

## CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held in Cholesbury Village Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 at 8pm

Present: Cllrs Allen, Brown, Matthews, Sanger and van Hullen.

Also present: Mrs Bell (Clerk), and four members of the public.

- 1010) To receive apologies for absence  
Cllrs Blomfield and Horn; County Cllr Birchley, District Cllr Rose.
- 1011) Matters arising  
None.
- 1012) To receive declarations of interest  
Cllrs Sanger and Matthews declared an interest in planning application CH/2011/2106/FA. Cllr Brown declared an interest in the Consultation from the Forestry Commission regarding Hawridge and Cholesbury commons.
- 1013) Questions from members of the public  
Oliver Parsons commented that there appeared to be confusion amongst the general public over the role of the Parish Council and suggested that the annual list of meetings be published in *Hilltop News* and on the Grapevine e-mail group. He also suggested putting agendas and minutes on Grapevine. Cllr Allen said the Council was unwilling to conduct any business via Grapevine as it was neither a complete list of electors within the parish nor specific to the parish whereas *Hilltop News* is delivered to every address in the parish and already contains a regular Parish Council report. It was resolved to add the annual list of meetings to *Hilltop News* and [www.cholesbury.com](http://www.cholesbury.com) each time a new one is drawn up and to ask Graham Lincoln to add the dates to 'Dear Diary' in *Hilltop News* as appropriate.  
Oliver Parsons also queried the poor state of the triangle at Hawridge Vale, now mostly destroyed by Thames Water's current water mains work. He suggested removing it and covering it with tarmac (the same treatment as given to the one at the top of Pound Lane), then reinstating historic lines according to photographs he was willing to produce for the Council. Cllr Allen said that if the Council was to approach Bucks CC with this proposal, it would require evidence of agreement from other residents. It was resolved to consider the best method of gathering views at the next meeting.  
Trafford Matthews queried the value of renovating the two recently re-done triangles when the roads in general are in such a poor state. Cllr Sanger explained the restrictions of the funding on offer for the triangles and Cllr Allen pointed out that it is only due to the Parish Council's persistence that any significant efforts on repairing the parish's roads have been or will be made, and he cited the renovations for the postbox at Buckland Common and the clearing of the scrub area on Hawridge Hill as good examples of delegated budget work. He stressed that the Parish Council has a duty to apply for any funding available, whatever the restrictions, though he understood that such grants didn't always appear to make overall financial sense at first glance. He advised Mr Matthews to take up specific highways problems with Tricia Birchley at Bucks CC.
- 1014) Questions to the Chairman  
None.
- 1015) To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council  
It was resolved to approve the minutes from the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November (Council).
- 1016) Reports  
(a) *Clerk's Report*: The report, including a summary of the Clerks' Liaison Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, was received from Mrs Bell (see attached).  
(b) *LAF*: Cllr Brown had nothing to report as the next meeting is set for 25<sup>th</sup> January. He confirmed that Cllr Matthews had received a Bucks CC snow plough but as yet no route.  
(c) *NAG*: Cllr Brown attended the meeting last week and gave his report. The next meeting is on 20<sup>th</sup> March.  
(d) *Good Neighbours Scheme*: Cllr Brown said the scheme is now running and he has a list of eleven vehicles available to help in extreme weather. The scheme has received £400 from Tricia Birchley's Leaders' Fund towards costs.  
(e) *Turpin Charity*: Cllr Allen reported that the developer with the option on the land is minded to accept the consent which officers have been delegated to give. The debate is ongoing but should be resolved shortly.  
(f) *St Leonards Parish Hall*: Cllr Horn was absent.
- 1017) Finance  
(a) Payments were approved as follows: John Horn (supply of machinery and petrol for work on the Green at Buckland Common, £32.35), St Leonards Parish Hall (room hire, £48.75), Cholesbury Village Hall (room hire, £18.00) and Bellingdon & Asheridge Village Hall (room hire, £12.00).  
(b) Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December were received and approved.  
(c) It was resolved to approve the transfer of £500 to the St Leonards playground reserve for 2011-12.

