeting. In light of the current uncertainty surrounding Winterbrook it was decided not to pursue this item further at the current time.

14/038 – Mr Gray advised that Mr Wheeler at the Day Centre is now dealing with the provision of transport with OCC.

### 62 Planning

#### (a) To consider Planning Applications as at 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014:

**P14/S1596/FUL – Meadow Farm, Reading Rd, Cholsey – erection of an agricultural barn and siting of an agricultural workers' mobile home** – Mr Jenkins briefed Council on the application. He advised that the business plan is well put together and provides a considerable amount of information. The applicant is a local business of 10 years standing wishing to grow the business. The mobile home is to be temporary only. No objections have been received from neighbours. Mr Jenkins recommended Council approve the application, seconded Mrs Hamlyn, **carried** unanimously.

#### **P14/S1597/FUL – Land at Caps Lane, Cholsey- erection of 2 agricultural buildings, associated hardstanding and track, amended highway access and erection of a permanent log cabin for agricultural workers.**

Mrs Kaposy briefed Council from a residents perspective on the application which borders her garden. She explained that residents fear that the figures in the business plan are misleading and that the development will grow into a large commercial operation not the small local business described by the planning application. In addition residents are concerned about access to the site which is planned to be on a very difficult bend on Caps Lane.

Mrs Kaposy then left the meeting while the application was discussed and voted on by Council.

Members reviewed and discussed the plans. Mr Gray reported on a residents meeting he had attended with all neighbours affected by the proposals.

The objections listed by neighbours included:

Severe underestimation of the number of vehicle movements, the business plan shows 100 traffic movements a week, advice based on calculations made using the operating figures elsewhere in the business plan suggests that these could be 3 times higher.

Loss of amenity – Caps Lane is currently a quiet county lane and forms part a well used circular walk enjoyed by residents. Should the proposal with its associated vehicle movements go ahead walking on the lane is likely to become hazardous and unpleasant.

Noise, smell etc – Operations described indicate that there it is likely that large amounts of noise, dust, odour will be generated negatively affecting the residents who live nearby.

Council noted that the plans also contravene its policy of limiting building to the existing village “envelope”. They concluded that although keen to encourage local businesses this particular application is in the wrong place.

Mr Gray proposed Council refuse the application, seconded Mrs Dyer-Lynch, **carried** unanimously.

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

**P14/S1285/FUL Solar panels on school - Granted**

**63 Finance**

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

Mr Gray proposed acceptance of the accounts for payment, seconded Mrs Rowlands **carried** unanimously.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT 18 JUN 2014

|                          |  |        |                  |
|--------------------------|--|--------|------------------|
| Petty Cash               | Top up                                   | 205057 | £40.00           |
| GLS Educational Supplies | Office Stationery                        | 205058 | £16.73           |
| Grundons                 | Churchyard Waste                         | 205059 | £42.62           |
| Scion Estates            | Churchyard grass cut - 13th & 28th May   | 205060 | £604.18          |
|                          |  | 205061 | -                |
| Salaries                 | June Salaries x 5                        | 205065 | £3,095.43        |
| Mark Gray                | Printer Cartridge for Office re-imbursed | 205066 | 46.31            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             |  |        | <b>£3,845.27</b> |

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

|                           |                             |      |                |
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| D Popa                    | Vendor Fee - June           | 4760 | £40.00         |
| Chadwick Funeral Services | Burial Fee                  | 4761 | £73.00         |
| Resident                  | Burial Plot Reservation Fee | 4762 | £299.00        |
| Masons Fun Fair           | Ground Rent for use of Rec' | 4763 | £250.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              |                             |      | <b>£662.00</b> |

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| Current Account Balance to date |  | £75,799.10 |
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NEW PARISH HALL ACCOUNT

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| New Parish Hall Account Balance to date |  | £39,802.51 |
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**(b) To note payments received**

Noted.

**64 To discuss a proposal from the Youth Club regarding payment of the Youth Worker.**

Mrs Ramsay explained the proposal on behalf of the Youth Club. Although Council now employ and fully fund the Youth Worker the Youth Club proposed that the Parish Council continue to pay the Club an amount of money as in previously years and then the Parish Clerk invoice for the Youth Workers time. The reasoning behind the proposal being that the Club would like to obtain charitable status and to do this require an income of £5,000 per year.

