

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting	Wednesday 4 th May 2016 at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey.
Chair	Mr M Gray
Attendees	Mr P Jenkins, Mr P Ramsay, Mrs M Dyer-Lynch, Mrs L Ivereigh, Mr R Whitfield, Mr A Curtis, Mrs L Hamlyn, Mr J Adelson
Apologies	Mrs V Bolt, Mrs A Rowlands, Mrs M Kaposy

1	To elect a Parish Council Chair
	The Clerk asked for nominations for Parish Council Chair. Mr Jenkins nominated Mr Gray. There were no other nominations. Mrs Ivereigh proposed Mr Gray be re-elected.
	Proposed Mr Gray Seconded Mr Whitfield Carried With 1 abstention
	Mr Gray advised Council that he had been contacted by Mrs Kaposy who was unwell. It was agreed that Mrs Kaposy should be given a six month leave of absence from Council.

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

3	To receive a report from the County Councillor
	Mr Gray reported that Oxfordshire County Council are going to be appointing a director of transformation to handle changes relating to the cuts. He advised that there was little else currently to report.

4	To elect a Parish Council Vice-Chair
	Mrs Rowlands had indicated she would be willing to re-stand as Vice Chair. Mr Gray proposed Mrs Rowlands be re-elected as Vice Chair.
	Proposed Mr Gray Seconded Mrs Hamlyn Carried unanimously

5	To elect a Spokesperson and Vice-Spokesperson for Planning
	Mr Jenkins and Mrs Ivereigh confirmed that they would be willing to re-stand as spokesperson and vice spokesperson respectively. Mr Gray proposed they be re-elected
	Proposed Mr Gray Seconded Mr Ramsay Carried With 2 abstentions

6	To elect a Planning Committee
	Mr Gray suggested that unless another councillor wished to join, the Planning Committee remains the same. Mr Whitfield proposed that the Planning Committee be re-elected.
	Proposed Mr Whitfield Seconded Mr Adelson Carried With 4 abstentions

7	To elect a Finance Committee
	Mrs Ivereigh confirmed that she was willing to re-stand as chair of the Finance Committee. The remaining members of the Finance Committee, Mr Gray, Mr Ramsay, Mrs Hamlyn, Mr Curtis and Mr Adelson all confirmed that they were willing to re-stand. Mr Whitfield proposed the existing committee be re-elected.
	Proposed Mr Whitfield Seconded Mrs Dyer-Lynch Carried With 6 abstentions

8	To elect a Personnel Working Party
	Mrs Rowlands had said she was prepared to remain as chair. All other members of the committee – Mr Gray, Mrs Dyer-Lynch, Mr Curtis and Mr Whitfield confirmed that they were willing to re-stand. Mr Jenkins proposed the existing committee be re-elected.
	Proposed Mr Jenkins Seconded Mrs Ivereigh Carried With 4 abstentions

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9	To elect two Spokespersons for the Allotments					
	Mrs Bolt had confirmed she was happy to remain as allotment spokesperson. To cover Mrs Kaposy's leave of absence it was proposed a councillor be seconded temporarily to the role. Mrs Ivereigh agreed to cover. Mr Gray proposed Mrs Bolt be re-elected and Mrs Ivereigh be co-opted to the role of allotment spokesperson on a temporary basis.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Ramsay	Carried	With 1 abstention
10 a)	To elect Parish Council Representatives to: The Day Centre					
	Mrs Dyer-Lynch confirmed she would be willing to continue as Day Centre representative. Mr Gray proposed Mrs Dyer-Lynch be re-elected.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Ivereigh	Carried	With 1 abstention
b)	To elect Parish Council Representatives to: CWRPS					
	Mr Ramsay advised that due to other commitments he would not be able to re-stand as representative to CWRPS. Mr Whitfield agreed to take over the role. Mr Adelson proposed Mr Whitfield be elected as Council's representative to CWPRS.					
	Proposed	Mr Adelson	Seconded	Mrs Ivereigh	Carried	With 1 abstention
11 a)	To consider electing Parish Council Representatives to: Cholsey 1000+					
	Mr Gray proposed that Mrs Dyer-Lynch and Mrs Bolt who currently represent Council on Cholsey 1000+ should continue in the role.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Ivereigh	Carried	With 1 abstention
11 b)	To consider electing Parish Council Representatives to: The Recreation Ground Sports Clubs					
	Mr Gray advised that this role is effectively filled currently by the Parish Office.					
11 c)	To consider electing Parish Council Representatives to: The River Users Group					Action
	The Clerk was asked to find out more details about the RUG and what representation involves.					AP16/030
11 d)	To consider electing Parish Council Representatives to: The Cemetery Working Party					
	Mr Gray proposed that as long as the existing members were happy to continue that they be re-elected.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Adelson	Carried	With 2 abstentions
11 e)	To consider electing Parish Council Representatives to: The Youth Club					
	Mr Gray confirmed he would be willing to continue as Council's representative to the Youth Club Mr Ramsay proposed Mr Gray be re-elected.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Whitfield	Carried	With 1 abstention
11 f)	To consider electing Parish Council Representatives to: The Rural Transport Committee					
	Mrs Dyer-Lynch confirmed she would be willing to continue as Rural Transport representative. Mr Gray proposed Mrs Dyer-Lynch be re-elected.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Jenkins	Carried	With 1 abstention
12	To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items					
	There were no declarations of interest for any agenda items.					
13	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2016					
	Mr Ramsay advised that he appeared on the list of attendees more than once. Noting this amendment the minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.					
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Whitfield	Carried	With 2 abstentions

