

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting	Wednesday 5th August at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey.
Chair	Mr M Gray
Attendees	Mr P Jenkins, Mrs A Rowlands, Mrs L Ivreigh, Mr A Curtis, Mrs L Hamlyn, Mrs Dyer-Lynch, Helen Jiggins Mr P Ramsay
Apologies	Mrs V Bolt

82	To hear questions or comments from members of the public (max 15mins)
	<p>Mr Sheldon asked if Council could publish information about pre-planning applications by developers such as that at East End Farm to let residents know what is happening prior to a planning application being submitted. Mr Gray responded that if residents had questions about such items then they would be very welcome to attend Parish Council meetings to speak about their concerns.</p> <p>Mr Sheldon asked if Council could reimburse a resident for wood purchased to form a surround to the area of land at the entrance to the Ilges Lane allotments cultivated by CAPA. Mr Sheldon was asked to email the Estate Manager with details.</p>

83	To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillors
	<p>District Councillors Report No District Councillor was present and no report had been received.</p> <p>County Councillors Report Mr Gray advised that due to the time of year there was little to report from County. He asked members to respond to the current consultation on Bus Services and advised that he and Mrs Dyer-Lynch will review the consultation documents and bring a list of recommendations for discussion at Council's next meeting.</p>

84	To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items
	None

85	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2015						
	The minutes of 15 th July were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.						
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	extra dwellings. Local residents already complain about a lack of water pressure in the area. After discussion Mr Jenkins proposed that the application be refused on the grounds previously given and Council also draw SODC's attention to the above regarding open space, water waste infrastructure and resident's opposition.				
Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mr Gray	Carried	unanimously
	Mr Gray advised that as part of the pre-planning process he had been approached by SODC regarding S106 requirements should the development at Celsea Place go ahead, including funding for public art which could be used to provide additional information boards and signage for the Agatha Christie trail, and funding for youth sport which could be used for provision of facilities for young people at Cholsey Meadows. Helen Jiggins agreed to investigate what might be done regarding Cholsey Meadows and Mrs Dyer-Lynch the Agatha Christie trail.				
					AP15/112 AP15/113

(b)	To note planning decisions received.
	P15/S1782/HH 13 Abbots Mead – Granted P15/S1714/HH 6 Willow Close – Granted P15/S1968/FUL 41 Honey Lane – Granted

88	Finance				
(a)	To approve accounts for payment				
	The accounts were reviewed. Mr Gray reported that in addition an invoice for £31,810.26 had now been received from Pinelog Ltd in full and final settlement of the pavilion build, this was as expected. A £2,000 retention had been agreed with Pinelog to fix the problems with the overflow car park. Mr Gray proposed Council approve the payments including the Pinelog invoice.				
Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Hamlyn	Carried	unanimously

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(b)	To note payments received
	Noted

89	To hear from Sue Bright, manager of Wallingford CAP Debt Centre	
	Mrs Bright informed Council that Wallingford CAP (Christian's Against Poverty) Debt Centre has been offering a free local debt counselling service since January. CAP is partnered with a national debt charity who provide regulated financial advice from their head office in Bradford. Three local churches are involved in the Wallingford Debt Centre including St Mary's, Cholsey. Although CAP is a Christian organisation its services are available to all. CAP's average client has £18 per week to spend on food and most have taken over a year to ask for help with 30% taking over 3 years. Although CAP take referrals, clients have to make the call to CAP themselves to provide consent for the services provided. Volunteers visit clients in their homes to explain the service and review any paperwork the client may have. At a further visit they gather financial information which is forwarded to the Bradford office which negotiates with creditors and work out a budget for the clients which is explained to clients at a third visit. CAP stay and work with their clients until they are debt free. Mrs Bright emphasised the need to get the service known within the local community and asked Council to promote the service within Cholsey. The Clerk will provide Mrs Bright with contacts for the WI and the 5-0 Club. Helen Jiggins and the Clerk will include information in the Cholsey Mile and Village Voice newsletters. The Clerk will investigate adding a link to the website.	AP15/114

90	To consider a request from Choko for a s137 donation				
	Council considered a letter from CHOKO requesting that, as in 2014, Council sponsor a barrel at a cost of £99 for the annual CHOKO Beer Festival. Mr Gray proposed approval. Council asked the Clerk to decline the offer of free tickets and glasses mentioned in the letter, on their behalf.				
Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Jenkins	Carried	With 1 abstention

