

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

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| Meeting | Wednesday 3 rd February at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey. |
| Chair | Mrs A Rowlands |
| Attendees | Mr P Jenkins, Mrs Dyer-Lynch, Mr P Ramsay, Mrs L Ivereigh, Mrs V Bolt,, Paul Ramsay, Mr R Whitfield, Mr J Adelson, Mrs L Hamlyn |
| Apologies | Mr M Gray, Mr A Curtis |

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| 211 | To hear questions or comments from members of the public |
| | <p>Mr Sheldon raised a number of concerns he had over the decisions made regarding the increases in allotment rent for 2017 agreed at the previous meeting. He felt that taking a few local towns and villages rates as a comparison was insufficient as allotment charges across the county vary considerably. He felt that any impact on concessionaires had not been fully considered and that the possible registration charge discussed needed more careful thought.</p> <p>Mr Ramsay responded that the majority of the issues raised by Mr Sheldon would be considered further by the group which, as agreed the last meeting, is to be set up to review Council's allotment policy now and in the future.</p> <p>Mrs Bolt added that, as Council had agreed at the last meeting, allotment holders and members of CAPA would be invited to join the group.</p> |

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| 212 | To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillors |
| | <p>District Councillors Report</p> <p>Mrs Rowlands read out a report provided by Mrs Murphy which covered the issues of District's Corporate Services Project and Constitution Review. Policing in the District including the Cyber Crime Awareness initiative Cyber Streetwise www.cyberstreetwise.com, Grants, the future of SODC's office site at Crowmarsh, Planning and the new "Custom Build Register" initiative, Didcot's successful bid for Garden Town status, Community Safety and Armed Forces Covenant.</p> <p>County Councils Report</p> <p>Mrs Rowlands advised Mr Gray had been unable to attend and that she would cover the majority of the items from him later in the meeting under the Chair's report. On the issue of OCC cuts Mr Gray had said that it looks increasing likely that the proposed £70 million worth of cuts to the County Council budget would have to go through at the budget meeting on 16th Feb.</p> |

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| 213 | To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items |
| | There were no declarations of interest for any agenda items |

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| 214 | To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2016 | | | | | | |
| | <p>Mr Adelson noted that he and Mr Whitfield who were voted on to Council at the meeting had not been registered as attendees.</p> <p>Noting the above amendment Mrs Rowlands proposed Council approve the minutes for 6th January.</p> | | | | | | |
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| | Proposed | Mr Jenkins | Seconded | Mr Ramsay | Carried | unanimously |
| | P16/S0187/P18 | Cholsey Station – Platform extensions Mr Jenkins advised that Cholsey Station’s existing platforms are not long enough to accommodate the new electric trains. After a brief discussion Mr Jenkins recommended Council approve the application. | | | | |
| | Proposed | Mr Jenkins | Seconded | Mr Whitfield | Carried | unanimously |
| (b) | To note planning decisions received. | | | | | |
| | P15/S3437/0 | Celsea Place – Refused | | | | |
| | P15/S3953/HH | 12A Panters Rd(Amendment 1) - Granted | | | | |
| | P15/S4058/HH | Willow Cottage, 68 Wallingford Rd – Granted | | | | |
| | P15/S3777/HH | 68 Station Rd - Granted | | | | |
| | P15/S4205/AG | Sheephouse Cottage – Agricultural notification - Granted | | | | |
| | P14/S3705/LB | Silly Bridge - Granted | | | | |
| 217 | Finance | | | | | |
| (a) | To approve accounts for payment | | | | | |
| | The accounts were reviewed and approved for payment. | | | | | |
| | Proposed | Mrs Rowlands | Seconded | Mrs Bolt | Carried | Unanimously |
| | Finance | | | | | |
| (b) | To note payments received | | | | | |
| | Noted | | | | | |
| 218 | To receive a verbal report from the Youth Worker | | | | | |
| | <p>Monica Brown gave a verbal report on the work she has been doing since being appointed to post in September. Monica has now settled into her role and feels confident and able to develop her role further. As well as acting as Youth Leader for the youth club she works with disadvantaged and dis-engaged youth from Cholsey meeting with them once or twice a week to engage them and provide support and build trust, confidence and communication with them and their families. She has recently managed to get a placement for one of these young people with a charity SOFEA where he will receive exposure to a working environment and support with education and be mentored by a positive role model. Monica is now trying to obtain funding for his placement. Monica is working alongside SOHA at Cholsey Meadows to try and build relationships from a grass roots level with the youth and community there. She has been working alongside the Older Persons Worker and Abingdon College to provide access to adult education in Cholsey. It is her intention to provide opportunities for Cholsey’s young people to access useful courses to gain employment and empowerment wherever possible.</p> | | | | | |
| 219 | To consider and agree a request from Cholsey 1000+ to hold a garden party on the recreation ground to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday. | | | | | |
| | Council had received a request from Cholsey 1000+ to hold a garden party on the Recreation Grounds on 11 th June. Mrs Rowlands proposed that council express their thanks to Cholsey 1000+ for organising the event on behalf of the village and agree to the Recreation Ground being used as long as doesn’t clash with an existing event. | | | | | |
| | Proposed | Mr Rowlands | Seconded | Mr Jenkins | Carried | unanimously |
| 220 | To consider quotations received for grass cutting in 2016 and agree on a provider | | | | | |
| | Council reviewed the quotes provided and after much discussion Mrs Rowlands proposed that Council accept the quotation from contractor A and appoint them to cut both the grass in the Recreation Grounds and the Burial Grounds for the coming season. | | | | | |
| | Proposed | Mrs Rowlands | Seconded | Mr Jenkins | Carried | unanimously |
| 221 | To discuss the provision of benches for the recreation ground. | | | | | |
| | The Clerk advised that the Pavilion Trust have offered 3 benches, which they have decided not to use, to the Parish Council. Mrs Bolt advised that the benches are robust, fire retardant and heavy. Mrs Rowlands proposed that Council accept the benches and ask the Estate Manager to use his discretion to put them in appropriate locations on the Recreation Ground. Mrs Bolt was asked to pass on Council’s thanks to the Pavilion Trust. | | | | | |
| | Proposed | Mrs Rowlands | Seconded | Mrs Bolt | Carried | unanimously |

