Cholsey Parish Council

MINUTES

Meeting	Wednesday 7 th December 2016 in the Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey
Chair	Mr M. Gray
Attendees	Mrs M. Dyer-Lynch, Mrs V. Bolt, Mr J Hope-Smith, Mrs M. Kaposy, Mr R. Whitfield, Mr P. Ramsay, Mrs L. Ivereigh, Mrs L. Hamlyn, Mrs I. Neill, Mr J. Adelson.
	District Cllr Jane Murphy and 17 members of the public.
Apologies	Mrs A. Rowlands and Mr P. Jenkins

138 Presentation by Archstone regarding planning application at East End Farm

Nick Kirby (Pegasus Group) gave a presentation on the planning application at East End Farm. The current application follows advice from SODC and feedback from the public meeting. The scheme has been reduced in scale from 71 houses to 68 which has freed space to improve the separation with Rothwells Close and allowed landscaping of focal points.

Thames Water has undertaken a Strategic Hydrolic model of drainage which will be complete in the Spring and used to formulate the needs of the site.

A surface water flood risk and drainage study has divided the site into two. The Eastern end of the site will be dealt with through infiltration and soak aways – the pavements and driveways will be porous. The Western end of the site under consultation with the Environment will have storage and controlled release of surface water into the ditch. The system has emergency overflow and blockage control and will be the responsibility of the management company.

A traffic assessment has been undertaken and the results used to model the junction. OCC Highways have recommended additional traffic calming measures on Wallingford Road to control and reduce speeds.

The parking spaces on site are in accordance with OCC guidelines with 129 spaces allowed. A resident asked if it was possible to ensure that garages could not be turned into habitable rooms. This would have to be done by covenants on the houses.

A resident asked why the application had been submitted before the Thames Water survey had been completed. The results of the survey will not prevent the development and the impact of the results will be dealt with as the building can't begin until the drainage has been agreed.

Mr Kirby noted that it was disappointing the developers had been unable to engage with the Neighbourhood Plan process but they had held public consultations throughout the process.

Pavement will be provided to allow pedestrians to access a safe point to cross the road into the village. OCC Highways are happy with the scheme for safety. However the developer is still taking on board comments and will look at potential improvements to the scheme.

Public Questions

A resident asked if the speed humps could be replaced with a speed camera especially as road humps cause air and noise pollution problems. Mr Kirby agreed they would continue to liaise with OCC regarding traffic control. The residents agreed they would prefer a different solution than road humps.

Questions were raised about the storage and release of surface water. Mr Kirby assured residents that should the management company cease to exist the District Council would be responsible for continued maintenance of the system. A clear inspection regime of system will also have to be agreed with the Drainage Officer.

Concerns about the flow of the water further downstream were raised however it was pointed out that it is the responsibility of the relevant landowners to maintain their water courses. Mr Kirby agreed he would talk further with OCC and the Environment Agency about enforcing riparian owners to maintain clear waterways.

The permeable surfaces were discussed – with the correct maintenance regime they have a life span of 30 - 40 years.

Concerns were raised that the development would open up the potential for further sites which the junction could not cope with. If there was further development mitigation would have to be provided. Mr Ramsay asked if the development could be paused to take into account the emerging Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Kirby said this was not possible as the scheme has so far taken 3 years to plan.

The developers would however discuss Chol 7 with the Neighbourhood Plan Group as a road from the current proposal touches the site. They also accept Chol 7 may not come forward in the Neighbourhood Plan

139 To hear questions or comments from members of the public

A resident commented that the East End Farm application was not sustainable, the buffer was not

respectful of listed buildings and he raised concerns about the treatment of surface water. The Parish Council will not ask about the noise and light pollution as the District Council will consider these aspects of the proposal. Neighbours raised concerns about the treatment of their boundaries with the site. It was noted that this level of detail is not normally included in outline planning permission plans but becomes clearer as the process continues. Mr Over reported that the unauthorised rumble strips at Fairmile are causing a nuisance to the neighbours. OCC have confirmed they will be removed and Mr Over asked that the Parish Council ask for a speedy resolution to the problem. Mr Sheldon expressed his opposition to Planning Application P16/S3977/FUL which will be discussed at the Planning Meeting on December 21st. 140 To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillors Mrs Murphy reported that two new Neighbourhood Plan Officers have been appointed. Mr Gray encouraged people to respond to the Daytime Activities Consultation. Mr Gray is heartened following the flooding meeting as a full survey of the brook and drainage pipes was 141 To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest for any agenda items. Mrs Dyer-Lynch declared non-pecuniary interest in the East End Farm application. 142 To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd November 2016 The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair. Proposed Mr Gray Seconded Mrs Ivereigh Carried Unanimously 143 To report matters arising from The minutes of 2nd November a) Item 127 Locking of the Ilges Lane Allotment gate. A letter from CAPA was noted. b) **The Action Point Register** AP16/072 - Mr Ramsay advised that the Police would find enforcement of the double yellow lines on Station Road difficult. AP16/074 – Dog owner event. It was agreed to organise an event in the new year. Mr Gray proposed purchasing a pair of night vision goggles (£100) to encourage dog owners to pick up after dark. Mr Gray | Seconded | Mrs Bolt | Carried | 5 in favour 2 against with 3 abstentions Proposed 144 **Planning** To consider Planning Applications as at 30th November a) East End Farm Erection of 68 residential dwellings P16/S3607/FUL The proposal was discussed at length. It was agreed to object to the application on the following grounds. Drainage and Flooding Dangerous access on an already dangerous road Dangerous road crossing will increase car journeys Increased urbanisation of Wallingford Road Proximity to neighbouring homes Inadequate Parking Better communication with Neighbourhood Plan would have been The Parish Council would prefer that the road not provide a link with Chol Proposed Mrs Bolt Seconded Carried Mrs Dyer-Unanimously Lynch P16/S3776/HH Erection of front and rear single storey extensions 4 West End Proposed no strong views with suggestion that covenant prevents garage being converted to habitable room. Proposed Mr Gray Seconded Mrs Bolt Carried Unanimously P16/S3803/HH Erection of a new build oak frame garage 58 Wallingford Road After discussion Mrs Bolt recommended approval. Proposed Mrs Bolt Seconded Mrs Hamlyn Carried Unanimously

