

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd December at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey.
Chair	Mr M Gray
Attendees	Mr P Jenkins, Mr A Curtis, Mrs L Hamlyn, Mrs Dyer-Lynch, Mrs A Rowlands, Mr P Ramsay, Mrs M Kaposy, Mrs L Ivereigh, Mrs V Bolt
Apologies	Helen Jiggins, Paul Ramsay

177	To hear questions or comments from members of the public
	There were no questions or comments from any members of the public.

178	To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillors
	<p>District Councillors Report No report had been received from the District Councillors.</p> <p>County Councillor's Report Mr Gray reported that he and his fellow County Councillors had meet with Oxfordshires MPs to discuss the issues the County Council faces due to cuts in the money it receives from Central Government. Although the MPs had been very sympathetic there was not much they can do. In the latest round of cuts adult day centres and voluntary day centres are to lose their funding, this includes Cholsey Day Centre. Further to their public consultation OCC has decided to cut all bus subsidies, the effect should be less than feared as 91% of Oxfordshire's buses are not subsidized. OCC are looking at the possibility of a referendum to try and get agreement to increase Council tax by 10%. The 4% increase allowed by law is not enough to mitigate the effects of the loss of money from central government, and demand for services is up. OCC have brought together all dementia services under one umbrella - Oxfordshire Dementia - which is to be run by Age UK to provide an integrated dementia service across the county. Mr Gray advised that he is still working with children's centres across the county to look at how they can access funding. As the remaining centres will no longer be County Council run they should be able to apply for funding from sources that were previously not available to them such as Children in Need and the Esme Fairburn Trust.</p>

179	To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items
	There were no declarations of interest for any agenda items.

180	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2015						
	The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.						
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181	To report matters arising from the minutes of 4th November 2015	Action
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165	Defibrillator - Mr Lord from Tesco has said this will be going up very shortly. The bolts etc to attach the cabinet to the wall have arrived. Mrs Rowlands asked that if no progress has been made by Tesco by next meeting Council consider putting it up elsewhere.	
166	In future the minutes for the planning meetings will be sent out with the meeting packs for the full meeting and be ratified at the following full council meeting and then put on the website.	
168	Work is expected to start on the cycle path next Feb/March	
170	The tree planting took place on 28 th November. It was a successful day with a lot of people turning up to help plant the trees.	
173	Mrs Bolt asked the Office do something to make the posts around the newly grassed overflow car park more visible to drivers.	AP15/149
173	The new grass on the overflow car park area is growing well has been mown for the first time.	
175	A cheque has now been received from Southern Electric for the purchase of the portable emergency generators and water pump.	
175	Mr Gray reported that the Youth Worker and Older Persons Worker are working on a scheme to give those out of work confidence to get back in the workplace. The OPW hopes that some of those involved in the training might then chose to move into the caring profession	

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b)	from the action point register		Action
	15/093	Mr Curtis advised that he would report on this at the January meeting.	
	Other	Mr Rowlands asked if the BT kiosk had slipped off the action point list. The Clerk advised that the item had been taken off the list as it had been established that the kiosk could not be adopted because Council had decided it wished to retain the telephone for emergency use. The Clerk was asked to contact BT about replacing the grass.	AP15/150

182	Planning				
(a)	To consider Planning Applications as at 26th November 2015:				
	P15/S3421/FUL	68 Station Rd – Demolition of garage and replacement with single storey extension. Mr Jenkins gave an overview of the application to Council and reported that no comments had been received from neighbours. After review and discussion of the plans Mr Jenkins recommended Council approve the application.			
	Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mrs Bolt	Carried With 1 abstention
	P15/S2912/HH	22 Cross Rd – Ground floor side extension and first floor rear extension. Mr Jenkins gave an overview of the application to Council and reported that no comments had been received from neighbours. After review and discussion of the plans Mr Jenkins recommended Council approve the application.			
	Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mr Gray	Carried unanimously

(b)	To note planning decisions received.				
	P15/S3150/FUL - Meadow Farm, Reading Rd - Granted				

(c)	To agree a response to a consultation from OCC regarding revoking a prohibition of driving order on Old A329 Bow Bridge in relation to access to the Caps Lane chicken farm.				
	Mr Gray advised that OCC were consulting on a proposal to allow access to the chicken farm on Caps lane from Reading Rd. This should help residents of Caps Lane by creating a discrete access to the chicken farm. Concerns were raised about lines of sight for vehicles at the junction with Caps Lane and with problems with larger vehicles turning onto Caps Lane. After discussion Council decided to suggest warning signs on both Caps Lane and Bow Bridge for both cars and walkers/cyclists/joggers etc and to request a site visit by OCC.				
	Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mrs Bolt	Carried with 1 abstention

183	Finance				
(a)	To approve accounts for payment				
	The accounts were reviewed and approved for payment.				
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Ivereigh	Carried unanimously

