

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

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

97	To hear questions or comments from members of the public (max 15mins)
	None

98	To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillors
	<p>District Councillors Report</p> <p>Mrs Dawe reported that she had repeatedly tried to speak to SODC Planning regarding the proposed housing development at Celsea Place but has yet to be called back. She advised that she will get in touch with Adrian Duffield, Head of Planning directly if necessary.</p> <p>This month SODC will begin collecting clothes unsuitable for sending to charity shops and small electrical items as part of kerbside collections. Clothes and textiles can be placed in carrier bags for collection on green recycling collection days and small electrical items in carrier bags for collection on black bin landfill collection days. Mrs Dawe also raised the issue of hedges obstructing footpaths by being allowed to grow across paths in some cases taking up as much as 50% of the available path causing especial problems for mothers with children and pushchairs, forcing people to walk single file.</p> <p>County Councillors Report</p> <p>Mr Gray advised that the issues he would be reporting on were covered elsewhere in the agenda and he would speak about them as they arose.</p>

99	To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items
	Mrs Bolt declared an interest in planning application P15/ S2609/LB relating to the Great Hall, Fairmile.

100	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2015						
	The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.						
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101	To report matters arising from the minutes of 5th August 2015
Item 86	Mr Gray reported that the defibrillator on Papist Way is to be installed on 9 th Sept. Tesco have confirmed that the second defibrillator will go on end wall of their store and are awaiting a date from their estates department for installation of the fixings required. The defibrillators have been added to the Parish Council insurance. Council discussed insuring the BT kiosk itself and decided that this was not necessary at this time. Mrs Rowlands advised she will be running training sessions on 12 th and 13 th September in the Pavilion, between 2 and 4pm.
Item 89	The Clerk has been in touch with Sue Bright and provided contacts for Cholsey WI and 5-0 Club.
Item 93 (iii)	The meeting with the Lucy Atkins of the HCA re: Cholsey Meadows allotments has been postponed until 11 th September.
Item 93 (iv)	Mr Gray has spoken to Chris Hulme Thames Valley Police Traffic Management Officer who advised him to contact Anthony Kirkwood for statistics on average speeds along the road. Mr Hulme believes that if the average speed is around 50 as he expects, then it is unlikely to drop further as a result of lowering the limit to 50. He also expressed reservations about achieving compliance of the new limit.
Item 95	Mr Gray advised he is awaiting a decision from the OPW.
Item 96	Station Rd hole – Mr Gray advised that this issue had now been passed to the compliance officers at OCC who are chasing BT.
Item 96	Mr Gray advised that the abandoned lorry has been reported, but the Police need the registration number before they are able to act. Mrs Bolt undertook to get the registration number and pass it on to Mr Gray.
Item 96	Cholsey Meadows play area – further complaints have been made by residents regarding misuse by teenagers. Mr Gray/Mrs Bolt will talk to the HCA and Linden Homes regarding provision for teenagers at the development.

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102	Planning				
(a)	To consider Planning Applications as at 27 August 2015:				
	P15/S2711/FUL	15 Panters Rd – removal of condition 4 – Mr Jenkins advised that this was a change to the windows agreed in the original application, the neighbours have not raised any issues and he recommended Council approve the application.			
	Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mr Gray	Carried unanimously
	P15/S2427/HH	17 Sandy Lane – Mr Jenkins advised Council that the application was for rear and side extensions, one neighbour had commented about possible light issues arising from the proposed extension, but these appear to have been resolved. Similar extensions have been granted elsewhere in Sandy Lane and therefore Mr Jenkins recommended Council approve the application.			
	Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mr Gray	Carried unanimously
	P15/S2609/LB	The Great Hall Fairmile – Mrs Bolt as Chair of the CCDT explained that the area around the door to the Great Hall acts as a sound funnel and complaints from residents have curtailed activities in the hall. The proposed sound lobby is to reduce sound egress. Mr Jenkins advised the environmental health planners had commented that they were unable to assess the application with the information provided and that there had been no comments on the application from neighbours. After discussion Mr Jenkins proposed Council approve the application.			
	Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mr Curtis	Carried With 1 abstention

