

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Meeting	Wednesday 3 rd September at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey.
Chair	Mr M Gray
Attendees	Mr P Jenkins, Mr A Dalby, Mrs A Rowlands, Mrs M Dyer-Lynch, Helen Jiggins, Mr M Madeley
Apologies	Mr J Butler, Mr P Ramsay, Mrs M Kaposy, Mrs L Hamlyn

119	To hear questions or comments from members of the public (max 15mins)
	<p>Mr Salbany spoke about the planning application at 8 College Close. He wished Council to be aware of his strong objection to the application in particular the side extension, which he feels may set a planning precedent. He said that the extension overshadows his home and that he believes it will take away his family's privacy.</p> <p>Mr Sheldon spoke about Wallingford Road allotments and how he believed that if Photo-Voltaic panels were put on the land it would, in effect, become a Brownfield site and thus a planning target. He added that he had seen a field of PV panels and they are not as unobtrusive as suggested.</p> <p>Ms Francomb spoke about the Wallingford and Cholsey Concert Band who wish to use the Cholsey Meadows Great Hall as a rehearsal venue. She told Council that although she has received a lot of interest from potential band members, as a start up organization they do not yet have any funds, and therefore asks for Council's help with the Great Hall damage deposit of £150. Once the band is up and running the intention is for the band to take on the deposit cost themselves.</p>

120	To discuss a request from Cholsey & Wallingford Concert Band to underwrite their damage deposit for the Great Hall.						
	<p>This item was brought forward for discussion.</p> <p>Mrs Bolt declared a personal interest in the item as chair of the Community Development Trust. Helen Jiggins declared a personal interest as her husband is a possible band member.</p> <p>Mr Gray reminded Council of the similar request from the Short Mat Bowls Club where a decision had been taken to underwrite their deposit for a period of 6 months. He proposed that the W&C Concert Band be offered the same facility.</p>						
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121	To hear reports from County and/or District Councillors	Action
	<p>The main points of note from Mr Gray were:</p> <p>Ilges lane cycle path – after discussions with Highways a decision has been taken in the short term to repair the surface to create a firm level path which will then be grassed, the cost is anticipated to be around £3,000 and would be a necessary requirement of whatever subsequent work is carried out. This solution will be monitored and then reviewed to see if further work needs to be done. However, further work would necessitate the changing of the current Byway "Open Access" status, an expensive and long process (up to 2 years) involving public consultation. Councillors raised concerns about the viability/practicality of a grass surface and requested that the situation be reassessed in spring.</p>	
	Roads Budget - Mr Gray advised that he has a small roads budget to spend and asked Councillors to inform him of any small scale road work such as lining or hedge cutting needing to be done in the village	AP14/136

122	To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items
	No further declarations of interest were made.

123	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6th August 2014						
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124	To report matters arising	
	(a) from the minutes of 6th August 2014	
	Item 114	Mrs Bolt reported that discussions had taken place and that the only concern around taking ownership of the land was if it were subject to charitable status.

	(b) from the action point register	
	AP14/086	Surface under West End bridge – Mrs Rowlands has received an email explaining that work is being done to fix drainage problems. However, she felt the email didn't address the current dangerous state of the surface which was her main issue. She will continue to monitor.
	AP14/134	The Clerk advised that Treehouse school have made many unsuccessful attempts to remove the lines, and have undertaken to use chalk for any further events.
	AP13/200	Helen Jiggins reported that unfortunately she has been unsuccessful in her attempts to report this via the residents meetings.
	AP14/120	Cabinet on Honey Lane The Clerk advised that she had received an email from Virgin apologizing for the repair work not being undertaken in a timely manner.
	AP14/103	Mrs Bolt advised that a meeting is scheduled for 6 th Sept
	AP14/130	Mrs Bolt advised she has contacted the cricket team about the infrastructure fund.

125	Planning				
	(a) To consider Planning Applications as at 28th Aug 2014:				
	P14/S2088/HH	2 Beehive Close – conversion of garage space to kitchen After discussion Mr Dalby proposed Council register a decision of “no strong views” rather than approve the application in light of councillors’ concerns around the changing of a large part of the garden to provide additional parking, which they felt changed the nature of the property			
	Proposed	Mr Dalby	Seconded	Mr Gray	Carried Unanimously

	P14/S2490/HH	9 College Close – erection of side extension and dormer window Mr Gray read out email he had received from the applicant earlier in the day, Mr Dalby informed Council that as well as the objections of the next door neighbours heard earlier in the meeting a further neighbour had objected and 2 other neighbours have expressed support for the application. Mr Dalby advised that he had visited the site and after much discussion and a review of plans by councillors he proposed that Council should approve the application as it didn't feel that this was excessively different to other extensions in that part of the village, not seconded. Motion failed . Mr Gray counter proposed that the application should be refused on the grounds of overdevelopment, and unneighbourliness based on this large extension being out of keeping with the character of College Close with none of the other properties in College Close having two storeys, and in addition that due to its size it will overshadow and thus adversely impact the next door neighbours			
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Jenkins	Carried Carried with 1 against

