

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at St Leonards Parish Hall
on Monday 24th November 2008 at 8 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Blomfield (Chairman), Allen, Brown, Coates, Newall and Sanger.
Also present: Mr Clarke (Clerk), County Cllr Birchley (part), and District Cllr Rose.
Apologies: Cllr Horn.

556) Approval of Minutes.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held 27th October 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

557) Declarations of Interest.

None.

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

County Cllr Birchley said that works to Chambers Green Lane will require road closure and have been deferred until the next financial year. This will not adversely affect the Parish's roads budget for 2009/10. Under the "built environment", highways activities will be delegated to a contractor with effect from 1st April 2009. A new waste disposal contract will be announced in January.

District Cllr Rose said that no further action is to be taken regarding contravention of planning regulations at Willow Tree Cottage. Counsel's advice on this will be circulated to members. He will continue to pursue possible breaches of planning regulations at the corner of Browns Rise.

559) Affordable Housing.

District Cllr Rose spoke about the possibilities for affordable housing in the Parish. **The Clerk will write to Gill Gowing at Chiltern District Council to arrange a full briefing for members by Jean Fox, Bucks Community Action.**

560) Ward budgets.

District Cllr Rose said that he has a discretionary budget of £500 per annum to be spent in his ward. Any suggestions for this expenditure, which must be allocated by the end of March, will be welcome. It was noted that the Council's 75th anniversary celebrations could benefit from a ward grant.

561) Questions to the Chairman.

None.

562) Reports.

- a) Chiltern Local Area Committee. Cllr Brown reported that the Chiltern Local Area had not met since his last report. He had examined proposals for amendments to directional signs and identified inconsistencies and errors with Shaun Pope, Bucks CC. It is hoped that revised signs will be installed by February 2009.
- b) NAG. Cllr Coates reported that speed checks had been carried out locally and a number of fixed penalty notices had been issued. She is hoping to receive training on Community Speedwatch equipment.
Several residents have asked for the subject of environmental noise to be on the next NAG agenda.

563) Finance.

- a) The Clerk's financial report was received.

- b) The Clerk’s salary was increased to £5167.66 in accordance with SPC 25 of SLCC/NALC recommendations.
- c) The following payments were approved.

Cholesbury Village Hall.	£45.00
St Leonards Parish Hall.	£40.00
W J Mitchell.	£317.25
- d) It was resolved that the Clerk’s budget proposals for the year 2009/10 be accepted and **an unchanged precept of £8,650.00 was set.**
- e) A request for funding from the Open Spaces Society to support legal action was noted.
- f) A request for funding from Chiltern and South Bucks Voluntary Action was noted.
- g) **It was resolved that no members’ allowances would be claimed for the year 2009/10**
- 564) Planning.
 - a) Applications. 1731. Benton Potts, Cholesbury Lane. Felling 6 conifers. No comment.
 - b) Decisions. None.
 - c) Appeals. None.
- 565) Footpaths and Highways.
 - a) The Clerk had attended a meeting with Bucks Highways and other Parish Clerks. He reported that the new Area Technician is Mike Barber, who has agreed to carry out work on secondary potholes in Oak Lane and Taylors Lane as a priority. It was noted that resurfacing at the top of Parrotts Lane has been completed.
 - b) The following submissions will be made for the BCC delegated budget
 - i) **Improvements to land at Buckland Common where the Parish notice board is sited.**
 - ii) **Restore grass triangles at road junctions in Gilberts Hill and Rays Hill.**
- 566) The Green at Buckland Common.
It was noted that a claim for restoration work can now be submitted.
- 567) Parish Council 75th Anniversary.
Further possible activities were discussed including a sports day and a pantomime. It was noted that W.I. and Cholesbury Church would be taking part in the celebrations but had yet to submit their proposals. **A working party including Cllrs Coates, Allen, Blomfield and Newall will coordinate activities.**
- 568) Application for “Approved Council” status
Chris Schweir of Bucks Highways will be asked to speak to the Council about the implications and operation of this.

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Date of next meeting: Monday 26th January 2008 at Cholesbury Village Hall.