Members expressed the opinion that the Youth Club should further explore grants which are available without charitable status. After discussion Mr Gray proposed that for the current year that Council continue to fund the Youth Worker directly, seconded Mrs Bolt, **carried** unanimously.

Mr Gray expressed his thanks on behalf of members for all Mrs Ramsay's work with the Youth Club.

**65 To consider a request from Cholsey Beaver Scout Group for a donation for tree planting.**

This item was deferred to the next meeting, pending further details from the Beaver Scout Group.

**66 To discuss recent "sightings" of police officers/PCSOs in the Parish.**

Council discussed visits by PCSOs to the village. Mr Gray advised that two PCSOs, that he met when they were patrolling Mason's Funfair, will be meeting with himself and the Clerk this coming Friday.

Council resolved to revisit the situation in a month. **AP14/109**

**67 To consider a request from The Treehouse School for an Abba Tribute Band, using the marquee hired by the Hort. Society following their event on the 9<sup>th</sup> August.**

Mr Gray reported that he had spoken to SODC about the proposal and in principal they had no objections.

Mrs Hamlyn proposed Council agree the request, seconded Mrs Rowlands, **carried** unanimously.

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

1(i) Email from SODC Planning re:

Consultation on Local Plan – stage 1 – Mr Gray requested that Councillors read the leaflet supplied and comment online on the various proposals. He explained that SODC are creating a core housing strategy to prevent local housing development become a free-for-all for developers.

Invitation to Local Plan briefing session Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Mrs Bolt and Helen Jiggins agreed to attend on behalf of Council.

Consultation on Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report – Mr Gray and the Clerk will respond. **AP14/110**

1(ii) OALC Training Events – The Clerk will send details regarding courses for new councillors to Helen Jiggins. Mr Madeley and Mr Ramsay. **AP14/111**

1(v) Email from resident regarding crossing on Reading Road – Helen Jiggins updated Council on this issue which is the subject of much discussion on Wallingford Piper and Cholsey Village Facebook pages After discussion Council felt that residents needed to be made aware of the work already done regarding the provision of crossings for the village. Mr Gray agreed to update his blog with background about the issue. Mr Gray also volunteered to meet with concerned residents. **AP14/112**

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

Mr Gray reported that Network Rail were still on course to finish the work on Fulscot Bridge by 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

The recent flooding and failure of the sewage pump behind the Red Lion had been responded to promptly by Thames Water. However, the concern was that it had happened in the first place. Mr Gray hopes to have a meeting with Thames Water to discuss the ongoing and potential future problems of the village drainage systems, with the held and support of two residents who have expertise in the area.

Masons Fair had been well attended and positive feedback received from both residents and the Fair owners who hope to visit Cholsey again next year.

The copy of the Parish Council Meeting minutes formerly made available for residents in the Post Office will now be available in the Library.

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

Mrs Dyer-Lynch reported that the art work for the Agatha Christie trail signs will be going for production next week. There is to be a general launch of the trail on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs Bolt reminded Council about the Big Lunch at Cholsey Meadows on 28<sup>th</sup> June. She asked for the Cholsey Development Trust report to be added to next meeting's agenda. Mrs Bolt advised that there is a site pre-application meeting scheduled for conversion of the old Fair Mile chapel to 3 residential units.

Helen Jiggins reported that she had heard that Play Area at Cholsey Meadows is to be completed on 31<sup>st</sup> July. Mr Gray said he would ask his contacts to confirm if this is the case as he would have expected to be informed.

**AP14/113**

Mrs Hamlyn asked about the progress made by Slades solicitors regarding the Title deeds for the new burial ground. The Clerk advised that the work is due for completion at end June.

Mrs Kaposy requested that a copy of the quarterly allotment report be supplied to CAPA . The Clerk advised that these figures will be available at the end of June and that full quarterly figures showing Councils financial position to date against budget for all accounts will be provided at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:15pm

*Date of next meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at the Pavilion, Station Road.*