

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at St Leonards Parish Hall
on Monday 28th September 2009 at 8 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Blomfield, Brown, Allen, Coates, Horn, Sanger and Matthews.
Also present: Mr Clarke (Clerk) and two members of the public.

668) Apologies for absence - None.

669) Approval of Minutes.

Minutes of meetings of the Council held on 27th July 2009 and of the Planning Committee on held on 7th September were approved and signed by the Chairman.

670) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Horn, as the Council's representative on St Leonards Parish Hall Management Committee, declared an interest in agenda item 14.

Cllr Brown declared an interest in agenda item 9.

671) Questions from members of the public.

- a) Mr Alan Fletcher, representing the resident at 12 Sandpit Hill Cottages, expressed concern at the way trees outside the cottages had been felled and trimmed without consulting the residents or the Parish Council. **Paradigm Housing, Bucks County Council and Chiltern District Council will be asked to ensure that due notice is given before taking action of this sort and that only approved contractors will be used. They will be asked to ensure that there is no common interest between tree assessors and felling contractors. Assurance will be sought that trees will in future be replaced by similar varieties and copies of Codes of Practice will be requested. Copies of correspondence will be sent to District and County Councillors. The Clerk will warn residents, through Hilltop News, to beware of cold calling by potential tree fellers.**

672) Reports.

a) Clerk's Report.

- i) **Bucks Transportation will be advised that road gangs have not always completed work listed as being completed, particularly cleaning of road signs.**
- ii) **Chris Schweir, Bucks Transportation, will be asked to attend site meetings with members at Bridleway 51 and Buckland Common.**
- iii) **Copies of the Clerk's recent Hilltop News article will be sent to members.**

b) Local Area Forum. Cllr Brown had attended a meeting and said that no agreement has been reached on voting arrangements. Concerns were expressed about road gangs and winter salting routes. The next meeting on 13th October will debate transportation issues. **Cllr Brown asked for the Delegated Budget to be on the next agenda for this Council.**

c) NAG. Cllr Coates had attended two NAG meetings, now headed by PC Kevin Flint. Topics discussed included speeding, travellers, use of the HP23 postcode for emergency calls, complaints about road quality, trail bike racing and fly tipping. It was noted that residents should use the HP5 postcode when calling emergency services in order to obtain response from Thames Valley (not Herts) Police. **The Clerk will include this in the next Hilltop News.** The next NAG meeting will be on 3rd November.

673) Finance.

- a) The Clerk's financial statements were received.
- b) The following payments were authorised:
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| Greenbarnes Ltd (replacement glass) | £97.94. |
| St Leonards Parish Hall (rent) | £45.00. |
| Thames Water (allotments) | £31.44. |
| Mazars (audit) | £138.00. |
| Age Concern Bucks (donation) | £50.00. |
| CPRE (subscription) | £29.00. |
- c) **The Clerk's salary was increased to £5234.64 per annum with effect from 1st April 2009.**
- d) **Allotment rents for the year 2010/11 were set at £25 per annum.**
- e) **Items for the 2010/11 budget were discussed and the Clerk's proposals will be submitted at the next meeting.**
- 674) Planning.
- a) Applications. None.
- b) Decisions of Chiltern District Council.
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| 1006, Tankards Dene, Hawridge Vale. | Permitted. |
| 1041, Dormers, Cholesbury Lane. | Permitted. |
- c) Appeals.
- It was noted that an appeal has been lodged against the refusal of application 0572, Bower Farm, The Vale.
- d) A report from LLATVCC was noted.
- 675) Parish Council 75th Anniversary.
- a) Civic Service, 18th October. **Cllr Allen will invite District and County Councillors and, with Cllr Brown, will compile an invitation list.**
- b) Distribution of brick rabbits. Cllr Coates is compiling a list of recipients.
- c) Pantomime. Scheduled for w/c 15th February. Cllr Coates has contacted a possible producer.
- 676) Footpaths and Highways.
- a) **A letter will be sent to Mark Rowe, Alliance Service Leader, and Sean Rooney, Compliance Manager, Bucks County Council asking why no schedule of works for gully cleaning, planing and patching and pothole repair has been provided.**
- b) Cllr Brown said that replacement finger posts and village entry signs may be delayed due to problems at Bucks Transportation.
- 677) Springal Hill Allotments.
- The tenant of plot 15 will be asked to remove vegetation which is choking the boundary hedge.**
- 678) Naming of Roads.
- Cllr Brown had found discrepancies between the County Council's data and names commonly used by members of the public. He distributed details of the Parish Council's recommendations of 26th November 1936. **Further to informal consultation with members of the public the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.**
- 679) Dog Bins.
- It was resolved that, subject to agreement with Chiltern District Council as to location, Chiltern DC will be contracted to provide and manage a dog litter bin at, or close to, St Leonards Parish Hall.**

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Date of next meeting: Monday 26th October 2009 at Cholesbury Village Hall.