

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at St Leonards Parish Hall
on Monday 23rd June 2008 at 8 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Blomfield (Chairman), Allen, Brown, Coates, Horn, Newall and Sanger.
Also present: Mr Clarke (Clerk) and one member of the public.
Apologies:

Cllr Blomfield, previously elected as Chairman, signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

490) **Apologies for Absence.** None.

491) **Approval of Minutes.**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Council held 19th May 2008 were amended as follows:
Delete “and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office”**

492) **Appointment of Vice Chairman.**

Cllr Brown was elected as Vice Chairman.

493) **Appointment of Planning Committee.**

All members of the Council were elected as members of the Planning Committee.

494) **Deeds and Trust Instruments.**

Deeds and Trust instruments, normally kept in the Chairman's safe, were inspected.
Cllr Brown offered to provide a list of land ownership decisions made in 1965 for future reference.

495) **Declarations of Interest.** None.

496) **Standing Order 7 was suspended enabling members of the public to speak.**

A member of the public had received a document from Bucks County Council stating that they provide “a comprehensive inspection and maintenance service” on roads. It was noted that the Parish Council disagrees with this statement.

497) **Questions to the Chairman.**

Cllr Sanger asked for details of the preparatory meeting between the Clerk and Chairman prior to the meeting of the Council held on 19th May. It was noted that the Clerk had omitted certain items from the agenda, contrary to Standing Orders. These points are addressed in items 492-494 above.

498) **Reports.**

- a) **Chiltern Local Area Committee.** Cllr Brown had completed a draft response to Bucks C C's proposals for amendments to speed limits and would pass it to the Clerk for action. **He will provide the Clerk with a copy of the Council's comments on the future of CALC for transmission to County Cllr Birchley.**
- b) **NAG.** Cllr Coates had attended a NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) meeting which had concentrated on ways of dealing with speeding traffic. The first step would be a traffic survey using either SID (Speed Indicator Device) or dual black strips across the road. SID would be free (excluding insurance) and black strips would cost £105 per three days or £300 per week. It was noted that the necessary data should already be available through the Central Chilterns Traffic Management Project. It was agreed that no further action should be taken in the short term.

499) **Finance.**

- a) The Clerk's financial report was received. **It was agreed that the following item will be on the agenda of the next meeting of the council:**
"To consider ways of reducing reserves during the current year".
- b) **The following payments were authorised:**
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| D Ball (internal audit) | £60.00. |
| Thames Water (allotments) | £17.77. |
- c) **It was resolved that a contribution of £63 should be made towards the cost of Clerk's training on 9th/10th July.**

500) **Planning.**

- a) Applications.
- i) It was noted that application 0921, The Glebe House, Heath End, had been withdrawn.
- ii) 0817. Whitecroft, Hawridge Vale. Demolition and replacement. **No comment.**
- b) Decisions.
0752. Dundridge Manor Farm. Pending.
0705. The Potteries, Parrotts Lane. Permitted.
0481. Berriedale, The Vale. Refused.
0480. Nut Hazel Cross Farm. Permitted.
0426. Dormers, Cholesbury Lane. Permitted.
0407. Little Bury, Cholesbury Lane. Permitted.
0391. Woodside/The Cottage, Oak Lane. Permitted.
0304. Broomstick Farm. Permitted.
0276. Midwood, Shire Lane. Withdrawn.
0246. Tansy Cottage, Cholesbury Lane. Permitted.

c) Appeals. None.

- d) Willow Tree Cottage, Heath End. It was noted that enforcement action had not been carried out. **Chiltern DC will be asked to take further action.**

- 501) **The Green at Buckland Common.** It was noted that it was incorrectly stated at the meeting of 19th May that the Clerk had applied for a grant. He had, as requested, obtained a grant application form. **Cllrs Blomfield and Brown will draft an application for a grant of £250 for improvements to the Green.**

502) **Springall Hill Allotments.** It was noted that there are two applicants on a waiting list. **The Clerk will take action to ensure that unused existing plots are either cultivated or their contracts cancelled.**

If necessary additional plots may be created.

503) **NATS**

Cllrs Coates, Brown and Sanger were thanked for their work in obtaining professional advice and producing two letters of objection to the NATS proposals. It was agreed in principle to contribute towards the cost of legal advice.

504) **Service Excellence Events.**

It was noted that these will take place later in the year.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Date of next meeting: Monday 28th July 2008 at Cholesbury Village Hall.