	P14/S2267/HH Amendment 1	38 Papist Way – Amendment 1 – alteration to roof of extension Mr Dalby advised that the plans had been redrafted to improve the roofline. He proposed acceptance of the amendment.			
	Proposed	Mr Dalby	Seconded	Mr Madeley	Carried Unanimously

	P14/S2577/HH	12 Paternoster Lane – side and rear extension Having reviewed the plans Mr Dalby recommend approval.			
	Proposed	Mr Dalby	Seconded	Mr Jenkins	Carried Unanimously

	(b) To note planning decisions received.				
	P14/S1496/LB	Causeway House, Church Rd - Granted			
	P14/S1413/LB	Causeway House, Church Rd – Granted			

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	P14/S1265/HH	20 Panters Rd – Granted
	P14/S1957/HH	30 Ilges Lane – Granted
	P14/S2132/HH	29 The Murren – Granted
	P14/S????/FUL	Land at Caps Lane Mr Gray reported that he had spoken to Kim Gould the Planning Officer overseeing the Caps Lane development. The agricultural consultant employed to review the application has advised that he does not believe a residential dwelling is necessary on-site. A further report has been requested from environmental officers to include a survey of projected noise levels when farm is operating at peak capacity

126	Finance					
(a)	To approve accounts for payment The accounts were reviewed and approved for payment					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Dyer Lynch	Carried	With 1 abstention

(6)	To note payments received Noted					
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127	To authorise an application for consent to grant a lease on the disused allotments site off Wallingford road. The Clerk advised that Mrs Hamlyn had requested that the proposal be amended to include leave to pay any fee that might incur. After discussion Mr Gray proposed approval including the addition of leave to pay fees. Mr Gray responded to the issue raised by Mr Sheldon regarding the height of the PV panels which although raised will still be lower than the height of the hedge. He also reiterated Councils commitment to only lease the land thus ensuring it remains a community asset.					Action
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Dalby	Carried	With 1 against

128	To discuss fundraising and financing a defibrillator for the village.					Action
	Mrs Rowlands advised that along with Mr Gray she will be fundraising at Saturdays Balloon event at the Recreation Ground where they will be distributing leaflets and asking for donations.					

129	To discuss a request from Cholsey & Wallingford Concert Band to underwrite their damage deposit for the Great Hall.					Action
	This item was brought forward and discussed earlier in the meeting.					

130	To receive the Estate Managers report for August					Action
	Council reviewed the report. Helen Jiggins advised that the damage to the Cholsey Meadows play area had been caused by a defective plank and had now been repaired.					

131	To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices					Action
	1. (iv)Thames Valley Police Alert re Bogus Callers – Mr Gray undertook to include this in his blog. 2. (i) OCC – Consultation on Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement – Mr Gray undertook to pick this up with CAGE. 3. (i) OCC Community Resilience Roadshow – Wallingford 21 st Oct – Mr Dalby asked the Clerk to put Emergency Planning on the agenda for the first meeting in October.					AP14/137 AP14/138 AP14/139

132	To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair					Action
	Mr Gray reported that the Summer Play Scheme (Action in the Park) had been a huge success with over 300 children attending over the 2 weeks of activities. He expressed his thanks to Jacob Dearman and Sarah Masters for the effort and time they had put in to make the events such a success. The Scheme came in below budget and many parents had expressed a wish to contribute towards the costs which could be a consideration for future events. Complaints have been received about the behaviour of some children in the recreation ground, and a request has been made by Thames Valley Police for the individuals concerned to be					

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	<p>excluded from rec. Mr Gray is following this up with Thames Valley and also intends to get the Youth Worker involved.</p> <p>The Post Office will be holding a consultation meeting for residents to comment on the new arrangement of the PO facilities in Tesco. It is to be held in the Pavilion Hall on September 18th. Mr Gray advised that new guidelines have been issued by NALC in response to the Openness of Local Government act changes. This will allow the public to film or record meetings. Other changes include the requirement for any decisions taken by officers of the Council to be recorded and available to the public. This would include the granting of licences and terminating allotment tenancies etc.</p>	AP14/140

133	To receive Councillors' Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda	Action
	<p>Mr Bolt reported that she has made the Forest School aware of the grant that is available to them. Helen Jiggins reported that rubbish is becoming a problem at the Cholsey Meadows Play area because of lack of waste bins. Mrs Bolt advised that until the site is adopted by SODC they won't put rubbish bins in, and won't empty those that are put in by anyone else. Adoption could take up to 2 years. Mr Gray will follow up the problem with SODC.</p> <p>Helen Jiggins also requested that Council consider equipment for the under 4's in the play area. Mr Gray advised that a ground level trampoline is yet to be installed which may help.</p> <p>Mrs Rowlands reported that one of the dog waste bins on the recreation ground is overflowing. The Clerk undertook to follow up.</p> <p>Mr Jenkins reported that he had heard some complaints about the new Fulscot bridge. Mr Gray advised that the new bridge was only meant to be a replacement not an improvement.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AP14/141</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AP14/142</p>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20