

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

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

130	<p>To hear questions or comments from members of the public including a presentation from Nigel Moor regarding the CABI development (max 15mins)</p> <p>Mr Nigel Moor presented an overview to Council of the latest situation regarding the proposed housing development on the CABI site which will provide the finance to redevelop the CABI offices in Wallingford. After consultation CABI along with their joint venture partner CALA Homes have amended the original plans to reduce the number of homes to be built from 150 to less than 100 homes. They intend to lodge a planning application in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Mrs Andrea Powell, Chief Information Officer for CABI told Council that CABI's existing office building is no longer fit for purpose and that this enabling housing development will allow them to rebuild the office and remain in Wallingford.</p> <p>In response to questions from Council, Mr Moore and the CALA Homes representative advised that adequate parking provision had been factored in at two off-road spaces per dwelling. Affordable homes will form only around 10% of the development due to the nature of the project (i.e. an enabling development for CABI) and the mix of units has now changed to include more larger homes.</p> <p>Mr Sheldon spoke about Item 11 - a proposal from Anderson Contractors regarding leasing the disused allotment land off Wallingford Road. He had a number of comments relating to the draft Heads of Agreement received from the Anderson Contractors. These were provided to the Clerk to be considered during the drawing up of any contract should Council resolve to go ahead with the proposal.</p> <p>He also asked Council to consider using the rental income for a specific project rather than general expenses.</p>
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131	<p>To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillors</p> <p>District Councillors Report Council received a written report from Mrs Moore and Mrs Dawe which touched on affordable homes, corporate services, Sunday trading hours consultation, recycling services.</p> <p>County Councillors Report Mr Gray advised that the results of the Bus Services and Household Waste consultations, completed by Council, will be due shortly. The results of the Minerals and Waste consultation are due to be submitted by OCC to the government in November.</p> <p>In addition there is to be a consultation regarding the proposed cuts to the Children's Centres.</p>
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132	<p>To receive Declarations of Interest for any agenda items</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest in any items.</p>
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133	<p>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2015</p> <p>The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Proposed</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Mr Gray</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Seconded</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Mrs Rowlands</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Carried</td> <td style="width: 20%;">With 3 abstentions</td> </tr> </table>	Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mrs Rowlands	Carried	With 3 abstentions
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	approve the application. Mr Gray noted that the property belongs to councillor Linda Ivereigh.				
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P14/S2860/O	Mr Jenkins reminded Council that this application had previously been considered by Council last year when they recommended that access to the site be reviewed. The developers have now amended the plans to add a slip road from the site on to the bypass, and a second access on to Wantage Rd for buses, cyclists and pedestrians. Mr Jenkins advised that the developers already have planning permission, and the application under consideration only covered the amendments to that original permission. Although the development is not in Cholsey Parish, Council has been consulted as a neighbouring parish. After discussion Mr Jenkins recommended approval.				
Proposed	Mr Jenkins	Seconded	Mr Gray	Carried	With 1 against and 1 abstention

(b)	To note planning decisions received.
	P15/S2427/HH 17 Sandy Lane – Approved P15/S0006/HH 2 Cross Rd - Approved P14/S3963/LB 5 The Forty - Approved P15/S2565/HH 13 Abbots Mead - Approved P15/S2609/LB The Great Hall, Fairmile – Approved

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137	To receive a verbal report on the Oxfordshire Together meeting	Action
	<p>Mr Gray reported on the meeting he had attended on 21st September. Oxfordshire County Council is asking Parish Councils to take on some of its responsibilities including such items as grass cutting, public footpath maintenance, employment of lollipop people. Some funding will be available from OCC for Parish Councils taking on these responsibilities. Mr Gray recommended Council should consider the proposals. The next stage is to get additional information from the OCC and bring it back to Council for further discussion at a future meeting.</p>	AP15/137

138	To discuss a proposal to move to monthly Parish Council meetings
	<p>Mr Gray drew members attention to the proposal included in the meeting pack to move from two to one full Council meeting per month. Part of the rationale behind the change is to try and eliminate the large amount of duplication which occurs in the existing system which is wasteful of staff time. Mr Gray is not aware of any other local parish council which has more than one meeting a month. The full council meeting would be held on the first Wednesday of the month as currently and the second meeting</p>

