

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Cholesbury Village Hall
on Monday 26th October 2009 at 8 p.m.

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

Also present: Mr Clarke (Clerk), County Cllr Mrs Birchley (part) and two members of the public.

680) Apologies for absence – Cllr Matthews.

681) Approval of Minutes.

Minutes of meetings of the Council held on 28th September 2009 were modified as shown below, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Item 675. *Delete "Producer". Insert "Director".*

682) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Horn, as a member of St Leonards Parish Hall Management Committee, and Cllr Allen, as a member of Chartridge Village Hall Management Committee, declared an interest in agenda items 7.3 and 7.4.

683) Questions from members of the public.

- a) Mr Alan Fletcher submitted further tree survey information regarding trees at Sandpit Hill Cottages. The Clerk had written to Mrs G Gowing, Director of Planning and the Environment at Chiltern District Council, and discussed the matter with her. Chiltern District Council currently has no Code of Practice for advising Parish Councils of tree felling operations but, following the letter from the Parish Council, will consider establishing one.
- b) County Cllr Birchley said that Bucks Fire and Rescue Service has established a new Rural Safety Strategy. The Community leader's fund is now available and may be appropriate for modifications to the serving hatch at Cholesbury Village Hall. Cllr Horn asked why road conditions in Buckinghamshire are so bad. Cllr Birchley said that government funding was the main problem but priority is being given to roads and new initiatives are in progress. It was noted that, in response to a request from the Parish Council in May for a Schedule of Works, and a recent follow-up letter, Transport for Buckinghamshire still cannot provide a Schedule of Works. **Bucks Transportation will be asked to give priority to Taylors Lane and Oak Lane in scheduling road repairs.** This work was originally promised for October.
- c) Mrs Sally Reynolds asked for action to stop flooding in Oak Lane outside Red Barn. **Bucks Transportation will be asked to deal with it.**

684) Reports.

- a) Local Area Forum. Cllr Brown produced a list of all road repairs carried out by Bucks Transportation this year to date. Copies will be distributed to members. Winter salting routes will be as last year. It was noted that all gullies are to be cleared, starting on 14th January 2010.
- b) NAG. Cllr Coates will attend a meeting on 3rd November. Car break-ins are a problem and this will be on the agenda. It was noted that speed checks had been carried out in Jenkins Lane/Chapel Road.
- c) Cllr Sanger said that no further consultation on air traffic routes would take place until next year pending further evaluation.

685) Finance.

- a) The Clerk's financial statements were received.
- b) The following payments were authorised:
 - Cholesbury Village Hall (donation) £600.00**
 - St Leonards Parish Hall (donation) £600.00**
 - Cllr Horn (Oil for notice boards) £8.25**
- c) It was noted that the collection from the Civic Service, £162.20, would be donated to the Salvation Army.
- d) It was noted that a suitable site for a dog bin at St Leonards had been agreed, next to the Parish Hall waste disposal area. Cost will be approximately £250 plus an annual disposal fee of £191.00.
- e) The Clerk's budget proposals were received and accepted.
 - The precept for 2010/11 was set at £9,523.00.**
 - The budget will include an initial contribution of £500.00 to the children of the Parish which will be held as a designated reserve for replacement of capital equipment at St Leonards playground.**

686) Planning.

- a) Applications. None.
- b) Decisions of Chiltern District Council.

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| 1132. Former site of Whitecroft, Hawridge Vale. | Permitted. |
| 1196. Glebe Farm, Heath End. | Permitted. |
| 1134. Baldwins Cottage, Rays Hill. | Permitted. |
| 1019. Woodlands Farm, The Vale. | Refused. |
- c) Appeals. None.

687) Parish Council 75th Anniversary.

- a) The Civic Service, held on 18th October was a successful and enjoyable event. Cllr Allen paid thanks to the Salvation Army band for their participation.
- b) Distribution of brick rabbits. Cllr Coates has compiled a list of recipients.
- c) Pantomime. Scheduled for w/c 15th February. Janet Davies will be Director.

688) Footpaths and Highways.

- a) The Hale. A letter had been received from Mrs K Dallas requesting that notices be placed preventing heavy vehicles using The Hale. **Bucks County Council will be asked to put a notice at the junction of Taylors Lane and Chapel Lane restricting heavy vehicles to access only.**
- b) Bridleway 51. Cllr Blomfield had inspected the bridleway and said that the drainage ditch was clear. However this would not stop water from the Ashley Green end flooding across the fields.
- c) Road gang report. The Clerk listed work which has been completed. **Items for the next visit will include:**
 - Road sign dislodged at bottom of Gilberts Hill.**
 - Directional sign damaged at junction of Oak Lane and Jenkins Lane.**
 - Remainder of path from St Leonards Church to Parish Hall needs clearing.**
 - Grips on Rays Hill (8) need clearing.**
 - Directional sign at top of Taylors Lane needs cleaning.**
- d) Delegated Budget. **The following salt bins will be requested:**
 - Gilberts Hill.**
 - Little Twye, outside Boot House and a replacement further up.**

**Rays Hill (2).
Stoney Lane.**

Erosion prevention measures will be requested for road junction triangles at Taylors Lane and Rays Hill.

e) Naming of Roads

Cllr Brown explained that road names for Cholesbury Lane on District Council and other computer systems do not match names in common usage by residents. **It was agreed that the following suggested road designations be published in Hilltop News for comment by members of the public prior to submission to the District Council.**

Bottom Road to Parrotts Lane, currently Cholesbury Lane Buckland Common Road, to become Cholesbury Lane.

Parrots Lane to Rays Hill, currently Cholesbury Lane, Cholesbury Road, to be Cholesbury Lane.

Rays Hill to Church Lane, currently Cholesbury Lane, Hawridge Road, to be Hawridge Common.

Church Lane to Nuthazel Cross, currently Cholesbury Lane, Hawridge Road, to be Hawridge Hill.

689) The Green at Buckland Common.

Cllrs Blomfield and Horn will trim Cherry Trees as required.

690) Springal Hill Allotments.

Cllrs Blomfield and Horn will inspect trees on the site.

691) Affordable Housing

Members were asked to suggest potential sites for debate at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.35 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Date of next meeting: Monday 23rd November 2009 at St Leonards Parish Hall.