

## CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5 Feb at 7.30pm in The Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey,

**Present: Chairman:** Mr M Gray

**Councillors:** Mr J Butler, Mrs V Bolt, Mrs L Hamlyn, Mr P Jenkins, Helen Jiggins, Mrs M Kaposy, Mr M Madeley, Mr A Dalby.

**Apologies:** Mrs A Rowlands, Mrs M Dyer-Lynch

### 397 To hear questions or comments from members of the public (max 15mins)

Mr Sheldon felt his comments on 15<sup>th</sup> January were not sufficiently reflected in the minutes of that meeting. He said that he had stated that the precept had gone up by nearly 16% in last three years

He also believed that the response to the above from Mrs Bolt was incorrectly reported. Mrs Bolt disagreed.

### 398 To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillors

Mr Gray reported on the following:

**County broadband** roll-out is moving forward. However, this doesn't affect Cholsey. Improvements to Cholsey's broadband can only happen if BT make a commercial decision to improve the service.

**Buses** – Mr Gray has spoken to Mr Shelby at Thames Travel about the number of buses that don't turn up. Mr Shelby had told him that they are doing all they can to try and improve things and that they hope the new timetable will help. Mr Gray advised that Thames Travel along with other Oxfordshire bus companies have an App for smart phone users "Oxontime" which lets users know when the next bus is due at their stop. This may be of help to a limited number of people.

**Fulscot Bridge** the opening will now be delayed to the end of March.

**Home School transport** – A decision has been reached by the County Council to only pay for children to go to their nearest school. The only exception will be where villages are bisected where they will pay for children to go to the school they have traditionally attended. These changes will be implemented from September 2014.

**Community Networks** – OCC has recruited someone to help communities put together networks to support and assist elderly residents. Mr Gray suggested Council invite them to speak at a future meeting. **AP14/021**

**Fix my Street** – Mr Gray has used this mechanism to report all blocked gulleys in Cholsey.

**Jobs** – 1.2 billion given to Oxfordshire through the "City Deal" to create jobs.

### 399 To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items

None

### 400 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15 Jan 2014

There being no amendments, Mr Gray proposed acceptance of the minutes. Seconded Mr Jenkins.

**Carried** With 1 abstention

### 401 To approve and sign off the minutes of the meeting held on 8 Jan 2014.

There being no amendments, Mr Gray proposed acceptance of the minutes. Seconded Mr Butler.

**Carried** With 2 abstentions.

### 402 To report Matters arising

#### (a) From the minutes of 15 Jan 2014

**Minute 383** Mr Gray reported he has written a piece in the Fair Mile newsletter about progress on the Children's Play Area. He has also been in touch with the developers who have committed to push ahead with it once planning permission has been received.

**Minute 387** – Mr Gray reported that he has spent considerable time contacting and meeting Winterbrook residents and believes that SODC should have received around 30 letters in support of Winterbrook remaining part of Cholsey. In addition both he and Mrs Dawe have written in their capacity as District Councillors and a letter has been sent by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish. Mr Gray is aware of only 1 letter against Winterbrook remaining with Cholsey. The plans will be discussed further at a meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February. Mr Gray intends to speak and will approach Winterbrook residents to speak.

#### (b) From the minutes of 8 Jan 2014

None.

#### (b) From the Action Point Register(s)

**AP14/002** - Mr Gray reported that he had contacted SODC who had told him that only transparent bin liners can be used for waste to be recycled – this does however include supermarket type carrier bags. He will follow up and check if black bin bags can be used for excess landfill waste.

**AP13/116** – 13 application packs have been issued to individuals interested in the Children's Worker role.

**AP12/184** – Mrs Hamlyn reported that she has been back in touch with the solicitors acting for the landlord of the building occupied by Tesco and she has resent the relevant plans and photographs.

**AP14/016** - Mr Gray has followed this up with Highways again. However because the damage is result of work done by British Gas then it is their responsibility to repair them under section 81, not Highways.

#### 403 Planning

##### (a) To consider Planning Applications as at 30 Jan 2014:

**P13/S3980/LB.– The Willows, 42 Wallingford Road** – Internal and External alterations to existing listed building. Mr Dalby recommended approval in view of the very detailed plans received, which had been approved by the conservation officer and the lack of any objections or comments from neighbours.

