

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Cholesbury Village Hall
on Monday 27th July 2009 at 8 p.m.

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

Also present: Mr Clarke (Clerk), County Cllr Birchley (to item 4), Mr & Mrs Williams (to item 4) and two other members of the public..

656) Apologies for absence - None.

657) Approval of Minutes.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held on 22nd June 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

658) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Matthews, associated with the applicant, declared an interest in planning application 0892.

Cllrs Coates and Brown, as recipients of payments, declared an interest in agenda item 8, petty cash payments for Fun Day.

659) Questions from members of the public.

- a) Mr and Mrs Williams said that Bucks CC mowers had destroyed the mirror mounted opposite their house in Jenkins Lane and they are now unable to exit from their drive without assistance. Bucks CC had denied any involvement.
- b) County Cllr Birchley said that new NATS proposals had been issued and are being considered by Bucks CC. Work had started on partial re-surfacing of Chambers Green Road.

660) Reports.

- a) Clerk's Report. The Clerk had attended a Liaison Meeting at Chiltern District Council and reported on discussions with Bucks Highways, presentations on "Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act" and "Community Cohesion Strategy". Members were recommended to try out the Bucks Maps facility.
- b) Local Area Forum. Cllr Brown had attended a preparation meeting on 5th July. He said that extension of speed limits, provision of village entry signs and replacement of directional signs should be done by early September.
- c) NAG. Cllr Coates had attended a NAG meeting on 23rd June and reported a good working relationship with PC Kevin Flint. Main priorities are speeding and domestic burglary. Chesham Police Station is to close during August and September for refurbishment and the Police will be holding "drop in" surgeries in the villages during the closure. The next NAG meeting will be on 28th July and the agenda will include Travellers on Cholesbury Common and Direction of 999 calls in the HP23 area.
- d) Widow Turpin Charity. The Clerk and Cllr Blomfield had attended a meeting of the Trustees on 25th June and said that, although land operated by the Trust appeared to be let, there seemed to be very little money available. However there is a possibility that some or all of the land may be sold, in which case residents of this Parish might have a claim on any distribution of assets. **The Clerk will advise the Trust of the change in representation.**

661) Finance.

- a) The Clerk's financial statements were received. It was noted that separate accounts would be kept for 75th Anniversary events.

- b) The following payments were authorised:

The Chilterns Society (donation).	£40.00
Tring Brewery Co Ltd, beer, Fun Day.	£50.00
A & I Fraser Ltd, hog roast, Fun Day.	£632.50
EMT (Leicestershire), First aid services.	£130.00
Petty cash (Cllr Coates), Fun Day.	£39.12
Petty cash (Cllr Brown), Fun Day.	£220.84
Petty cash (Mrs P Thomas), Fun Day.	£7.20

662) Planning.

- a) Applications.

0901. Woodfield Cottage, Bottom Road. Two storey side extension. No comment.
0892/BCC. Land at Arrewig Lane. Proposed extraction of loam and backfilling of void formed with soil and stones. No comment.

0784. St Leonards Church. Retention of lamp post and rebuilding of entrance gates and brick piers. No comment.

0828. Arrewig Farm. Replacement of existing open wire configuration with Aerial Bundled Conductor and erection of two replacement electricity poles. No comment.

- b) Decisions. None.

- c) Appeals. None.

663) Parish Council 75th Anniversary.

The Parish Fun Day had been a great occasion; everyone enjoyed themselves. A vote of thanks was given to Cllrs Coates and Blomfield and their team.

Future events will include:

Horticultural Society Annual Show, including anniversary categories. 29th August.

St Leonards Church Concert. 18th September.

Civic Service. 18th October.

Pantomime. w/c 15th February.

664) Bridleway 51.

It was noted that no response has been received from County Cllr Birchley to the Clerk's letter of 29th June.

665) Footpaths and Highways.

- a) It was noted that the "road gang" had cleared gullies in Oak Lane and had started clearing the footpath from St Leonards Church to the Parish Hall.
- b) Bucks Highways will be informed that verge cutting has not taken place in many locations including Rays Hill, Cholesbury Lane/Cholesbury Road, Horseblock and Jenkins Lane.
- c) **Cllr Brown asked the Clerk to obtain details of Pathwatch (Footpath Partnership) and invite the appropriate body to attend the next meeting of the Council.**

666) The Green at Buckland Common.

- a) It was noted that Cllr Blomfield had cut the grass.

- b) **Cllr Brown asked for a site meeting to be arranged with Bucks Highways at the notice board site to discuss work to be done under the delegated budget.**

667) Affordable Housing.

Jean Fox, Bucks Community Action, will be invited to attend the October meeting of the Council.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Date of next meeting: Monday 28th September 2009 at St Leonards Parish Hall.