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14	To report matters arising from the minutes of 6th April 2016		
	251	Celsea Place Planning Appeal – Mr Gray advised that he has been trying to contact residents regarding participation in the appeal due to be heard on 10 th May. He believes it will make a much greater impression on the inspector if they help to put the case. Mr Jenkins, Mrs Ivereigh, Mrs Hamlyn and Mr Ramsay all agreed to take part in putting Council's case against the development.	
	253	Wallingford Rd cycle path – Mr Gray advised that there is a good chance that work will take place in July providing the "Missing Link" work on Reading Rd doesn't overrun, as OCC do not want both roads to be effected at the same time.	
	b) from the action point register		
	16/016	The Clerk was asked to contact Chris Phillips regarding outstanding s106 items at Cholsey Meadows.	AP16/031

15	Planning				
(a)	To consider Planning Applications as at 28th April 2016:				
	P16/S1261/HH	38 Ilges Lane – Erect a two storey side extension, Mr Jenkins took Council through the plans. He advised that no comments had been received from neighbours. After discussion Mr Jenkins recommend Council approval the application.			
	Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mrs Dyer-Lynch	Carried With 1 abstention
	P16/S1330/HH	24 Panters Rd – Ground and first floor side and rear extension Mr Jenkins advised that many of the houses in the area had already been extended. He advised that no comments had been received from neighbours. After discussion Mr Jenkins recommend Council approval the application.			
	Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mr Adelson	Carried With 3 abstentions

(b)	To note planning decisions received.				
	P15/S0796/HH	41 Crescent Way – Granted.			

(c)	To approve and sign the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 20th April 2016				
	The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.				
	Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mr Gray	Carried Unanimously by those present at the meeting

16	Finance				
(a)	To approve accounts for payment				
	The accounts were reviewed and approved for payment.				
	Proposed	Mr Whitfield	Seconded	Mr Jenkins	Carried With 1 abstention

(b)	Finance				
	To note payments received				
	Noted				

17	To hear from Richard Harding of CPRE about the "Need not Greed" campaign and to consider the motion proposed by the NnG coalition				
	Mr Harding chair of the local CPRE spoke to Council about the "Need not Greed" coalition of 26 local groups and their campaign to challenge the Oxfordshire Strategic Economic Plan which is driving housing development in the County. They believe that the proposed housing figures are flawed and are based on growth targets for the county are unrealistic and inappropriate. The plan is for 100,000 new houses to be built in Oxfordshire over the next 15 years. If the housing objectives of the plan are not met it means that district councils will have very little grounds for refusing planning applications. NnG believe that if realistic population growth figures were to be used the housing required would be halved. The housing figures are under-set by the expectation of another 85,000 jobs to be created in Oxfordshire. The SEP is currently being refreshed, the NnG group believe this is a whitewash with OxLEP (the Local				

