

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Meeting	Wednesday 19 th November at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey.
Chair	Mr M Gray
Attendees	Mrs M Dyer-Lynch, Mrs M Kaposy, Mrs V Bolt, Mr A Dalby, Helen Jiggins
Apologies	Mr P Jenkins, Mr J Butler, Mr P Ramsay, Mrs A Rowlands, Mrs L Hamlyn, Mr M Madeley

190	To hear questions or comments from members of the public (max 15mins)	Action
	Mr Sheldon spoke about the setting of the allotment rents and noted the current allotment expenditure is less than the total rental paid by allotment holders, therefore Council should be considering reducing the allotment rents.	

191	To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items	Action
	As allotment holders Mr Gray and Mrs Bolt declared a prejudicial interest in item 200.	

192	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2014					Action
	The minutes of the meeting of 5 th November were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Bolt	Carried	unanimously

193	To report matters arising					Action
(a)	from the minutes of 5th November 2014					
	Item 177	SODC's new leader John Cotton has taken on particular responsibility for the Wallingford area, which encompasses Cholsey. Mr Gray suggested that Council should invite him to a meeting.				AP14/191
	Item 180	Mr Gray reported that additional quotes had been obtained for the defibrillator which may mean that we can buy it for less than was originally envisaged.				
	Item 187	Mr Gray reported that he had attended the Town and Parish Forum, one of the items discussed was civil parking enforcement which seems to have stalled, partly because Cherwell District Council don't want to take it on and also because SODC and Vale District Council are concerned about the amount of money that they will need to pay for legal work to regularizing existing parking restrictions.				
	Item 189	Mrs Dyer-Lynch reported that the work to clear the gutters on Wallingford Rd previously considered complete had in fact only been partially completed. She undertook to monitor the situation and report back if it remained unfinished.				AP14/192
(a)	from the Action Point register					
	14/020	Mr Gray reported that this does not seem to be an issue currently.				
	14/097	Mr Gray reported that Highways would not be putting a speed bump in Ilges Lane. He advised that Larkmead vets are still actively passing the message regarding speeding on to their clients.				
	14/128	Mrs Kaposy voiced her concerns about the lack of dredging of ditches and watercourses. Mr Gray advised that he is attending a meeting with farmers and environment agency next week and will report back to Council.				
	14/160	Mr Gray advised that he has organized a parking consultation meeting and advertised it via posters and the Forty magazine as well as sending emails to the affected residents.				
	14/163	Mr Gray reported that Jeremy Alden had cancelled the scheduled meeting. He has not yet been contacted by Lindens with revised dates..				

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194	Planning					
(a)	To consider Planning Applications as at 2014:					
	P14/S3402/HH	7 Rowland Rd – Side extension to existing house. Mr Dalby advised that this is a two bedroom house which is to be extended to make a four bedroom property. In view of the size of the plot, that the proposal is in keeping with the neighbourhood and that no comments had been received from neighbours Mr Dalby recommended Council approve the application.				
	Proposed	Mr Dalby	Seconded	Mr Gray	Carried	unanimously
	Mr Dalby advised that he had received notification of a certificate of lawful development for placing of a static caravan in the garden of a property on Ilges Labe.					

(b)	To note planning decisions received.					
	P14/S2970/HH	25 West End – double storey side extension - Granted				
	P14/S2879/HH	49 West End – oak frame garden room - Granted				

195	Finance					
(a)	To approve accounts for payment					
	The accounts were approved for payment					
	Proposed	Mrs Bolt	Seconded	Mr Dalby	Carried	With 1 abstention

(b)	To note payments received					
	Noted					

196	To consider and agree a response to the Community Infrastructure Levy draft charging schedule proposed by SODC.					Action
	After discussion Mr Gray proposed a response to SODC to state that although Council generally support the proposals as a way of dealing with the shortage of infrastructure, members question: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the need for a cap - and why the cap is related to the number of houses in receipt of Council Tax Benefit when infrastructure is required to support all residents. Mr Gray and the Clerk will respond to SODC.					AP14/193
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Dalby	Carried	Unanimously

197	To consider and agree a request for S137 donation from Sue Ryder.					Action
	After discussion Mr Gray suggested Council donate £100.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Kaposy	Carried	Unanimously

