

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting	Wednesday 4 th February 2015 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey.
Chair	Mr M Gray
Attendees	Mr P Jenkins, Mrs M Dyer-Lynch, Helen Jiggins, Mrs L Hamlyn, Mr A Dalby, Mrs V Bolt.
Apologies	Mr J Butler, Mr M Madeley, Mrs A Rowlands, Mrs M Kaposy

247	To hear questions or comments from members of the public (max 15mins)
	There were no comments or questions from members of the public.

248	To hear reports from County and/or District Councillors
	<p>Mr Gray reported that:</p> <p>Cholsey now has a second polling station - Cholsey Cricket Pavilion at Fair Mile, this will be used for the first time for voting at the General Election in May.</p> <p>SODC have extended their deadline for applications for Economic Development grants. There is still £75,000 available for infrastructure to support the local economy. Any grant would need to be match funded by the Parish Council.</p> <p>SODC spent £100,000 last year to fund 6 PCSOs. In the period July to September they helped 280 victims of crime., signed up 220 people to the Thames Valley Alert system and issued just under 500 fixed penalty notices for parking offences.</p> <p>Latest results show that Oxfordshire schools are ahead of the national average for GCSE results.</p> <p>SODC are looking for temporary accommodation to house all of their staff post fire. Because of the numbers this is proving to be a problem and in the meantime staff are working from the Vale district offices or from home.</p> <p>Oxfordshire County Council are suggesting that the district councils merge to form a single unitary authority this could provide substantial costs savings through having a single back office function serving the three different districts i.e Vale, SODC, Cherwell.</p> <p>OCC have entered into an alliance with Bucks and Northants on issues that affect all three counties e.g roads.</p> <p>Mr Gray had attended a meeting about the Community Infrastructure levy. The C I levy will differ from 106 money in that it will be site specific. S106 will continue but the money will be available for strategic items in local area affected by site.</p> <p>Decisions regarding the Local Plan for development have been delayed due to the election. SODC has suggested that the next phase will not begin until September.</p>

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

250	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2015						
	The minutes of the meeting of 21 st January were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.						
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251	To report matters arising	Action
(a)	from the minutes of 21st January 2015	
	Item 233 Mr Gray advised that either he or the Clerk will pick up the issue regarding lighting at the entrance to Fair Mile.	AP15/11
	Item 237 Mr Gray reported that he had attended further meetings set up by Linden to discuss the proposed Celsea Place development with neighbours and advised that despite his best efforts, and providing residents with a written statement to the contrary, many of the neighbours still believe incorrectly that Linden had been given go ahead for this development.	
	Item 240 Mr Gray reported that, further to the discussions at Council's meeting on 21 st Jan, he had spoken to Highways regarding the Fair Mile bus stop. They had advised him that	

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		they will be unable to put any signage/lines on the road as Council had suggested. OCC will only put signage on the road in order to prevent cars being parked there and blocking access for the bus. They do not believe this will happen on Reading Rd. Councillors expressed concern about the proposal that the bus will in future run only one way, as they believe some commuters are using reverse journey from the station. Mr Gray advised that the figures from the bus company don't show any usage for the reverse journey. He advised that the Travel Group are looking at the whole issue.	
	Item 241	Mr Gray advised that he will ask the office to obtain quotes from local builders for repairs to the non-listed churchyard boundary walls.	AP15/12
	Item 243	The Clerk advised that she had written to Linden with Council's response. Linden have agreed that they will contact OCC Highways directly regarding future ownership of the gateway features.	
	Item 244	Helen Jiggins advised that she is still putting together a list for Fair Mile of s106 requirements.	
	Item 244	The Clerk advised that she is waiting for confirmation in writing from Linden that they will pay all costs.	

252	Planning
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(a)	To consider Planning Applications as at 29th January 2015
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	P15/S0006/HH	2 Cross Road, Cholsey – single storey rear and side extension Mr Dalby advised Council that he had reviewed the plans and that the extension proposed was smaller than many in the surrounding area. No comments had been received from neighbours. Mr Dalby recommended Council approve the application.				
	Proposed	Mr Dalby	Seconded	Mr Gray	Carried	Unanimously

(b)	To note planning decisions received. No planning decisions had been received since the last meeting.
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253	Finance
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(a)	To approve accounts for payment
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	The accounts were reviewed and approved for payment.					
	Proposed	Mrs Bolt	Seconded	Mr Dalby	Carried	Carried with 1 abstention

(b)	To note payments received Noted
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254	To review the Risk Assessment taking into account the views of the Finance Group.
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	Mr Gray advised that the Risk Assessment was unchanged from the previous year and that the Finance Group had reviewed the financial aspects of the Risk Assessment and recommended Council approve them. After discussion Mr Gray proposed Council accept the Risk Assessment.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Jenkins	Carried	Unanimously

255	To accept the recommendations of the Finance Group regarding internal audit procedures and agree these are fit for purpose.
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	Mr Gray advised that the Finance Group had reviewed the internal audit procedures and had recommended Council agree these are fit for purpose.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Dalby	Carried	unanimously

256	To consider the quotations received for grass cutting in the year 2015-16 and agree on a provider.
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	Council reviewed the six responses which had been received to the invitation to tender for the grass cutting contract. After discussion Council decided to take the lowest cost tender with the proviso that the standard of the service will be reviewed after 3 months.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Jenkins	Carried	Unanimously

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	<p>Mr Jenkins reported that the piece of land next to Kentwood House on the route from Cholsey Station to Silly Bridge has been cleared as though in preparation for development.</p> <p>Mr Jenkins also advised that there was a problem with a fence coming down on path to Silly Bridge, Mr Gray has advised that this has been reported but undertook to report it again.</p> <p>Mr Jenkins undertook to re-report a pot-hole close to the roundabout opposite the butchers.</p>	<p>AP15/18</p> <p>AP15/19</p>
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.