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91	<p>To discuss and agree a response to the proposals from OCC Highways for changes to the parking restrictions on various roads in Cholsey</p> <p>Mr Gray proposed Council review and agree the proposals page by page.</p> <p>a) Station Road - after discussion Mr Gray proposed Council accept OCC's proposals, seconded Mrs Rowlands, carried unanimously.</p> <p>b) Crescent Way, Buckthorn Lane, Kentwood Close - after discussion Mr Gray proposed Council accept OCC's proposals, seconded Mr Jenkins, carried unanimously.</p> <p>c) Papist Way (Station Road end), - Council agreed OCC should be asked to reconsider their proposal to remove some existing parking restrictions as it was felt that this didn't make sense. Mr Gray undertook to contact OCC.</p> <p>d) Papist Way (Reading Road end), Ferry Lane and Reading Road Council agreed OCC should be asked to extend the double yellow lines into Newlands Way – as has been proposed for Ferry Way and Schuster Close and to extend the double yellow lines further down Ferry Lane. Proposed Mr Gray, seconded Helen Jiggins, carried unanimously.</p> <p>e) Honey Lane and Pound Lane – Council agreed that OCC should be asked to reconsider the proposed 2 hour waiting outside "The Pound" row of shops on Honey Lane as they believe that this could make the parking issues in the centre of the village worse in the short term. Proposed Mr Gray, seconded Mr Jenkins, carried with 4 abstentions.</p> <p>Mr Gray undertook speak to Tesco again about use of the parking area at the rear of the store.</p>	AP15/115
92	<p>To discuss and agree a grant and loan to Cholsey Community Transport</p> <p>Mr Gray requested this item be postponed until the next meeting as the situation had changed.</p>	
93	<p>To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices</p> <p>1. LETTERS (including e-mails)</p> <p>(i) Response from SODC to letter re: sites for development in Cholsey Council expressed their disappointment at the response received from SODC on this issue.</p> <p>(ii) Invitation to OCC Town & Parish Council event – 21st September Mr Gray and Mr Ramsay volunteered to attend on council's behalf.</p> <p>(iii) Email from HCA regarding Cholsey Meadows Allotments The Clerk will respond to address the HCA's concerns about Council running the Cholsey Meadows allotments.</p> <p>(iv) Response from Road Safety Team re: request for reduced speed limit on Wallingford Rd Mr Gray will contact Chris Hulme of TVP to see if they would support the lowering of the speed limit on Wallingford Rd.</p> <p>(iii) Invite to Wild Oxfordshire – Parish Council's conference – 8th August</p> <p>(vi) Invitation to SODC Neighbourhood Planning conference Mr Ramsay advised that he will be attending.</p> <p>2. REPORTS, PLANS & STRATEGIES</p> <p>(i) Notice of South & Vale Community Safety Partnership Plan</p> <p>(ii) OCC Minerals & Waste Local plan – Notice of consultation Mr Gray advised that he had passed this on to CAGE</p> <p>3. NOTICES, POSTERS and FLYERS</p> <p>(i) TVP open day – 8th August</p> <p>(ii) Sue Ryder – cycle event – 20/9</p> <p>4. MAGAZINES and NEWSLETTERS</p>	<p>AP15/116</p> <p>AP15/117</p>
94	<p>To receive the Estate Managers report for July</p> <p>Council received and reviewed the Estate Managers report for July.</p>	
95	<p>To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair</p> <p>Mr Gray reported that the new Youth Worker Monica Brown will be working alongside Jacob Dearman during Action in the Park, which has now started. There has been a good turnout for events so far. The new Older Persons Worker Louise Pearce is to start on 24th August.</p>	

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96	To receive Councillors' Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda	
	<p>Mr Rowlands reported: Tree cutting has been taking place at a property on Papist Way/Silly Bridge track which may be a pre-cursor to another planning application. A resident on Papist Way appears to be selling cars from their property. Mrs Hamlyn advised that she may know the resident involved and will advise the Office who will follow the issue up. Mrs Ivereigh reported that the BT hole on Station Road has still not been filled in. The Office will raise the issue through BT. Mrs Dyer-Lynch reported that there was an abandoned lorry at the entrance to St Georges close. Mr Gray undertook to report it to TVP. Mr Jenkins asked if the Maintenance Person could fix the bollard at the top of Ilges Lane which has been knocked down again and also trim the area around the dog bin on Buckthorn Lane. Mr Ramsay asked if the Maintenance Person could do a litter pick in the Millennium Wood and also by the Station. There is also litter in the stream by the school, which the school will be asked to clear. Mrs Hamlyn asked about progress on the cycle path on Wallingford Rd and advised that the hedge has now become very overgrown and is encroaching on the path. The Office will contact the landowners to request that they cut the hedges once birds have stopped nesting. Helen Jiggins advised that there have been more complaints about the behaviour of individuals in the Cholsey Meadows Play Area. Additional notices have been erected to replace those "removed". A waste bin and dog bin are urgently needed on the Play Area. The Clerk advised that a bin holder had been purchased for the Play Area. The line of site for motorists turning left onto Papist Way at the top of Honey Lane is being blocked by overgrown bushes/trees. The Office will contact the resident concerned.</p>	<p>AP15/118 AP15/119 AP15/120 AP15/121 AP15/122</p>

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.