

CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at St Leonards Parish Hall
on Monday 23rd November 2009 at 8 p.m.

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

Also present: Mr Clarke (Clerk) and four members of the public.

692) Apologies for absence – None.

693) Approval of Minutes.

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

Item 682. *Delete “Chartridge”. Insert “Cholesbury”.*

694) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Horn, as the payee, and Cllr Brown, as Chairman of the Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Local History Group, declared an interest in agenda item 7.2. Cllr Allen, as a trustee of the Hawridge and Cholesbury Church of England School Trust, declared an interest in agenda item 8.4.

695) Questions from members of the public.

- a) Mr and Mrs Farmer and Mr Keens expressed concern at the £5 increase in allotment rent for the year 2010/11. This followed an increase of £5 for the year 2009/10. It was noted that several other allotment holders had complained to the Clerk about the increase. The Chairman explained that costs had increased dramatically, particularly with regard to water rates and hedge maintenance, and the proposed rate of £25 per annum is reasonable and compatible with other Councils' charges. Mr Keen asked that future increases should be kept to a more reasonable level.

696) Reports.

- a) Schedule of works. **The Clerk was asked to continue to press for a schedule of works from Transportation for Buckinghamshire.**
- b) Local Area Forum. Cllr Brown reported that a system of voting for LAFs is still unresolved.
- c) NAGs. Cllr Coates had attended a meeting at Ashley Green on 3rd November and reported that Thames Valley Police have carried out a speed check in St Leonards. Only one car was found to have exceeded the speed limit.

697) Finance.

- a) The Clerk's financial statements were received.
- b) The following payments were authorised:
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| Cllr Horn for notice board at Buckland Common. | £319.00. |
| Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Local History group for exhibition | £99.00. |
- c) The budget for 2010/11 was confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- d) **It was resolved that a donation of £25 should be made to Chilterns Citizens Advice Bureau.**

698) Planning.

- a) Applications.
Units 7 And 8, Woodlands Farm, The Vale, Hawridge. Change of use of two agricultural buildings to stables for horses and associated storage (renewal of planning permission CH/2006/1733/FA).
No comment.
- b) Decisions of Chiltern District Council. None.
- c) Appeals. None.
- d) **Further to a request from the Trustees of Hawridge and Cholesbury Church of England School Trust, it was agreed that no use for the Old School would be contemplated by this Council in the foreseeable future.**

699) Parish Council 75th Anniversary.

- a) Pantomime. Scheduled for w/c 15th February. **The Clerk agreed to carry out a risk assessment and deal with licensing requirements in conjunction with the production team.**

Cllr Allen was authorised to manage the budget and will report back to the Council in January. The Council will underwrite any deficit but requires budgets to allow for a deficit no greater than £300, including contingency costs.

The aim is stated as “To produce a pantomime as economically as possible, for parishioners of all ages to enjoy as the final event of the Parish’s 75th Anniversary celebrations, covering costs but not aiming for a great surplus.

b) Cllr Coates’s proposed financial arrangements will be attached to, but not form part of, these minutes.

700) Footpaths and Highways.

a) Road gang report. It was noted that no work will be done in the Parish in November but our list will be given priority in the December visit.

b) Delegated Budget. **Submissions will be made to Transportation for Buckinghamshire by 30th November.**

701) The Green at Buckland Common.

Cllrs Blomfield and Horn will trim Cherry Trees as required.

702) Springal Hill Allotments.

Cllrs Blomfield will arrange for removal of trees from the site. The allotment holders will be advised.

703) Affordable Housing

The area opposite Chiltern Garage will be recommended to Chiltern District Council as a potential site.

704) Local Transport Plan

A working group including Cllrs Brown, Blomfield and Sanger will consider the proposals. Cllr Brown will send the documents to the Clerk for circulation.

705) Falcon Motor Club, March Hare Trial.

Cllr Brown said that the club will send their proposals to the Council in writing.

706) Cholesbury Camp

A suggestion from Bucks County Council that the Parish Council take responsibility for management of part or all of the camp will be investigated by Cllr Brown who will liaise with other stakeholders.

707) Water Leaks

Cllr Allen will give the Clerk a list of outstanding water leaks for submission to Thames Water Utilities.

The meeting closed at 10.35 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Date of next meeting: Monday 25th January 2009 at Cholesbury Village Hall.