(d) It was resolved to authorise the change in correspondence address for the Parish Council's NS&I bank account from that of the former clerk David Clarke to that of the current clerk Susie Bell. It was also resolved to remove any existing signatories authorised to make withdrawals and to replace them with Susie Bell.

1018) Planning

(a) *Applications:*

(i) CH/2011/1870/FA, 4 Wood View Cottages, The Vale, Hawridge. No comment.

(ii) CH/2011/1859/FA, Nut Hazel Cross Farm, The Vale, Hawridge. No comment.

(iii) CH/2011/2106/FA, Chiltern Boarding Kennels, Bottom Road, St Leonards. No comment.

(iv) Consultation from Forestry Commission on English Woodland Grant Scheme including felling at Hawridge and Cholesbury Commons. Cllr Sanger gave a brief background to this consultation and advised the Council to trust the experts and welcome it as part of a bigger scheme. It was resolved that the covering letter from Chiltern DC be replied to saying that this Council has no comment to make.

(b) *Decisions of Chiltern District Council:*

(i) CH/2011/1136/FA, Three Gates Farm, Arrewig Lane, Chartridge. Conditional permission.

(ii) CH/2011/1337/HB, Threshers Barn, Hawridge Vale, Hawridge. Conditional consent.

(iii) CH/2011/1622/FA, Bower Farm, The Vale, Hawridge. Conditional consent.

(iv) CH/2011/1406/FA, Russet Barn, Little Twye Road, Buckland Common. Permission refused.

(v) CH/2011/1765/KA, Kingston Cottage, Cholesbury Lane, Hawridge. TPO not made, no replacements.

(vi) CH/2011/1720/SA, Ashfield Cottage, Swan Lane, St Leonards. Certificate of Lawfulness issued. It was noted that the Parish Council took exception to this certificate being issued and it was resolved that the Clerk write to Cllr Nick Rose to express the Council's concern and ask for a meeting to discuss the subject.

(c) *Notice of Appeals:* None.

1019) The Green at Buckland Common

Nothing to report.

1020) Springall Hill allotments

The Clerk has received £337.50 in annual rent for 2011-12 (the final amount expected) and has signed up one new tenant for plot 11. Cllr Matthews will arrange with Cllrs Allen, Blomfield and Horn to trim the ash trees overhanging the allotments before the next Council meeting.

1021) Highways

Cllr van Hullen hoped that Pound Lane would be left in a good condition following Thames Water's works. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Mike Barber at Bucks CC to organise the continuation of a central white line from the Buckland Common entry sign to the bottom of Sandpit Hill Cottages.

1022) HS2 developments

In Cllr Birchley's and Cllr Rose's absences, it was resolved to carry this item over to the next meeting.

1023) To consider the need for a Youth Council

Cllr Brown said the LAF had given him more information about this and noted that this parish has approximately 125 10-21-year-olds out of a total population of about 800. It was resolved that the Clerk ask Christine Gardner of the LAF to nominate a young person to talk to this council at a future meeting.

1024) Annual subscription to Bucks Playing Fields Association

It was resolved not to renew this subscription.

1025) Parish Council meeting dates for 2012-13

It was resolved to approve the dates suggested by the Clerk with the exception of the Annual Meeting of the Council which is to be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012 as per the Standing Orders.

1026) Report on the Diamond Jubilee celebration coordination

Christine Stott has proposed a beacon on the common to be lit on 4<sup>th</sup> June. The Funday will be discussed at the March Council meeting. Sally Reynolds confirmed that Matthews will be interested in producing a commemorative brick for the Jubilee. It was resolved that the Council would pay for any unusual costs.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

Date of next meeting: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February in St Leonards Parish Hall.