198	To consider a request from a resident to construct a wooden platform in the wildflower meadow.					Action
	As Mr Hobbs who looks after the wildflower meadow was in the audience he was asked by Council to give his thoughts on the proposal. Mr Hobbs said he was broadly neutral on the proposal, although it would mean that Council would need to put a gate into the wildflower meadow for access as it is currently just cordoned off using wire netting. Mr Gray advised that he had spoken to Mrs Haigh, Cholsey Primary Head who had felt that it would be little used as the school already have an outdoor classroom. After discussions around possible issues with safety, insurance and vandalism which has been a recurring problem with the hide built in the nature reserve, Mr Gray proposed Council decline the					

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	request.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Dyer-Lynch	Carried	Unanimously

199	To consider the future of CPC's Winterbrook notice board.					Action
	After discussion Council decided that Wallingford should be approached and asked if they would like to purchase the board at its original price £400. In the event that Wallingford decline then the board should be moved back to the village and reused.					AP14/194

200	To set the allotment rents for 2016 and to agree a change to the procedure of re-issuing allotment agreements in the event of a change in charges.					Action
	Council reviewed the rates obtained from other parishes by the Estate Manager. Mr Gray advised that Council had not put the rate up for 2015. After discussion the general consensus was that there should be no increase in rents for 2016.					
	Proposed	Mrs Kaposy	Seconded	Mr Dalby	Carried	with 2 abstentions
	Council discussed the proposed change to the administrative procedure relating to allotments, whereby allotment agreements will no longer be re-issued when there is change in charges. Instead allotment holders will be requested to append the letter informing them of the change to their allotment agreement.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Bolt	Carried	Unanimously

201	To set a date for the budget meeting.					Action
	Mr Gray reported that SODC had advised that Cholsey's tax base has gone down by 1.9 households. Mr Gray proposed Council discuss the budget at the meeting of Wed 3 rd December, with the budget being formally agreed at the Council's meeting of Wed 17 th December after the figures for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme support grant have been received from SODC.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Bolt	Carried	Unanimously

202	To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices					Action
	1(i) Response to Bus Services Review. A response had been received from OCC regarding the comments on their bus services review. Although Cholsey is not impacted, Moulsoford is in danger of losing its only bus service. 1(iii) Response from David Buckle re: request for transition relief for loss of Winterbrook. Mr Gray suggested this is raised at the proposed meeting with John Cotton.					

203	To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair					Action
	<p>Mr Gray reported that along with other members of the community he had attended the Remembrance Day service.</p> <p>Mr Gray reported on a meeting he had with the head of Cholsey Primary School where they had discussed extending the homework club to one or two of the primary school children and Parish Council plans to advertise for a joint lollipop and road-sweeper person. Mrs Haigh also confirmed that the school is not full and is able to accommodate all children in the school's catchment area.</p> <p>The Parish Transport group had met. A member of Oxford Rural Community Council had attended the meeting to talk about providing community transport in the village. Money may be available from Oxfordshire County Council for the provision of such a service and Cholsey Primary school had indicated that they would provide some finance. A sub group is to meet to put a business plan together.</p> <p>The Youth Club's Table Top sale raised around £400, they are considering making it a regular event possibly on Saturday after the tea-shop.</p> <p>Mr Gray will be meeting with David Bellchamber of OCC to review sites for the bus shelter at Fair Mile.</p>					

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204	To receive Councillors' Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda	Action
	<p>Helen Jiggins reported that the pot holes at Celsea Place are deteriorating further. Mr Gray has reported the problems to OCC Highways and suggested they resurface the road. Helen Jiggins agreed to report the situation on the "Fix My Street" website. Helen Jiggins advised Council that the temporary cap over the hole on Newlands Way has almost disintegrated. Mr Gray agreed to raise this with Jeremy Alden when he meets. In addition Mrs Bolt will supply a name at Pentland for the Clerk to contact about the same issue.</p> <p>Mrs Bolt reported that Jeremy Alden of Linden Homes may be returning to the CCDT board. Linden are still scheduled to leave the Fair Mile site by the end of the year and according to OCC work on the crossing and cycle path on Reading Rd is due to start before Christmas.</p> <p>The joint CCDT, 1000+ and Cricket Club fireworks and bonfire event held at Fair Mile was a success and the intention is to run the event again next year.</p>	<p>AP14/195</p> <p>AP14/196 AP14/197</p>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:35pm