b)	To note planning			
	Reference	PC Rec	Decision	
	P16/S2045/FUL	Proposed new detached dwelling. As amended by drawing nos PL01A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A.1 Sandy Lane	Refuse	Approved
	P16/S3190/FUL	Window, door and roof-line replacement works to residential blocks 2-8 & 10-16 The Gables Waterloo Close	Approve	Approved

145 Finance

a) To approve accounts for payment

The accounts were reviewed and approved for payment

TOTAL Proposed Mrs Bolt Seconded	Mrs Ivereigh Carried Unanimously wit	h 1 abatast	£1,962.77
M. Gray	Guilottine and anti climb paint	205661	£5.97
Cholsey 1000 Plus	Donation Agatha Christie Weekend	205660	£100.00
GLS	Stationery	205659	£109.14
Total Pest Control	Quarterly mole control Cemetery	205658	£165.60
E. Lee	Manager Happy Hub November	205657	£720.00
Thames Water	Allotments Station Road	205656	£15.66
Thames Water	Allotments Rothwells Close	205655	£105.16
Thames Water Cemetery water supply		205654	£4.48
Grundon Waste Management Ltd	Churchyard Waste - October	205653	£64.15
Swift Digital Services	Agreement and Copies	205652	£103.26
SODC	Dog Bin emptying	205651	£150.70
Collier's of Crowmarsh	Post mix	205650	£23.34
Cholsey Community Library	Room Hire - Neighbourhood Plan	205649	£48.00
Virgin Media Payments	Phone & Broadband - November	205648	£64.07
HMRC	PAYE & NI p/e 5th December	205647	£283.24

To note payments received

Noted

b)

The current balances of the accounts were noted.

Current Account £38.941.09

Reserve Account £42, 920.89

Projects Account £40,196.71

146 To receive the Estate Managers report for November

The council reviewed and discussed the Estate Manages report.

To agree contractor for Cemetery Path

Mr Ramsay proposed Contractor A be appointed for the Cemetery Path work.

Proposed	Mr Ramsav	Seconded	Mrs Ivereigh	Carried	Unanimously

To consider request for bin at Cholsey Meadows

Mr Ramsay proposed purchasing a bin for Cholsey Meadows

Proposed Mr Ramsay Seconded	Mr Whitfield	Carried	Unanimously	/
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To agree storage position for Bluebird's Goal Posts

It was agreed that the goal posts should be properly attached to the container. The Bluebirds must confirm their insurance for the goals and the liability is theirs.

Proposed	Mr Grav	Seconded	Mr Whitfield	Carried	Unanimously

To agree policy for benches

Following a request to erect a memorial bench in the Cemetery it was agreed that a policy for benches would be agreed at the next meeting.

The allotment plots have been categorised into small, medium and large. A meeting will be held on 21st January for any allotment holders who have concerns.

To discuss request for funding from Oxfordshire Association for the Blind It was agreed to defer a decision until further information had been received. 148 To discuss request for funding from South and Vale Carers Council had received a request from S&V Carers asking for a donation. They currently support 6 young carers and their families in Cholsey. It was suggested the Parish Council could provide support to young carers through the Youth Worker. Mr Ramsay proposed council grant £300. Proposed Mr Ramsay Seconded Mr Adelson Carried Unanimously 149 To receive list of recent correspondence and Publications and Notices LETTERS (including e-mails) 1. (i) Corn Exchange - grant letter (ii) Thank you from CAB 2. **REPORTS, PLANS & STRATEGIES** 3. **NOTICES, POSTERS and FLYERS MAGAZINES and NEWSLETTERS** (i) CPRE - Oxfordshire Voice (ii) SLCC - The Clerk (iii) CWR - The Bunk (iv) CPRE Countryside Voice 150 To receive news items or updates from the Chair Mr Gray reported that a Christmas Party had been held for the adult learners. There will be a cake stall outside Tesco on Saturday to raise funds for the Happy Hub. In addition to the monthly brunch COPA will be holding cinema group, exercise classes and memory café. To receive Councillors' Incident Reports and Items for future agenda Mr Adelson reported that signage is needed for the cycle path on Reading Road as cyclists aren't using it. Mr Gray is looking at having the path sided out and will speak to Keith Stenning about signage. Mrs Ivereigh raised a concern on behalf of Mr Jenkins regarding the activity at Celsea Place. SODC are unable to do anything about the fence and the welfare facilities are needed for the archaeologists etc who are on site legitimately.

Mrs Bolt reported a dwelling which does not have planning permission, but was being lived in and asked that it be reported to the Enforcement Officer at SODC.

Mrs Bolt requested that the future of the Fairmile Playground and CDT report be included on next month's agenda.

Mr Hope-Smith reported that trade has been busy at the Red Lion since it reopened.

Mr Ramsay reported that the Neighbourhood Plan surveys will be delivered to every household this week for return by January 8th. It is hoped to submit the plan in June.