

## CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in The Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey at 7.30pm**

**Present were** Mr M. Gray (Chair), Mr P. Jenkins, Mr J. Hope-Smith, Mrs V. Artenne, Mr D. Bamford, Mr C. Worley, Mr D. Seed, Mrs G. Herbert, Mrs I Neill, Mrs P. Turner and Mrs M. Dyer-Lynch.

#### **179. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mark Smith.

#### **180. To hear questions or comments from members of the public (max 15 mins).**

A resident who has been a boater for 20 years and uses the Thames at Wallingford spoke about the proposed marina. He doesn't believe that the proposal would interfere with the rowers. All river users must exist together as they do at the moment. He believes the marina would be a viable business, provide employment and

trade for local businesses. It would be an asset and provide value to the community.

Mr Gray reported that Council has looked at the issues from all angles and considered the benefits as well as the problems. There has been a reduction of river frontage moorings.

Another resident asked if it is expected that the boats would come from other marinas or be new boats? No idea.

#### **181. To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillors**

Mr Gray reported OCC has said the marina developer has to be allowed to give all their information, it's now in and will now come to planning committee.

OCC budget will be set next week. Looking better as settlement from central government is more generous. Likely to be a 3% increase.

Youth opportunity fund applications have been dealt with. Cholsey Youth Club has been successful in a bid to run drop-in sessions and outreach youth work.

The report from District Cllr Simpson was noted.

#### **182. To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest for any agenda items**

Mr Blandford declared a Pecuniary Interest in planning application MW.0033/18 as he is a neighbour.

Mr Gray declared a personal interest in P20/S0249/HH as he is a neighbour.

#### **183. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**Proposed** Mr Gray **Seconded** Mr Bamford **Carried** Unanimously

#### **184. To report Matters Arising from**

##### **a) The minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Flooding outside The Red Lion is being dealt with. OCC is putting in a bid for the work and can't say when it will be done.

##### **b) The Action Point Register**

Solar Farm – Clerk to follow up.

Website is a real problem – need to see significant progress before next meeting.

**185. Neighbourhood Plan pledges, commitments and upcoming development**

Mr Seed updated Council on the proposed plan of area next to shops on The Forty. Need to confirm that OCC are happy with the drainage. Cost of removal of the pavement is an issue. Has looked at block paving and tarmac. Waiting for answer from County Council about drainage. Benefit would be three parking places.

Mr Worley is concerned the work would be against the Neighbourhood Plan policy of doing nothing to encourage more car journeys however there is a pledge to improve the centre of the village. Council will need to come to a decision about which policy to follow.

**186. To adopt Terms of Reference for working parties.**

Mr Gray reported that Council now have three working parties and a framework is needed for them to operate. The policy was discussed and agreed.

**Proposed** Mr Gray **Seconded** Mrs Neill **Carried** unanimously.

**187. To discuss the future of weed spraying pavements using glyphosate in the village**

Mr Gray noted that for many years Council has had weed spraying done to keep the pavements in good order. Always considered that as it is legal it is fine.

Mrs Herbert investigated details received from our contractor including risk assessment from national bodies. There is controversy about the risk of its use. Other systems available which are less damaging.

Mr Seed considered that Council needs to understand the extent to which the quantities used on the street are doing any harm?

The options were discussed.

**188. To consider employing a street cleaner**

Mr Gray reported that the budgeted money for weed control could be used to employ someone to clean street including removal of weeds at two hours per week at £10 an hour probably weighting the hours towards the weed growing season. It may be possible to roll the job in with the OCC lollypop job to create a better job.

Mrs Neill proposed that Council stop using glyphosate and look to recruit a street cleaner for a trial period of a year.

**Proposed** Mrs Neill **Seconded** Mr Worley **Carried** Unanimously

**189. Skate Park Update**

Mr Worley has met with local objectors who are concerned about noise and anti-social behaviour to discuss the project. They also complained of lack of communication however there was plenty of publicity about the proposal. The group will look at noise mitigation as part of full planning application. SODC Planning Committee meet next Wednesday to consider the application.