Proposed Mr Dalby, Seconded Mr Gray, **Carried:** Unanimously.

**P14/S0139/HH – 30 Ilges Lane** – Erection of a single storey rear extension.

Replace existing conservatory with extension. Recommend approval. Mr Dalby recommended approval and reported that there had been no objections or comments from neighbours.

Proposed Mr Dalby, Seconded Mr Butler, **Carried:** Unanimously.

##### (b) To note planning decisions received.

**APP/Q3115/A/13/2203875** – Land Adjoining 23 Winterbrook Lane - Appeal dismissed

**P13/S3834/HH** – 43 Station Road, Cholsey - Approved

**P13/S3763/HH** – 27 Cross Road, Cholsey - Approved

**P13/S3501/FUL** – 36-38 Honey Lane, Cholsey - Approved

**P12/S0436** – Re-development of CABI site Wallingford – Approved

**P13/S3677/FUL** - 24 Cross Rd – Mr Gray reported that he and Mr Jenkins had attended the Planning Committee relating to this application, which had resulted in SODC Planning dept. scheduling a site visit to 24 Cross Lane. A further Planning Committee is to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> February after their visit. Mr Gray and Mr Jenkins will attend and Mr Gray will approach the relevant neighbours to ask them to attend.

#### 404 Finance

##### (a) To approve accounts for payment

Mr Gray proposed approval of the accounts for payment, Seconded Mr Madeley. **Carried:** Unanimously

##### (b) To note payments received

Noted

#### 405 To consider and agree proposals for upgrading the war memorial in the Forty.

Mr Gray explained that the proposal was to agree in principle that the idea of upgrading the existing Forty memorial should be investigated and a working party assembled to take the idea further. Any improvements would be made using grants available from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Mr Gray had approached a local stonemason with the idea of obtaining a ball-park figure on cost for discussion purposes. Mr Gray suggested that the working group should include a villager who had lived through or served in the last war. Mrs Bolt suggested the Clerk get in touch with the school who have a number of possible contacts. **AP14/022**

After discussions Mr Gray proposed that a working party should be inaugurated to take the idea further. Mr Madeley and Mr Butler volunteered to participate. Seconded Mr Butler **Carried:** with 2 abstentions **AP14/023**

#### 406 To consider and agree a request for use of the recreation ground meadow by Ginnett's Circus including the ground rent to be charged.

After discussions it was decided that Benson Parish Council should be approached to find out their charges and the rate set at a future meeting once figures obtained. It was proposed that the request be agreed in principle, with provisions that the circus should take place in summer and that Council reserve the right to cancel permission at short notice should ground conditions be unsuitable.

Proposed Mr Butler, Seconded Mr Gray, **Carried:** Unanimously. **AP14/024**

#### 407 To consider and agree a request for use of the recreation ground meadow by Mason's Funfair including the ground rent to be charged.

It was proposed that the same approach should be taken as for the above item in relation to charges and ground conditions .but with the exception that the dates of 17-18 May requested by Mason's should be agreed.

Proposed Mr Gray, Seconded Mr Butler, **Carried:** Unanimously.

#### 408 To discuss the future approach to decisions for occasional use of Rec/Whitehead Meadow.

It was proposed that once a price structure was agreed for occasional use of Rec/Whitehead Meadow then decisions regarding it's hire should be delegated to the Parish Office.

Proposed Mr Gray, Seconded Mr Jenkins, **Carried:** Unanimously.

#### 409 To consider and agree a request for use of the recreation ground by Cholsey United Football Club.

Mr Butler proposed that the Council agree in principal to use by CUFC and charge a package fee for use of the ground and changing facilities and then pay the Pavilion Trust the fee for the changing rooms. The Estate Manager will be asked to investigate what price should be charged. Proposed Mr Butler, Seconded Mr Gray, **Carried:**

Unanimously. **AP14/025**

**410 To consider and agree a request from Cholsey Short Mat Bowls Club to underwrite a damage deposit for use of Fair Mile Hall.**

After discussions it was agreed that to assist them as a new organisation Council will underwrite their damage deposit of £150 for 6 months. Proposed Mrs Bolt, Seconded Mr Jenkins, **Carried:** with 2 against.