(b)	To note planning decisions made since the last meeting.				
	P15/S2565/HH - 13 Abbots Mead – removal of condition 4 of application - Approved				

(c)	To note planning decisions received.				
	None				

103	Finance				
(a)	To approve accounts for payment				
	The accounts were reviewed and approved for payment.				
	Proposed	Mr Ramsay	Seconded	Mrs Bolt	Carried With 1 abstention

(b)	Finance				
	To note payments received				
	Noted				

104	To agree a response to OCC's local bus service consultation				
	Mr Gray advised that OCC are reviewing bus services which they support through large subsidies paid to bus providers. Currently 10% of buses are subsidised. There are two options being proposed by SODC. Option 1 – all subsidies are cut. Option 2 – subsidies are cut by 50%. After discussion Mr Gray proposed Council support option 2 to cut subsidies by 50%.				
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Rowlands	Carried With 1 abstention
	Mr Gray reported that OCC intend to completely cut the dial-a-Ride service. Although the numbers using the service are low – fewer than 200 people across the county, it has a very big impact on the lives of those users. Mr Gray is working on a proposal which will see a number of local Parish Councils joining forces to purchase/lease a converted Berlingo to provide a replacement service.				

105	To discuss and agree a grant and loan to Cholsey Community Transport				Action
	Mr Gray asked that this item be deferred to a future meeting when more information would be available.				AP15/123

106	To nominate a representative to the ORCC Sounding Board of Parish Councillors.				
	The Rural Services Network had requested that Councils nominate a representative to receive questionnaire 3 or 4 times a year on issues affecting rural councils. Mrs Hamlyn volunteered to represent Council.				

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107	To discuss a request to change the orientation of a headstone in the Burial Ground					
	Mrs Bolt advised Council of the background to the proposal and that following discussions by the Cemetery Working Party a survey/consultation of individuals/relatives on the same and adjacent rows had been undertaken. Responses from the exercise had shown a clear indication in favour that all headstones continue to face in the existing (easterly) direction. After discussion Mr Gray proposed that the request for a footstone should be refused but with an option given for a flat stone to replace the traditional headstone as a compromise suggestion.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Dyer-Lynch	Carried	unanimously
108	To consider quotations for repair of the non-listed churchyard walls					
	Three anonymised quotations were put to Council for repair of the non-listed Churchyard walls. After discussion Mr Gray proposal Council accept quotation number 1.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Bolt	Carried	With 2 abstentions
109	To discuss and agree a request for S137 donation from SOFEA					
	Further information had been supplied by SOFEA at the request of Council, which included information that at least one Cholsey youth had benefitted in terms of qualifications gained and an apprenticeship through involvement with SOFEA. Mr Gray proposed Council donate £150.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Bolt	Carried	unanimously
110	To receive a verbal report on the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy.					
	Mr Gray advised OCC are currently consulting on their core strategy before going to the enquiry in public. The only thing that can be commented on at this time is the legality and process of OCC's application. Following review of the strategy by CAGE some issues have arisen with the process and legality, which include the omission by OCC to consult Parish Council's properly when they arrived at the tonnage figure for gravel given in their document and a question mark over some of the projects/applications they have indicated they will need gravel for e.g Better Broadband for Oxfordshire and electrification of the main train line. Although Cholsey will always be a potential site for gravel extraction the position has changed with the strategy considering South Oxfordshire as a whole. Mr Gray advised that he will produce a written report to bring to Council's next meeting as a basis for discussion for Council's response to the consultation.					
111	To receive the Estate Managers report for August					Action
	Council reviewed the Estate Managers report for August. The Clerk was asked to add an item to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss replacement/repair of the youth shelter light.					AP15/124
112	To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices					
	1.	LETTERS (including e-mails)				
	(i)	Barton Wilmore – Revised layout for proposed East End Farm development and information re archaeological constraints.				
	(ii)	Consultation on proposal to reduce the number of waste recycling centres The Clerk was asked to add the item to the agenda for discussion at Council's next meeting. Members were asked to also comment as individuals and to encourage other residents to do so. Mrs Dawe was asked to raise the issue of the possible closure of Oakley Wood at district level.				AP15/125
	(iii)	Notification of Publication of Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan				
	(iv)	Notification of next SODC Town and Parish Forum 4 th Nov Mr Ramsay undertook to attend if he was able.				AP15/126
	(v)	Notification of Consultation of changes to Sunday trading hours Mrs Bolt undertook to review the proposals on behalf of Council.				AP15/127
	(vi)	Invitation to North Wessex AONB Annual Forum 14 th Oct.				
	(vi)	CPRE – Visit to Historic Ewelme				
	(vii)	SSE – Funding for resilience projects Mr Curtis and the Estate Manager are currently investigating this as part of the Emergency Plan.				
	(iv)	CHOKO - thanks for S137 donation.				