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<p>Enterprise Partnership an unelected body who are driving the plan) only allowing 4 weeks for a public consultation. Mr Harding asked that Council respond to thee consultation and comment on the SEP refresh and advised that the CPRE will be holding a public meeting on the SEP in Wallingford Town hall on 17th May. Mr Gray proposed that Council formulate a written response to the consultation at the next Planning meeting.</p>					
Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Adelson	Carried	unanimously
18	To receive the minutes of the Personnel Working Party				
Mr Gray proposed Council accept the minutes of the Personnel Working Party.					
Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Dyer-Lynch	Carried	unanimously
19	To agree a request for a S137 donation from CHiPS				
Mr Gray proposed Council donate £180 in line with last year.					
Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Jenkins	Carried	unanimously
20	To consider the land transfer for the Cholsey Meadows allotments				
Mr Gray briefed Council on the outstanding issues surrounding the Cholsey Meadows allotment land transfer. He ask Council for permission to sign the transfer outside the meeting provided all issues are resolved.					
Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Dyer-Lynch	Carried	unanimously
21	To consider registering the Red Lion as an Asset of Community Value				
After some discussion the Clerk was asked to re-agenda this item for the next meeting when Mrs Rowlands would be present.					
22	To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices				
<p>1. LETTERS (including e-mails)</p> <p>(i) Oxfordshire Health – response to letter re: parking charges at Wallingford Medical Practice</p> <p>(ii) OCC – Subsidised Bus Service Update. Mrs Dyer-Lynch reported only 8 out of 18 bus operators have responded to confirm how they are going to handle the cuts to subsidies which will cease on 31st July. Councils are advised to build public transport into neighbourhood plans and ensure they obtain s106 money for public transport. Currently Cholsey’s services are supported by s106 money from the Cholsey Meadows development. There are pilot schemes being set up which will make minibuses, which are used for statutory services, available for hire in their downtime. Mrs Dyer-Lynch also advised that there was some concern among parish council transport representatives as OCC are cutting back any support given to the Transport Group.</p> <p>(iii) Wallingford School – invitation to Founders Day Celebration Evening Mr Gray advised he would be attending.</p> <p>(iv) SODC – Letter from John Cotton re: A Better Deal for Oxfordshire</p> <p>(v) OCC – Devolving Powers to Towns and Parishes</p> <p>(vi) OCC – Minerals and Waste Core Strategy – Consultation on Additional Documents Mr Gray advised that CAGE were dealing with this.</p> <p>(vii) OxLEP – Refresh of Strategic Economic Plan for Oxfordshire</p> <p>(viii) Email from resident re: parking restrictions</p> <p>2. REPORTS, PLANS & STRATEGIES</p> <p>(i) Oxfordshire Together – Update April 2016</p> <p>3. NOTICES, POSTERS and FLYERS</p> <p>(i) Become a Dementia Friend Mr Whitfield advised that on 15th May Mrs Whitfield will be running a free Dementia Friends session. Those interested can register on website or talk to Mr Whitfield.</p> <p>4. MAGAZINES and NEWSLETTERS</p> <p>(i) Came & Company – Council Matters Magazine</p>					

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23	To receive the Estate Managers report for March	
	Council reviewed the Estate Managers report. Mrs Ivereigh asked when the repairs to the damaged bridge in the Millennium Woods would be done. The Clerk advised that the wood for the repairs had been ordered and the repair would be done early the following week.	
24	To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair	
	Mr Gray reported that work on “Missing Link”, pedestrian refuge and lighting for the Reading Road is due to start. Work on setting up the Children’s Centre is progressing well. A drop in event will be held on 11 th May and the Centre will be ready to open on 28 th May with a teddy bears picnic. The Community Library is running a series of events throughout May “31 days in May” to help increase knowledge of the facilities offered within Cholsey and to boost use. The proposed parking restrictions consulted on last year have now been agreed by OCC and it is anticipated work will begin to put these in place in June.	
25	To receive Councillors’ Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda	Action
	Mr Adelson suggested that Council should consider using the Queens birthday event as a fundraising opportunity perhaps for the skate ramp project. Mr Curtis advised that there had been a car accident on Papist Way at the weekend as direct result of cars parking right up to road junctions. Mr Gray undertook to raise the issue with OCC’s Highways Steward. Mrs Ivereigh asked if anything could be done about helicopters from RAF Benson flying at night. Mrs Ivereigh was advised that the number to call to complain is 01491 837766 extension 5218, 8am-5pm Monday to Friday. Mr Jenkins reported that the building site on Ilges Road opposite the entrance to Panters Road has still not been secured. The Office will re-report this. Mr Ramsay advised that OCC now have funding to remove road signs, so if there are road signs in village no longer in use Council can ask for them to be removed. Mr Ramsay suggested that perhaps Council should debate options around OCC’s and District Councils differing Unitary authority plans once further information is available about the two options. Mr Ramsay asked that the Office follow up the hedge at Jubilee Cottage which is growing across the public footpath. Mr Ramsay advised that there will be a public meeting on 21 st May in the Community Library regarding the Neighbourhood Plan Cholsey Plan and that the website is now up and running.	<p style="text-align: center;">AP16/032</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AP16/033</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AP16/034</p>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:30