

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at St Leonards Parish Hall
on Monday 27th April 2009 at 8 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Blomfield, Brown, Allen, Coates and Horn.

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

Apologies: Cllr Sanger.

611) Approval of Minutes.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 23rd March 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

612) Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Blomfield, whose wife is a Trustee of St Leonards Parish Hall and Cllr Horn, who is the Council's representative on the Hall Management Committee, declared an interest in agenda item 5.

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

It was noted that flooding from footpath 51 (Black Horse Lane) is still a major problem and appears to be worsening. A resident gave details of the problems and noted that an elderly person who is registered disabled should not have to shift sandbags to protect his home. It was noted that the responsible authority is Bucks County Council and **a letter will be sent Val Letheran, Cabinet Member for transportation, expressing this Council's comments in the strongest possible terms.**

District Cllr Rose supported this action and will take the matter up with Bucks CC.

He explained how Chiltern District Council is planning to deal with this year's budget deficit.

614) St Leonards Parish Hall.

The hall trustees had asked the Council to consider taking over maintenance of the hall's playground equipment and had supplied historical and replacement costs. Members had inspected the playground earlier in the evening. It was noted that maintenance costs are relatively low and the equipment is in good condition but at some stage the cost of replacement will have to be considered.

It was resolved that this Council will create a fund for replacement of playground equipment by increasing the precept for 2010/11. Details will be determined during budget preparation. It was noted that the fund would not cover housekeeping items such as grass cutting.

615) Water leaks in Hawridge .

In response to a letter from the Council requesting urgent repairs to water pipes Thames Water has been given precise details of the problem by Cllr Brown.

616) Questions to the Chairman.

None.

617) Reports.

a) Local Area Forum. Cllr Brown said that the initial meeting of the new Chesham Local Area Forum will be held in June.

b) NAG. Cllr Coates had attended a meeting on 26th March at St Leonards Church Room. 51 questionnaires had been completed and the main concern is currently on vehicle speed. **She will attend a training course prior to carrying out speed**

checks in the Parish.

The next NAG meeting will be on 4th May at Latimer.

618) Finance.

- a) The Clerk's financial report was received.
- b) The following payments were approved.
Chiltern Society (membership) £25.00.
St Leonards Church Room (hire) £10.00.
- c) **The Clerk will discuss with the PCC the cost of hire of the Church Room to outside bodies.**
- d) **A quotation of £390.04 from Came and Co for insurance was approved.**

619) Planning.

- a) Applications.
0275. Little Bury Wood, Cholesbury. **No comment.**
0467. The Great House, Parrotts Lane. **No comment.**
0507/BCC. Land at Arrewig Lane. **No comment.**
- b) Decisions.
0189. Broomstick Farm. Refused.
0205. Heath End Cottage. Permitted.
0174. 1 The Row, Cholesbury. Withdrawn.
0056. Willow Tree Cottage, Hawridge. Permitted.
- c) Appeals. None.
- d) Cllr Brown requested a list of outstanding applications for last year.
- e) District Cllr Rose offered to make enquiries regarding change of use of land opposite Shire Lane Farm.

620) Parish Council 75th Anniversary.

Cllr Coates said that the **School coffee morning** and **History Group exhibition** had been very successful. Next events are the **Inter-pub cricket and May Fair** on 4th May. She will advertise future events in Hilltop News.

Beating the Bounds will take place on 13th June and **Cllr Brown will arrange for personal facilities to be provided at the lunch venue.**

Mrs Sally Reynolds offered to provide 100 "brick rabbits" as prizes for the Fun Day on 11th July.

621) Highways

Jim Stevens, Bucks CC Head of Transportation, will be invited to attend the May meeting of this Council.

622) Cooption of replacement member.

One member of the public has expressed an interest in the vacancy. As soon as the Clerk receives confirmation that no by-election is required **he will advertise the vacancy which will be filled at the next meeting.**

623) Annual Parish Meeting.

Members of the 75th Anniversary group will discuss a themed format for the event as soon as possible.

The Clerk will arrange speakers in the usual way.

624) Cllr Allen had received complaints that the History Group website is out of date with regard to the Parish Council. **This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.**

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Date of next (Annual) meeting: Monday 18th May at Cholesbury Village Hall.