

## CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at Cholesbury Village Hall  
on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 8 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Brown (Chairman), Allen, Coates, Horn, Newall and Sanger (from 8.25).

Also present: Mr Clarke (Clerk), Mr Chris Schwier (Bucks CC Highways), County Cllr Birchley (part), District Cllr Rose (part) and one member of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Blomfield.

### 569) Approval of Minutes.

Minutes of meetings of the Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 and of the Planning Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> December were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 570) Declarations of Interest.

None.

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

District Cllr Rose said that Chiltern District Council is opposed to a possible third runway at Heathrow which could have serious effects on air traffic in the Parish. He will keep the Parish Council in touch with developments regarding NATS proposals.

District Council Tax will increase by 3.9% leading to budget cuts including withdrawal of taxi vouchers, except for the disabled, and increased charges at Amersham multi storey car park for occasional users. Refreshments at Committee meetings will be withdrawn and Councillors allowances frozen.

County Cllr Birchley said that, under the "built environment", transportation would be contracted to Jacobs Ringway. She spoke about devolved powers which allow Parish Councils to take over some of the work currently handled by Bucks CC Transportation. The County Council is also opposed to a third runway at Heathrow and is concerned about potential costs of a Public Enquiry.

Cllr Birchley is opposed to the replacement of Local Area Committees with Local Forums but has been unable to persuade the County Council to make an exception for Chiltern District.

### 572) Approved Council Status

Mr Schwier spoke about the use of delegated powers by approved councils and the potential advantages to the Parish. It was noted that this Council appeared to qualify. Mr Schwier will send copies of typical contract rates for other Parishes.

He agreed to provide details of work carried out by local road gangs and will arrange a meeting to view local problem sites with the Area Technician, Mike Barber.

### 573) Questions to the Chairman.

None.

### 574) Reports.

- a) Chiltern Local Area Committee. Cllr Brown said that new directional and village entry signs had been ordered by Bucks CC and, hopefully, will be installed in March. **Shaun Pope will be reminded that village entry signs should be natural wood, not painted. Broken street signs in Jenkins Lane and Buckland Common will be reported to Chiltern DC.**
- b) NAG. Cllr Coates said that a public meeting with Police will be held at Bellingdon and Asheridge Village Hall on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February. She will distribute questionnaires in advance.

A Crime Prevention public meeting will be held at St Leonards Parish Hall on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

It was noted that the Police are planning to treat the Hilltop Villages as a single group when allocating priorities.

575) Finance.

- a) The Clerk's financial report was received.
- b) The following payments were approved.  
**Thames Water (allotment) £7.03**  
**SLCC (50% of Clerk's membership) £66.50**
- c) A request for a subscription of £40 from Open Spaces Society was deferred pending further details.
- d) A request for funding from Victim Support (Bucks & Oxon) was noted.
- e) It was resolved that the fee of £49 for an SLCC Regional Conference should be paid by the Council.

576) Planning.

- a) Applications.  
 2006. 1, The Row, Cholesbury Lane. Removal of chimney stack and replacement windows. No comment.  
 1929. Craven Cottage, Jenkins Lane. Rear conservatory. No comment.  
 1905. Midwoods. Shire Lane. Part two storey, part single storey side extension incorporating basement to south east, two storey extension, front porch, single storey side extension to north west. **This Council has no objections to the application but draws the attention of the Planning Authority to their concerns about % increase in size compared to the original dwelling.**
- b) Decisions.  
 1735. Highfield, Parrotts Lane. Permitted.  
 1731. Benton Potts, Hawridge. Permitted.
- c) Appeals. None.

577) Footpaths and Highways.

**Bucks CC will be asked to upgrade Gilberts Hill and Bottom Road to Precautionary salting lists as they are both used by a school bus and are very dangerous in icy weather.**

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

Cllr Allen presented a report on the status of events. It was noted that organisations will be responsible for their own events and the Council will act as coordinator, except where it is specifically involved.

579) Application for "Approved Council" status

It was agreed to defer a decision until typical payment schedules had been received from Chris Schwier.

580) Schools Admission Policy.

*Cllr Sanger, as a school governor, declared an interest.*

It was agreed that no comment should be made.

581) A consultation on Code of Practice for Local Authority Publicity was noted.

582) A consultation on Buckinghamshire in 2026 was noted.

583) A consultation on Strategy for Physical and Sensory Disability was noted.

The meeting closed at 10.35 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Date of next meeting: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 at St Leonards Parish Hall.