Mr Gray proposed suspending standing orders under Section 6(d)(x) in order to consider the plans received from Highways to improve parking problems in the village, Seconded Mrs Bolt, **Carried:** Unanimously.

Council discussed the proposals which covered Papist Way, Papist Way/Ferry Lane, Station Road and Droverside. Members suggested various amendments and Mr Gray proposed that he should meet with Mr Tole at Highways to get these incorporated in their plans. Seconded Mr Dalby, **Carried** with 1 abstention. **AP14/026**

A date of 5<sup>th</sup> April was agreed for an informal consultation meeting with residents to take place in the Pavilion. All residents directly affected will be sent letters/flyers including a form to be completed by those who wish to speak at the meeting. Mr Gray agreed to write a piece for the Forty magazine and posters will be put up on village notice-boards. Maps showing proposed changes will be put on Cholsey Info website **AP14/027**

Mrs Kaposy advised the meeting that she had recently used the station car park and had counted 18 free spaces indicating that commuters are not using the facility, possibly preferring to park in the streets due to the £4.80 charge. She reported that there appears to be no mechanism for overnight parking as any parking ticket purchased expires at midnight. Mr Butler proposed that the clerk should write to the Station Manager raising the above issues. Seconded Mr Gray. **Carried** Unanimously **AP14/028**

Mr Butler proposed returning to standing orders, Seconded Mr Gray, **Carried:** Unanimously.

**411 To receive the Estate Managers report for January.**

Orange barrier fencing has had to be re-erected around the grassed areas in the Pavilion Car Park because of damage caused to the grass by cars.

Mrs Hamlyn requested that thanks be relayed to the Estate Manager for her work.

**412 To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices**

1(i) Mr Nichols had written to members resigning as Councils representative on CWRP committee. Mr Dalby proposed that Council should write and thank Mr Nicholls, seconded Mr Gray. **Carried:** Unanimously. **AP14/029**

1(ii) SODC request for information, reports and photographs re: local flooding. Helen Jiggins agreed to provide some photographs and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr Nicholls to see if he would be willing to take some, particularly of the fields off Wallingford Rd and Reading Rd. **AP14/030**

1(iii) West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Plan, Mr Dalby agreed to review the plan on behalf of Council. **AP14/031**

1(iv) Crisis Skylight Oxford request for meeting – after discussion Council felt that a meeting at this time would not be of benefit.

1(vi) Tree House School request to use the Forty on Pancake Day. Proposed Mr Butler, seconded Mr Gray, **Carried:** Unanimously

**413 To receive news items or updates from the Chair.**

Mr Gray reported that the application for the Agatha Christie trail signage had been sent. There was only enough money to purchase four information boards. Mr Gray has spoken to Mr Francis at SODC who is dealing with the installation of kissing gates along the trail and it is hoped that both projects can be delivered at the same time.

Mr Gray advised that the Finance group will meet Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb and the Travel Group on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Complaints had been received regarding 4x4 vehicles using the Ilges Lane Byways. Mr Gray agreed to raise the matter with OCC. Mr Gray reported on the dog waste flyer and bag handout that he and Helen Jiggins had run on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> unfortunately the number of dog walkers that day was low.

**414 To receive Councillors' Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda**

Mrs Bolt reported that the Great Hall at Fairmile has now been officially handed over and is open for bookings.

Mr Madeley reported that electric charging points are to be installed at Cholsey Station.

Mr Butler requested that Highways look at the road outside the Pavilion which is in a state of bad repair. Mr Gray advised that he had reported it through Fix My Street. Mr Butler asked that the Estate Manager deal with an overgrown tree/hedge blocking the path on Station Road.

Mr Jenkins raised the issue of the amount of litter in the centre of the village. Mr Gray undertook to speak to Tesco's Manager and Biffa to see if they can extend their cleaning to encompass a slightly wider area. **AP14/033**

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 19 Feb 2014, 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Station Road**

**Melanie Malcolm, Parish Clerk**

**THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND**