

## CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at Cholesbury Village Hall  
on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 8 p.m.

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

Also present: Mr Clarke (Clerk), County Cllr Birchley (part), and one member of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Sanger.

537) Approval of Minutes.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

538) Declarations of Interest.

None.

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

County Cllr Birchley reported that our village postman had been nominated for the Post Office Chairman's prize for keeping an eye on older members of the community and that the County Council will be increasing support for the elderly at home alone.

She noted that an additional Governor is required at Hawridge & Cholesbury School.

Cllr Birchley was asked why promised repairs to the highway had not been carried out and replied that the contractors for Chambers Green Road had refused to do the work for safety reasons. It was noted that the proposed "road gangs" had not been seen in the Parish. It was noted that the County Council proposes to outsource some of its operations, including highways, under the heading of "built environment". She will arrange for County Cllr Letheran or Jim Stevens (Head of Transportation) to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council.

540) Questions to the Chairman. None.

541) Reports.

- a) Chiltern Local Area Committee. Cllr Brown had nothing to report.
- 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. PC Mut
- c)
- d)
- e) ch will be carrying out random speed checks in Chartridge and Bellingdon, where data exists, prior to doing them in this Parish. **Copies of a report on speed detectors, recently obtained by Chartridge Parish Council, will be supplied to members.**

542) Finance.

- a) The Clerk's financial report was received.
- b) Revised national rates of pay for Clerks have been agreed and the Clerk's salary will be reviewed at the next meeting. Details of the amended rates were issued to members.
- c) **A payment of £28.00 for CPRE membership was approved.**
- d) The Clerk's budget proposals for the year 2009/10 were received and will be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.
- e) **Allotment rents for the year commencing October 2009 will be increased to £20.00 per plot.**

543) Planning.

- a) Applications. None
- b) Decisions.
  - i) 1392, Summerlea, Jenkins Lane. Approved.

- ii) 1347, Bruns Grange (The Lee Parish). Refused.
- c) Appeals. None.

544) Footpaths and Highways.

- a) **Members had carried out a full survey of potholes throughout the Parish which will be sent to Jim Stevens at County Hall.**
- b) The following proposals were made for the BCC delegated budget
  - i) Improvements to land at Buckland Common where the Parish notice board is sited. (Cllr Coates).
  - ii) Clear scrub alongside Hawridge Lane. (Cllr Brown).
  - iii) Restore grass triangles at road junctions. (Cllr Brown).

545) The Green at Buckland Common.

**Cllr Blomfield will arrange for grass to be cut.**

546) Allotments

**Cllr Horn will ask allotment holders to keep vegetation clear of the new hedge.**

547) Parish Council 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

There was considerable response to the Council's letter to local organisations and several proposals have been received. **A letter will be sent asking for dates and details of proposed events and members will contact their local organisations to coordinate events. The Council will consider refurbishment of notice boards.**

548) Affordable Housing

District Cllr Rose will be invited to speak about affordable housing at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

549) Motor cycle event at Dundridge Farm.

Cllr Allen suggested that any future events of this type should be advertised in advance in Hilltop News and the Parish "Grapevine".

550) Common land at Parrotts Lane/Cholesbury Lane.

**Cllr Blomfield will ask The Commons Preservation Society to clear this land.**

551) Freedom of Information Act.

**The revised Model Publication Scheme was adopted.**

552) Application for "Approved Council" status

Deferred to next meeting.

553) Consultation on new regulations for making of Byelaws

The consultation was noted.

554) NATS

**A progress report from NATS on the air traffic consultation will be passed to Hilltop News.**

555) Willow Tree Cottage.

**District Cllr Rose will be asked what enforcement action is being taken.**

The meeting closed at 10.40 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Date of next meeting: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at St Leonards Parish Hall.