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	<p>2. REPORTS, PLANS & STRATEGIES</p> <p>(i) S106 Update for Cholsey The Clerk was asked forward the report to Mrs Bolt and Helen Jiggins.</p> <p>3. NOTICES, POSTERS and FLYERS</p> <p>(i) Mapledurham Community Energy project</p> <p>4. MAGAZINES and NEWSLETTERS</p> <p>(i) CPRE – Countryside Voice magazine</p>	AP15/128
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113	<p>To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair</p> <p>Community Woodland – Mr Gray had met with Vicky Beardall and Sarah Venners to review their plans and discuss sites for their proposed community woodland. They will put together a detailed plan for the project for consideration by Council.</p> <p>Wallingford Rd cycle path – OCC have given permission for Council to tender for contractors to construct the cycle path on Wallingford Rd. The tender process is being handled by John Sinclair who has given his time to project manage the construction on Council’s behalf. Four companies are tendering and he hopes to be in a position for Council to appoint one by end October. At the same time he will be asking companies to tender for a build out on Wallingford Rd to slow down traffic entering the village and also to put a more permanent all weather surface on Ilges Lane. The CC have now implemented the traffic order allowing gates to be installed at each end of the track which will close it to anything other than cycles, horses, pedestrians and farm traffic.</p> <p>Action in the Park was a big success in spite of the changeable weather, attendances were in excess of 400 in total and many positive comments had been received from parents and children.</p> <p>The Community Transport Group are working on costing a community minibus which will be used to take children to school and residents to the day centre. This should also meet the “green” needs of the local transport plan.</p> <p>Electrification of the Main Line – Mr Gray reported on a meeting he had with Network Rail on behalf of residents of Waterloo Close who had suffered severe disturbance at night from the Network Rail depot built next door for the electrification project. Network Rail had agreed to turn their floodlights away from the houses and the reversing alarms on vehicles had been changed to a tone which carried less. Network Rail had also spoken to their contractors about the amount of foul language being used on the site. He has been told that the contractors should be finished on the site by early next year.</p>
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114	<p>To receive Councillors’ Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda</p> <p>Mrs Hamlyn advised Council that Andersons Contractors have informed Council that they no longer wish to lease the allotments as the government have removed the subsidy for smaller solar developments. Council discussed possible for alternatives for the site. Mr Gray undertook to look into the possibilities.</p> <p>Mrs Rowlands queried if the stall set up outside the café required Council’s permission in addition to the permission of the landowner. Mrs Dawe will check with the district planners to see if planning permission is needed.</p> <p>Mrs Bolt advised that CHIPs had been a great success with all 12 assisted places being taken.</p> <p>Mrs Ramsay reported on the SODC Neighbourhood Planning Conference he had attended earlier in the day. He suggested that Council should set up a sub committee to look at creating a neighbourhood plan which he understood would give Council additional control over development and access to, and better control of, additional CIL funding. After discussions regarding the high cost of producing a plan and the amount of work involved Council concluded that Mr Ramsay should investigate further, including talking to other parish councils and SODC about their experience of producing neighbourhood plans.</p>	<p>AP15/129</p> <p>AP15/130</p> <p>AP15/131</p>
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The meeting closed at 9:20pm.