

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Meeting	Wednesday 6 th May at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey.
Chair	Mr M Gray
Attendees	Mr P Jenkins, Mrs M Dyer-Lynch, Mrs M Kaposy, Mrs L Hamlyn, Mrs V Bolt, Mr M Madeley Mr P Ramsay (from 8:45)
Apologies	Mrs A Rowlands, Helen Jiggins, James Butler

380	To hear questions or comments from members of the public (max 15mins)	Action
	<p>Mr Sheldon spoke about Council's accounts which he believed should have been presented at the Annual Parish Meeting. Mr Gray responded that his understanding was that they were presented at Council's Annual Meeting which is scheduled for 20th May. Mr Sheldon commented that he believes - contrary to the statement from the Solar Farm contractors – that they have removed some of the hedge around the disused allotments on Wallingford Rd.</p> <p>Mrs Cullen of 16 Honey Lane addressed Council regarding her application to build a house in her garden. She advised that she had withdrawn her previous application which had been rejected by Council. The new application puts the proposed house further back on the plot. She advised Council that since she moved into 16 Honey Lane she has received many approaches from developers who would like to purchase her house, pull it down and build many houses on the land. She believes her current application would lessen the likelihood of this happening in the future.</p> <p>Mr Kendall advised that the hedges on Wallingford Rd opposite Memories of Bengal restaurant were very overgrown and becoming a danger to pedestrians. The Estate Manager will be asked to write to the appropriate residents. Mr Kendall also voiced his support for the planning application to build an Eco School.</p> <p>Mrs Ryman head teacher of Treehouse School spoke about their planning application to build an Eco School. The Treehouse school was set up to offer alternative schooling in the village, it currently has 15 pupils. They receive 2 or 3 enquiries each week from potential parents but are unable to take any more pupils. The proposed development would allow them to increase pupil numbers to 30. They have secured access to the site via Cross Road from Chequers Place. The school ethos means that there would be no on-site parking.</p> <p>Mrs Robertson of Treehouse School advised that they have consulted with SODC Planning department on the plans for the Eco school. When preparing their plans for the school they have been careful to preserve the Old Bakehouse and orchard and not to do anything that would despoil the centre of village in any way.</p>	AP15/072

381	To hear reports from County and/or District Councillors
	<p>Mr Gray reported that much of the road lining in the village has been redone, including the lining on Church Rd bridge which had been causing particular concern. The money for the work had come from his County Councillor locality budget, which unfortunately has now been cut.</p> <p>Mr Gray advised that he is putting pressure on County Highways to do something about problems under Westfield Rd bridge. Although Highways have taken some action on the drainage issues the area now needs resurfacing.</p> <p>Mr Gray reported that there is now a timetable for minerals and waste plan. The revised plan will be submitted to the government for examination in September and in November/December examination hearings will be conducted by an inspector.</p> <p>Mrs Haigh head teacher at Cholsey School has advised Mr Gray that it is unlikely that any child who requested a place at the school will have to go elsewhere. She believes that residents moving out of the village or deciding to send their children to alternative schools will almost certainly free up enough places to allow the school to offer places to virtually all those wishing to attend the school.</p>

382	To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items
	<p>Mr Jenkins declared an interest as a close neighbour in the planning application relating to 6 Honey Lane. He also declared an interest in Item 10 of the agenda as a member of Cholsey Silver Band.</p> <p>Mrs Kaposy declared an interest as a close neighbour in the planning application relating to the Land at Caps Lane.</p>

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383	To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2015				
	The minutes of 15 th April were approved as a true record and signed by the chair.				
Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Jenkins	Carried	2 abstentions

384	To report matters arising from the minutes of 15th April 2015				
Item	The Clerk advised that Mrs Rowlands had further investigated the defibrillator provider discussed at Council's last meeting and was satisfied that their defibrillators were suitable for purchase. The Clerk had contacted Brightwell cum Sotwell Parish Council for advice on their experience of adopting a BT kiosk for housing a defibrillator. Although an initial response has been received she is awaiting further information.				
Item	Mrs Hamlyn, Mr Ramsay, Mrs Dyer-Lynch and Mr Gray reported that they had all visited the proposed new site for the Treehouse school.				

