

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at Cholesbury Village Hall
on Monday 28th July 2008 at 8 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Blomfield (Chairman), Allen, Brown, Coates, Horn.

Also present: Mr Clarke (Clerk), County Cllr Birchley, District Cllr Rose and two members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Newall and Sanger

504) **Approval of Minutes.**

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held 23rd June 2008 were amended as follows:

Item 503 to read "Cllrs Coates, Brown and Sanger were thanked for their work in producing two letters of objection to the NATS proposals. It was agreed in principle to contribute towards the cost of legal advice, from which the Council had benefited."

The minutes were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

505) **Declarations of Interest.** None.

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

a) A member of the public reported that rubbish has been dumped at a house in Bottom Road at the junction with Browns Rise. Work is taking place at the premises to erect new fences which may contravene planning regulations. **The Clerk will investigate and report as appropriate to Chiltern D C.**

b) County Cllr Birchley reported that modified speed limit amendments had been approved by Bucks CC. Bucks CC were pressing for a technical meeting with NATS.

c) District Cllr Rose gave the background to the Chiltern Development Framework and offered to investigate problems in Horseblock and at Willow Tree Cottage.

507) **Questions to the Chairman.** None.

508) **Reserves.**

Cllr Allen noted that the Council's reserves had increased, partially as a result of elections being unnecessary. **It was agreed that he will draft an article for Hilltop News asking for suggestions as to how the surplus could be spent.**

509) **NATS**

It was agreed that a sum of £200 should be paid to Mr M Jepson as a contribution towards legal costs incurred by him on behalf of this and other parishes. (Local Government Act 1975, s137).

510) **ILCM conference and SLCC Summer Seminar.**

The Clerk distributed copies of his notes.

511) **Chiltern Conservation Board Planning Seminar.**

Cllr Blomfield reported on the seminar, attended by the Clerk and himself.

512) **Common Land.**

The Clerk gave details of all common land in the Parish. **It was agreed that copies of documents relating to Common Land should be held with the Parish documents in the Chairman's safe.**

513) **Willow Tree Cottage. Enforcement action relating to Common Land.**

It was noted that the premises continue to encroach on the Common despite enforcement notices issued by Chiltern District Council. **It was agreed that District Councillor Rose would investigate on behalf of the Parish Council.**

514) **Protruding ironwork in Horseblock.**

Cllr Blomfield will discuss this matter with the owner of the land.

515) **Reports.**

- a) **Chiltern Local Area Committee.** Cllr Brown reported that the future of CLAC in Chiltern District is still under discussion although local committees are to be replaced by GC2C in other parts of Buckinghamshire. He noted that an application from residents of Coppice Farm Park for a footpath to the post box had been rejected.
- b) **NAG.** Cllr Coates had attended a NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) meeting which continued to discuss collection of vehicle speed data with a view to reducing traffic speed.

516) **Finance.**

- a) The Clerk's financial report was received.
- b) Discussion of the Clerk's salary and conditions of service was deferred until new national rates are agreed.

517) **Planning.**

- a) Applications.
 - i) 1210. Bissoms House, Parrotts Lane. No comment.
- b) Decisions.
 - i) 0451. Harvest House, Parrotts Lane. Permitted.
 - ii) 0817. Whitecroft, Hawridge Vale. Permitted.
- c) Appeals. None.

518) **The Green at Buckland Common.**

Cllrs Blomfield and Brown gave the Clerk a draft application for a grant **to be submitted to Chilterns AONB.**

519) **Request for a dog bin at Cholesbury Cricket Club.**

The land being privately owned, the Council did not deem it appropriate to provide a dog bin.

520) **New drive at Three Gates Farm.**

Chiltern DC will be asked to comment on the legality of the new driveway.

521) **Removal of payphones.**

It was noted that Chiltern DC had responded to BT on behalf of the Parish and had strongly

objected to the closures. **A supporting letter will be sent to BT.**

522) **Chiltern Conservation Board Management Plan 2008-2013.**

It was agreed that no comment should be made.

523) **Chiltern Development Framework, Core Strategy Option Paper.**

A response will be made supporting options 3, 2, and 1 in that order.

The agenda for the next meeting will include "Affordable Housing".

The meeting closed at 10.50 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Date of next meeting: Monday 22nd September 2008 at St Leonard's Parish Hall.