(b)	Finance				
	To note payments received				
	Noted				

184	To agree to proceed with the proposed Cholsey Children's Centre				
	Mr Gray advised that the nascent Cholsey Children's Centre committee had met. They believe that proposed Children's Centre is viable and would like to push ahead. Geraldine Kelly of the committee had hoped to attend this meeting, but had been unable to do so and instead had written a letter to Council which was read out by Mrs Ivereigh who is also on the committee. The Pavilion Trust committee had been approached and had agreed that the Pavilion changing rooms can be used for the Centre. This would not mean the changing rooms were out of bounds the set up would be such that it could be cleared away if/when the changing rooms needed to be used. Mr Gray advised that the Library Committee had said they would like to support the Centre by running a weekly Rhyme Time session in the library. Mrs Bolt asked that the Children's Centre Committee look at including some regular outreach sessions at Cholsey Meadows. After further discussion Mr Gray proposed Council agree to proceed with Cholsey Children's Centre.				
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185	<p>To discuss a letter received from Andrew Petit vicar of St Mary's regarding the layout of the new burial ground.</p> <p>Mr Gray advised that Andrew Petit vicar of St Mary's had written to Council concerned that the plans for the new burial ground do not allow for all graves to face east in line with Christian tradition which he feels may cause distress and issues in the future. Mr Gray suggested that the Burial Ground Working Party be reconvened to look at what might be done and to include the vicar and Mr Cory-Wright who designed the layout in the discussions. Mrs Rowlands said that she would also like to be involved. The Clerk will contact the vicar to arrange a meeting.</p>	Action
		AP15/151
	<p>Proposed Mr Gray Seconded Mr Jenkins Carried unanimously</p>	
186	<p>To receive a verbal report on the proposed project to build a skate ramp on the Jubilee Field</p> <p>Three Cholsey teenagers Max, Alfie and Charlie currently involved in the skate ramp project gave an update to Council on the background and progress to date of the project. They reported that they had visited skate parks in other nearby villages and towns and had come up with a proposal for the design including looking a what materials would be safest and most sustainable, where the ramp should be located in terms of least disturbance for residents, suitability for lighting and also a design that could be used by BMX bikes and scooters as well as skateboards. The site selected was on the Jubilee field next to the Bluebirds container. They were now beginning fundraising and had contacted Tesco and Waitrose about grants. Mr Gray advised that he believed that match funding would be available from SODC. Monica Brown the Youth Worker advised that there will be a fundraising quiz at the Red Lion on 10th January. Mrs Rowland commended the boys for their work and involvement in the project.</p>	
187	<p>To receive the Estate Managers report for November</p> <p>Council reviewed the Estate Managers report for November. Council asked the Estate Manager to investigate changing the number on the defibrillator cabinet.</p>	
188	<p>To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices</p> <p>1. LETTERS (including e-mails)</p> <p>(i) Response from Planning Office re: Celsea Place appeal Mr Gray read out response received from the Planning Officer for Celsea place regarding the background to the non-determination of the application by SODC and the subsequent appeal by Linden Homes. Mr Gray advised that he had recently written to Katherine Pearce the planning office involved and her boss about the allocated sites process. He feels that SODC have lost faith with the site allocation process. The Clerk was asked to write to Katherine Pearce and ask what original decision they would have made and what the weak grounds for refusal were which they mentioned in their letter. Council discussed the issues around Celsea Place and waste water infrastructure. Mr Gray asked councillors if they knew of any water engineers who might be able to advise Council. Mrs Bolt undertook to get in touch with a contact she has. Mr Gray undertook to speak to John Sinclair about possible contacts.</p> <p>(ii) OCC decision re bus subsidies and funds for dial-a-ride</p> <p>(iii) Sustainable Wallingford – initiative for gardens</p> <p>(iv) Invitation – Wallingford School – Little Shop of Horrors</p> <p>(v) C&WRPS – Membership renewal request and notification of AGM Mr Gray proposed Council renew their membership, seconded Mrs Hamlyn, carried unanimously.</p> <p>(vi) Letter from Mr Whitfield applying to become a member of Council The Clerk was asked to add this as an agenda item for the next meeting.</p> <p>(vii) Letter from Mr Edelson applying to become a member of Council The Clerk was asked to add this as an agenda item for the next meeting.</p> <p>(viii) Thank you for S137– South and Vale carers</p> <p>(ix) Thank you for S137 – RBL Poppy Appeal</p> <p>(x) Thank you for S137 – OAB</p> <p>(xi) Thank you for S137 – Home Start Southern Oxfordshire</p> <p>2. REPORTS, PLANS & STRATEGIES</p> <p>(i) Minutes of CPT meeting 22/9/15</p> <p>(ii) Minutes of CPWP meeting 23/9/15</p> <p>(iii) Talking Oxfordshire meeting report</p> <p>3. NOTICES, POSTERS and FLYERS</p> <p>4. MAGAZINES and NEWSLETTERS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AP15/152</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AP15/153 AP15/154</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AP15/155</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AP15/156</p>

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189	<p>To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair</p> <p>Mr Gray advised that he did not have any updates further to those he had already given earlier in the meeting.</p>																						
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