385	Planning				
(b)	To consider Planning Applications as 30th April 2015:				
P15/S0951/FUL	53 Ilges Lane, Cholsey – Construct new 4 bedroom house. Mr Jenkins advised that one of the neighbours had written against the proposal. After discussion Mr Jenkins advised Council refuse the application on the grounds of overdevelopment, un-neighbourliness and because, in its current form, the property is not in keeping with the existing street scene. Council expressed concerns about the size and height of the proposed property particularly in view of its elevated position.				
Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mr Gray	Carried	unanimously
P15/S0866/HH	3 Weedon Close - ground and first floor side and rear extension. Mr Jenkins advised that no comments had been received from neighbours and after discussion recommended Council approve the application.				
Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mr Madeley	Carried	unanimously
P14/S3891/HH	Land at Caps Lane – amendment 1 – new assessments Mr Gray proposed that discussion on this application be deferred until the end of the meeting in order to be able to hear from Mr Bruce Kaposy on the application.				
Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Jenkins	Carried	unanimously
P15/S1020/FUL	Land to rear of 9 & 11 Ilges Lane – erection of Eco school. Mrs Hamlyn, Mr Ramsay, Mrs Dyer-Lynch and Mr Gray had all visited the proposed site. Mr Jenkins reported that he had received a letter from an absent councillor who believes that the proposal constitutes backland development, to which Council are opposed. Mr Jenkins advised that as the entrance will be via Cross Rd/ Chequers Place the proposal is not backland development in the accepted sense. SODC Planning department have written to 16 neighbours none of who have made any adverse comments about the proposal and 8 letters of support have been received. Mr Jenkins advised that no extra traffic will be generated by the school as a condition of having a place there is that children are walked to school. After much discussion Mr Jenkins recommended Council approve the application.				
Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mr Madeley	Carried	With 2 abstentions
P15/S1028/HH	2 Hithercroft Farm Cottages – 2 storey side extension Mr Jenkins advised Council that 1 neighbour had written in favour of the application. After discussion he recommended Council approve the application.				
Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mr Gray	Carried	unanimously
P15/S1097/O	16 Honey Lane – erection of 3 bedroom dwelling Mr Gray chaired discussion of this application as Mr Jenkins had declared a interest as a close neighbour. The application was to seek agreement for outline planning approval only. Mr Gray advised that no issues had been raised by any of the neighbours. Council discussed the space between the houses and the possibility that this would prevent overdevelopment of the site in the future. Mr Gray proposed approval .				
Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Bolt	Carried	3 abstentions
P15/S1118/HH	17 Rothwells Close – 2 storey side extension and loft conversion Mr Jenkins reported that no comments had been received from neighbours. After examining the plans Council felt that because the plans provided were difficult to interpret and didn't give				

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	any real indication of the development they were unable to make a decision and therefore proposed No Strong Views.				
Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mrs Bolt	Carried	unanimously
P15/S1140/HH	102 Papist Way – ground and first floor extension, ground floor rear extension. Mr Jenkins advised that no comments had been received from neighbours. After discussion and review of the plans Mr Jenkins proposed that the application be refused on the grounds of overdevelopment and that such a development is out of keeping with the street scene in relation to Abbots Mead (although the property fronts onto Papist Way a major part of its boundary borders on Abbots Mead).				
Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mr Ramsay	Carried	With 1 abstention
P15/S1047/FUL	Rowlands Pharmacy – installation of air conditioning Mr Jenkins advised that no comments had been received from neighbours and recommended Council approve the application.				
Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mrs Bolt	Carried	unanimously
P15/S1190/HH	40 Wallingford Rd – 2 storey side extension, single storey link extension Mr Jenkins advised that no comments had been received from neighbours. After discussion Mr Jenkins recommended Council approve the application.				
Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mr Gray	Carried	unanimously
P15/S1311/HH	8 The Forty – demolish existing front wall and replace Mr Jenkins advised that the only reason this required planning consent was because of its listed status. Mr Jenkins reported that no comments had been received from neighbours and recommended Council approve the application.				
Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mr Mr Gray	Carried	unanimously

(b)	To note planning decisions received				
	P15/S0538/HH	10A Amwell Place – single storey side extension			
		52 Wallingford Rd – erection of a carport			

(c)	To note Certificate of Lawful Development				
	P15/S1203/LDP	13 Abbots Mead. - garage conversion			

386	Finance				
(a)	To approve accounts for payment				
	The accounts were reviewed and approved for payment.				
Proposed	Mr Ramsay	Seconded	Mrs Bolt	Carried	With 1 abstention

(b)	To note payments received				
	Noted.				

