

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting	Wednesday 5 th October at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey.
Chair	Mr M Gray
Attendees	Mr P Jenkins Mrs Dyer-Lynch, Mrs L Hamlyn, Mrs L Ivereigh, Mrs V Bolt, Mr P Ramsay, Mrs A Rowlands, Mr J Adelson, Mrs M Kaposy and Mr J. Hope-Smith.
Apologies	Mr R Whitfield

96	To welcome the new Clerk and note the temporary arrangements for the first month
	Mr Gray introduced the new Clerk Lucy Dalby and reported that for the first month she would be in the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings only. A leaving party was held for Mel Malcolm last Friday.

97	To hear questions or comments from members of the public
	Mr Sheldon spoke about his concerns regarding flooding in the Parish. He showed the Councillors a copy of the 1851 Enclosure Award of the village detailing the drains and flood plains at that time. He is concerned that the increased development of the village has seen a reduction in the ditches which carry water to the brook especially at times of heavy rainfall. He feels the Planning Authority should consider the flooding problems as part of any planning decisions. Mr Gray invited Mr Sheldon to join the planned meeting with the OCC Drainage Officers.

98	To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillors
	<p>County Councillors Report</p> <p>Mr Gray reported that the County Council has recommended that 'Option 6' from their Unitary Authority Report be adopted. This recommends a single authority for Oxfordshire with Area Locality Committees to deal with planning etc. The District Councils are recommending a three Council option. The Government requires all parties to reach an agreement if a change is to be made to the current structure. It is estimated that savings of £30m could be made by creating a Unitary Authority.</p> <p>Work has begun on the dual use cycle/pedestrian path on the Wallingford Road. The work is being carried out by Oxford City Works. Mr Gray has spoken to Wallingford TC, Moulsoford PC and Sustainable Wallingford about contributing towards works to side out the remainder of the footpath alongside the Wallingford Road.</p> <p>The County Council has debated the Governments proposals for new Grammar schools with 80% of Councillors voting against.</p> <p>Mr Gray reported that during the recent very heavy rainfall the Fire Brigade did a fantastic job of pumping the flood water into the brook. Mr Gray is arranging a meeting of interested parties to discuss solutions to the flooding problem. In the mean time minor works will be carried out to the pipe which feeds excess water into the stream.</p> <p>District Councillors Report</p> <p>No report had been received.</p>

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

100	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2016						
	The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.						
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	She has asked them to provide evidence of their progress so far. The Youth Worker will try to move the project forward.
AP16/063	The Estate Manager has written to Tesco again about turning off the illuminated sign at night. Awaiting a response

102	Planning				
(a)	To consider Planning Applications as at 1st September 2016:				
P16/S2045/FUL	1 Sandy Lane – Amendment 1 – Proposed new detached dwelling Mr Jenkins reminded the council Councillors that they had originally refused this application because it was out of character and there were issues with the decommissioning of the fuel tank. The amendment was discussed. Mr Gray reported that the District Council having previously stated it would not support a dwelling on this site as it is too small have reversed this decision due to land supply issues. Mr Gray recommended that the application was refused on the grounds of loss of an open space and that one house can not be used towards the housing land supply.				
Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Rowlands	Carried	carried 7 in favour and 3 abstentions

(b)	To note planning decisions received.				
	P16/S2707/HH – 15 Panters Rd - Granted P16/S2117/HH – 19 Rothwells Close – Granted P16/S2455/HH – 42c Wallingford Rd - Granted				
(c)	To note application for discharge of conditions on P15/S0262/O land North of Celsea Place				
	The application was noted.				

(d)	To agree the minutes of the planning committee held on 21st September				
	The minutes were approved and signed by Mr Jenkins.				

103	Finance				
(a)	To approve accounts for payment				
	The accounts were reviewed and approved for payment.				
	PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN MEETINGS				
	M. Gray	Clerk Ad Henley Standard	205619	379.42	
	Petty Cash		205620	40.00	
	TOTAL			419.42	
	PAYMENTS				
	HMRC	PAYE & NI p/e 5th October	205621	£258.69	
	Virgin Media Payments	Phone & Broadband - September	205622	£69.47	
	Collier's of Crowmarsh	Bucket, Mask and Goggles	205623	£4.75	
	MK Watts	Grass cutting Rec & Cemetery Sept	205624	£1,200.00	
	Charlton Enviromental	Weedspray - Appl 3	205625	£390.00	
	Blanchford Building Supplies	Plywood for Defibrillator	205626	£21.46	
	BDO LLP	External Audit	205627	£480.00	
	M. Gray	Chair's Expenses	205628	£200.00	
	E. Lee	Manager Happy Hub - September	205629	£432.00	
	GLS Educational Supplies	Stationery	205630	£45.05	
	M. Gray	Refreshments/Flowers	205631	£64.51	
	TOTAL			£3,165.93	
Proposed	Mrs Bolt	Seconded	Mr Jenkins	Carried	With 1 abstention