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| 222 | <p>To receive the Estate Managers report for January.</p> <p>Council reviewed the Estate Managers report for January. Mrs Rowlands asked whether the telephone kiosk on the Forty could be tidied up. The Estate Manager was asked to cost out repairs and to get in touch with BT to see if there would be a problem with Council painting it and repairing the missing and broken perspex. Mr Jenkins thanked the Estate Manager for his excellent report and management of the estate.</p> | AP16/008 |
| 223 | <p>To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices</p> <p>1. LETTERS (including e-mails)</p> <p>(i) Correspondence re: scoping opinion for Gravel extraction at New Barn Farm. Mrs Rowlands reported that Mr Gray had advised that CAGE are currently on top of this and that Council will engage in the public enquiry as and when it happens.</p> <p>(ii) Correspondence re: Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy. Mrs Rowlands reported that Mr Gray had advised that the situation on this issue was the same as for the previous item.</p> <p>(iii) Developer update – Land at East End Farm Mrs Rowlands reported that Mr Gray had advised that there was little for Council to respond to at this time, much hangs on the Local Plan the next round of which is due to be published in May and the results of the planning appeal for Celsea Place which will also take place in May.</p> <p>(iv) OCC - Missing link update The Clerk advised that Mr Gray had been chasing this through OCC and that she had also been chasing it through SODC</p> <p>(v) Letter from resident re: dog fouling. The Clerk advised that the office were reviewing the provision of dog bins in the village and obtaining costs for additional bins. Bags dispensers had been placed at the entrance to the Rec Ground. Mr Jenkins asked the office to investigate if the dog bin by the vets was being emptied as often as it should.</p> <p>2. REPORTS, PLANS & STRATEGIES</p> <p>(i) Section 106 Update - Cholsey</p> <p>(ii) Oxfordshire Together – Transitional offer of Highway Services Booklet</p> <p>3. NOTICES, POSTERS and FLYERS</p> | AP16/009 |
| 224 | <p>To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair</p> <p>Mrs Rowlands read out an update on current issues from Mr Gray Cholsey Parish Council along with Wallingford Town Council met with representatives of Thames Water re: the Cholsey pumping station and the sewage works. The latter is at the planning stage for upgrading and the pumping station has sufficient capacity for any growth, but has immediate issues with the electronics that control it. Thames Water are working on rectifying this. Eleven application packs have been sent out to people interested in the Children’s Centre Team Leader post. The closing date for applications is this Friday. The February edition of the Cholsey Village Voice is out. Better Broadband for Oxfordshire are offering subsidies of up to £350 per household for satellite solutions for broadband for homes and businesses in remote areas. Although this does not really apply to Cholsey councillors may like to pass the information on to anyone they know of who lives in a more remote area. The Environment agency are consulting on the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme. Various local people are concerned that this scheme will just shift the water down stream. He has spoken to the Environment Agency and they say this is not the case and that they have extensively modelled the installation. As a result of this discussion the Environment Agency have agreed to hold an event in Wallingford to allay peoples’ concerns.</p> | |
| 225 | <p>To receive Councillors’ Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda</p> <p>Mrs Rowlands invited Councils new members Mr Adelson and Mr Whitfield new councillors to join the Personnel Working Group. Mrs Rowlands asked the Estate Manager to investigate the cars parked on Papist Way with For Sale signs in the window. Mr Jenkins reported that he had also seen cars for sale on the way to Silly Bridge. Mrs Bolt reported that Grundon’s had put on a wonderful competition related to recycling for Cholsey primary with prizes of tickets to Oxfordshire United FC. Around a hundred children had enjoyed a trip out to the football club.</p> | AP16/010 |

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| <p>SOHA have appointed a cohesion worker for Fair Mile, Kerry Lobb. Mrs Bolts BEM will be presented in Cholsey in June by the Lord Lieutenant. Mrs Ivereigh advised Council that there had been a burglary from at a property in Ilges Lane where thieves had broken into an outbuilding.</p> | |
| <p>The Clerk was asked to put something in the Village Voice asking residents to ensure their outbuildings are secure and to request those affected to make sure they report the theft. Mrs Dyer-Lynch advised that she had attended a meeting with Thames Travel about the proposed cuts to bus services. The situation is much brighter than had first appeared, with some tweeking to schedules Thames Travel believe it will be possible to keep all buses, although this won't be fully confirmed until after the 16th of February when OCC meet to fix their budget.</p> | AP16/011 |
| <p>Mr Jenkins reported that the BT box at end of Papist Way, damaged by a care, has still not been fixed by BT and is causing a danger to pedestrians as they have to step into road to avoid it. The Office were asked to chase BT.</p> | AP16/012 |
| <p>Mrs Hamlyn advised that the wall at the start of Ilges lane has collected a lot of litter and has not been swept for some time. The Office were asked to contact Biffa .</p> | AP16/013 |