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<p>of the month would be a planning sub-committee meeting. This sub committee would be clerked and any decisions made by it would be final, without the need to come back to Council to be ratified.</p> <p>It was proposed that the existing Finance Working Party should become a sub-committee to meet quarterly. These meetings would also be clerked and decisions made by the committee would be final without the need to come back to Council to be ratified.</p> <p>The Personnel Working Party would remain as is, meeting quarterly and reporting back to Council where any final decisions would be made.</p> <p>After discussion it was suggested that the proposals be tried for one year. Elections of sub-committees will take place at the next meeting.</p>					
Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Jenkins	Carried	With 2 abstentions
139	To consider a proposal from Anderson Contractors ref leasing the disused allotment land off Wallingford Road.				
<p>Council received a proposal regarding the disused allotment land on Wallingford Rd from Anderson Contractors who own the adjacent solar farm, to lease the land for sheep grazing, beekeeping and pasture. After discussion the proposal was agreed in principle with the addition of provision for a rent review every 5 years. Anderson's will be asked to pay for the lease to be drawn up. Before any lease is signed it will be brought to Council for further discussion and agreement.</p>					
Proposed	Mr Gray	Seconded	Mr Curtis	Carried	With 2 against
140	To receive a verbal report regarding a proposal from ORCC around provision of domiciliary care in the village				
<p>Mr Gray reported that he had been approached by ORCC to see if Council might be interested in pioneering a village company initiative to deliver domiciliary care in Cholsey. The idea is to employ local people to provide care services in the village. It is hoped the initiative could help alleviate existing issues with domiciliary care in Oxfordshire including recruitment of carers. Lack of carers is leading to people having to stay in hospital longer than necessary. Mr Gray has spoken to the County Commissioning Service who are very interested and feel that if successful this could be used as a model for other villages. Issues would include the need to register with the CQC but County have said they would be willing to provide help in this area.</p> <p>Mr Gray and the Older Persons Worker are doing some initial work to look at the viability and what could be done. Mrs Rowlands advised that she would be interested in being involved.</p>					
141	To discuss setting up a working group to draft a proposal regarding improved parking provision within the centre of the village.				Action
<p>Mr Gray reported that during discussions with Beth Elkins SODC Community Infrastructure Support Officer regarding S106 money for the centre of the village, she had suggested Council come up with a plan as to what might be done to help secure the S106 money.</p> <p>Since that meeting the tenders for the Wallingford Rd cycle path have been received and it appears that the cost will be considerably less than previously believed. This may mean Council could use the excess to employ consultants to draw up a plan. However, initial work will need to be done and Mr Gray proposed a working group be set up to draft a plan to bring back to Council for consideration. He suggested the group should involve local shopkeepers. Mrs Hamlyn advised that Council will also need to get the agreement of the landowners who own the shops.</p> <p>Mr Ramsay, Mr Jenkins and Mrs Kaposy volunteered for the working group.</p>					AP15/138
142	To receive the Estate Managers report for September				
<p>Council reviewed the Estate Managers report for September. The Clerk advised that the repairs to the Youth Shelter light have not yet been done.</p>					
143	To receive lists of recent Correspondence and Publications and Notices				
<p>1. LETTERS (including e-mails)</p> <p>(i) SODC Planning – CIL further consultation. Mr Ramsay undertook to review this on behalf of Council.</p> <p>(ii) Invitation – Town and Parish Forum – 4th Nov Didcot Mr Ramsay and Mr Curtis will attend on behalf of Council if possible.</p> <p>(iii) SODC – Update re : S106 for Fairmile</p> <p>(iv) Invite to CAB AGM – 13th Oct - Thame</p> <p>2. REPORTS, PLANS & STRATEGIES</p> <p>(i) Grundon – update on gravel site. Mr Gray advised that the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy has not gone to enquiry in public yet and is not due to do so until early next year. Depending on the result of this there may still not need to be any new gravel pits. However, it is inevitable that at some point the Cholsey</p>					

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gravel will be extracted.

3. NOTICES, POSTERS and FLYERS

(i) National Carers Day – Conference Oxford 20th Nov

4. MAGAZINES and NEWSLETTERS

(i) CPRE Oxfordshire News – Sept

(ii) North Wessex Downs AONB bulletin

144	To receive news items or up-dates from the Chair	Action
	<p>Mr Gray advised that the Community Transport Group are still working on the proposal for a minibus to provide community transport. They have put together a business plan and believe that the service can break even without the need for a subsidy. They are, however, still waiting for a decision from the school as to whether they want the service to be used to ferry Fair Mile children to and from school.</p> <p>Mr Gray had attended a meeting at Benson with the RAF who are bringing Chinook helicopters to Benson. This is likely to result in more disturbance for residents than from the existing helicopters operating out of the base. Mr Ramsay suggested that the telephone number for RAF Benson should be publicised in the parish newsletter and on the website.</p>	AP15/139
145	To receive Councillors' Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda	
	<p>Mrs Hamlyn advised that some of the grants detailed in the Rural Opportunities Bulletin could be of use and perhaps Council should be looking into them.</p> <p>Mr Jenkins reported that he had recently seen a resident struggling with a push chair along the grass where the "missing link" should be. Mr Gray advised that he has raised this with OCC and with Keiran Walker who has replaced Jeremy Alden at Linden Homes but that there is nothing further that Council are able to do.</p> <p>Mr Ramsay advised he had heard talk of a skate park and asked if there was anything Council could do to support and further it. Mr Gray told Council that the Youth Worker and Estate Manager along with himself are working on a proposal with a group of local youngsters. They have been to see other local skate parks, and are now at the stage of getting in contractors to look at what might be done and for what cost. The site initially identified is the Jubilee Field next to the Bluebirds container, it is felt that this site would result in the least disturbance to residents.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.