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(b)	Finance											
	<p>To note payments received Noted The current balances of the accounts were noted:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Current Account £51,731.41 Reserves Account £42,916.34 Projects Account £40,186.31</p>											
104	To receive an application to join the Parish Council from Irene Neill											
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105	To receive the minutes of the Personnel Working Party held on 14th September											
The minutes were approved. It was agreed that there should be more co-ordination between the Finance Committee and Personnel Working Party. Concerns were raised that the shortfall the Happy Hub wages are not being met by fundraising.												
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106	To consider a request from Bluebirds to store a pair of wheeled goals outside.											
It was agreed that if permitted the goals should be locked to the Pavilion for storage. The Estate Manager will meet with the club to agree details. Bluebirds will be responsible for their own insurance.												
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The proposal to expand the school was discussed. It was agreed to respond asking the county Council to seek a proactive and imaginative solution. Better provision for walking needs to be considered. Councillors were encouraged to respond to the consultation individually.												
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It was agreed to wait until spring to appoint a contractor to lay a new Churchyard path. The old path is in need of urgent attention. It was agreed to ask Oxford City Works supply a quote for both relaying the path and for patching the path if this is not possible whilst a long term solution is sought. An agreement will be made once the quote has been received.												
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111	To discuss CAPA's request to lower the kerb at Ilges Lane Allotments in light of the costs received by the Estate Manager											
It was agreed to refuse the request to lower the cost due to the cost of the work.												
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112	To receive a verbal report on the recent flooding and its ramifications											
See County Councillors Report.												

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113	To discuss the possibility of the Parish Council taking on the Community Car Scheme				
	Deferred to Novembers meeting.				
114	To receive the Estate Managers Report for September				
	<p>Council reviewed the Estate Manager's report. OCC have started to paint the double yellow lines on Station Road. A budget of £500 was agreed for a new hedge trimmer including the £100 received for the old hedge trimmer.</p>				
	Proposed	Mrs Dyer-Lynch	Seconded	Mrs Bolt	Carried unanimously

115	To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices				
	<p>1. LETTERS (including e-mails)</p> <p>(i) CPRE – request for donation The Clerk was asked to add the item to the agenda for next meeting.</p> <p>(ii) Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group – Consultation</p> <p>(iii) Request for dogs to be kept on leads The Clerk was asked to add the item to the agenda for next meeting.</p> <p>(iv) Home Start – thank you for donation</p> <p>2. REPORTS, PLANS & STRATEGIES</p> <p>3. NOTICES, POSTERS and FLYERS</p> <p>(i) Cholsey and Wallingford Railway Preservation Society – AGM</p> <p>(ii) SODC – Council Binning black and coloured sacks in recycling bins</p> <p>(iii) CFO – Placemaking Conference Mr Ramsay and Mr Gray to attend.</p> <p>(iv) North Wessex Downs AONB Annual Forum</p> <p>(v) Sustainable Wallingford – events and information</p> <p>(vi) CFO – AGM invitation</p> <p>(vii) Cholsey Pavilion Trust AGM</p> <p>4. MAGAZINES and NEWSLETTERS</p>				

94	To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair				
	<p>Mr Gray reported that The Memories of Bengal has received a 3* hygiene rating. The Annual Library Quiz is coming up and the Happy Hub will be holding monthly Bingo.</p>				

95	To receive Councillors' Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda				Action
	<p>Mr Adelson gave his apologies for absence for next month's meeting. Mrs Hamlyn reported a large pothole in Honey Lane. To be reported to Fix my Street. It was agreed that although OCC consider the quality of the road to be acceptable it should be monitored. Mrs Kaposy reported the hedge is blocking the traffic lights at the railway bridge. To be reported to Fix my Street. Mr Jenkins applauded the shared cycle path on the Wallingford Road however there is no provision for pedestrians whilst the work is being carried out. Mr Gray will follow this up with OCC. Mrs Bolt reported that the Head of Cholsey Primary School is retiring. The school has been inspected by OFSTED this week. Mr Ramsey has cut back the hedge on Church Street. Mrs Bolt will chase the school Contractor to trim back the path.</p>				