387	To discuss and agree a request for a S137 payment for CHiPs				
	Mrs Bolt advised that the cost of places on the CHiPs scheme were £30 per week per child for basic activities, not including trips. CHiPs would like to offer 12 free places on this summer's scheme. Mr Gray proposed offering £180 which would provide half of the free places. Mrs Hamlyn asked that the minutes record that next time this item is considered Council should use the opportunity to increase the amount given.				
Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Jenkins	Carried	With 2 abstentions

388	To discuss and agree a request for a S137 payment from Cholsey Silver Band				
	Mr Jenkins advised Council that any S137 payment agreed would be used to provide instruments which the band donate to the school for use by pupils. Mrs Bolt reported that the instruments are widely used. Mr Gray proposed £100 should be donated.				
Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Ramsay	Carried	With 3 against & 1 abstention

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389	To discuss quotations and agree a contractor for work on listed churchyard walls.					Action
	Council discussed the three quotations received from contractors. Mr Gray proposed Council choose the contractor 1 who provided the lowest quotation. He advised that he has great confidence in Rob Workman who will check and sign-off work. Mr Ramsay asked about insurance provision for the contractor. Mr Gray advised that the Estate Manager will check the contractor has insurance cover.					AP15/073
	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Kaposy	Carried	unanimously
390	To discuss a proposal from OCC to put a disabled persons parking place on Station Rd.					Action
	Council reviewed the proposal from OCC. Mrs Hamlyn proposed approval.					
	Proposed	Mrs Hamlyn	Seconded	Mr Gray	Carried	unanimously
391	To receive the Estate Managers report for March					Action
	Mr Gray advised that SOHA tenancy officers and PSCOs were responding to the anti-social behaviour in the play area. Mr Ramsay suggested that the Crime Prevention officer could come and visit the allotment holders to advise on keeping sheds secure. The Estate Manager will be asked to contact TVP Crime Prevention.					AP15/074
392	To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices					Action
	<p>1. LETTERS (including e-mails)</p> <p>(i) Letter from Linden Homes re: Celsea Place.</p> <p>(ii) Email from resident regarding provision of crossing for Reading Rd – Mr Gray advised that he will speak to the resident. He has been told that a meeting has been organised but he has not, as yet, received an invitation. Should the site across the road CHOL2 be developed, this may help to get a crossing. In the meantime the pedestrian refuge, which is to be built shortly, should make crossing safer. The new bus routing has made it safer for school children using the bus.</p> <p>(iii) Request from Cholsey Tennis Club to put up temporary sign. Council agreed they were happy for the Tennis Club to go ahead.</p> <p>(iv) Thank you from COPA for s137 grant</p> <p>(v) Letter from Co-op re: reduction in bank interest</p> <p>(vi) Letter from OCC re: changes to bus services No local buses to Cholsey affected.</p> <p>2. REPORTS, PLANS & STRATEGIES</p> <p>3. NOTICES, POSTERS and FLYERS</p> <p>(i) Sobell House Hospice – Moonlight Stroll event</p> <p>(ii) Wallingford Town Council – Band Concerts</p> <p>4. MAGAZINES and NEWSLETTERS</p> <p>(i) Chalk and Trees magazine</p>					
393	To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair					Action
	<p>Mr Gray asked the Clerk to add an item to the next agenda to discuss Council's criteria for deciding on sites to be selected for development.</p> <p>Mr Gray advised that there are two vacancies for councillors to be co-opted. Councillors were asked to advise anyone expressing an interest to write to the Clerk in the first instance.</p> <p>Sue Spackman the Older Persons Worker started work this week. She will work at the Day Centre for next couple of weeks, and will attend COPA this Saturday during the Community Cafe. Mrs Rowlands will supervise the role. The Youth Worker has handed in his notice and will be leaving in September, the post will be re-advertised.</p> <p>The owner of the CHOL6 site, which had been previously rejected as a development site due to flooding, has suggested to SODC that a small development on the site could provide an amenity for the village through provision of a small car park on site. Mr Gray and Mr Jenkins will meet with the owner next Wednesday.</p>					

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394	P14/S3891/HH	Land at Caps Lane – amendment 1 – new assessments Council discussed the application which had been deferred to the end of the meeting. After discussion Council agreed that as their existing objections had not been satisfied that they remained fully opposed to the application. Mr Gray proposed that the application should be refused on the same grounds as before.
	Proposed	Mr Gray Seconded Mr Madeley Carried With 1 abstention.