**190. Pavilion Extension Update**

Mrs Turner and Mr Gray have met with GA who are project managing the extension. Work will start in the next week or so with the slab. In late March Pinelog will build extension. Should be complete by the end of June.

## 191. Planning

Application Number	Proposal and Decision
P20/S0249/HH	Proposed ground and first floor rear extension 7 Little Lane Mr Gray left the meeting. Mr Jenkins talked through the plan and suggested <b>no objection</b> . <b>Proposed</b> Mr Jenkins <b>Seconded</b> Mrs Turner <b>Carried</b> Unanimously Mr Gray re-joined the meeting.
P20/S0165/HH	Proposed ground floor side extension. 1 Droverside. Mr Jenkins took Council through the application. Not a huge increase in footprint. No neighbour objections. <b>No Objections</b> <b>Proposed</b> Mr Jenkins <b>Seconded</b> Mrs Neill <b>Carried</b> Unanimously
P20/S0253/HH	Single storey rear extension, part with pitched roof, part flat roofed, to provide enlarged kitchen/dining room, shower room and new utility room. 11 Sandy Lane Mr Jenkins went through application. No neighbour comments <b>No Objection</b> <b>Proposed</b> Mr Jenkins <b>Seconded</b> Mrs Herbert <b>Carried</b> Unanimously
MW.0033/18	Planning application by London Rock Ltd Unit 5 Delta Court, Manor Way, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 1FJ for planning permission: Planning Application to allow the development of an offline River Thames marina basin with fixed and floating pontoon moorings for approximately 280 boats, slipway, secure and public car parking, refuelling and pump-out dock, refuse and recycling area, marina office and café, toilet and shower block and laundry facilities, boat hire building, picnic and barbeque area, open water area, circular footpath, boat workshop, new footbridge and creation of new grazing marsh, grassland, pond, reedbed and wet woodland habitat with a construction phase involving the extraction and processing of sand and gravel, the importation of inert fill and the construction of new site accesses, landscaping and screening bunds at White Cross Farm  The application was discussed. The main concern is that they will dig the gravel and marina won't be completed. Shame to spoil area. Unlikely to bring much extra trade to town. Quality and quantity of gravel is also questioned. Mr Gray proposed <b>object</b> on the grounds it is Gravel Pit not a marina, the problems it will cause to rowers and the environmental impact (especially otters). Not demonstrated there is enough money to build marina and opposite Old Peoples home. <b>Proposed</b> Mr Gray <b>Seconded</b> Mr Jenkins <b>Carried</b> Unanimously

District Councillor Simpson joined the meeting.

She reported that SODC are still waiting for response from Mr Jenrick MP. Many local councils and groups have written to Mr Jenrick and other groups have raised concerns about government removing a local authority's planning powers.

Budget – Council has been overspending for years which isn't sustainable so making steps towards a more balanced budget.

**192. Finance****a) To approve accounts for payment**

The following accounts for payment were approved, automated payments noted and payments received noted.

PAYMENTS			
Payee	Reason	Cheque	Amount
HMRC	PAYE & NI	206224	£205.04
CFO	Subs	206225	£70.00
D Seed	Mileage	206226	£19.35
Creative Haus (NJE Bright)	Website	206227	£140.00
Hawthorn Pest Control	Pest Control	206228	£1,130.00
SODC	Dog Bins	206229	£331.54
P. Turner	keys	206230	£17.60
GA Group	First payment Pavilion Extension	206231	£22,919.95
L. Dalby	Pavilion Title deed	206232	£6.00
			£24,839.48
AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS			
Nest	Pension Contributions	DD	£80.25
Grundon	Waste Removal	DD	£72.50
Balanced	Payroll	DD	£54.00
Virgin Media	Telephone/Broadband	BACS	£65.99
Staff	Staff Salaries	DD	£5,948.95
			£6,221.69

PAYMENTS RECEIVED			
Howard Chadwick	Burial Fees		£80.00
TOTAL			£80.00

CURRENT ACCOUNT		
Current Account Balance to date		£29,323.92

RESERVES ACCOUNT		
Reserves Account Balance to date		£40,911.35

PROJECTS ACCOUNT		
Projects Account Balance to date		£185,738.64

**Projects Account =**

£25887.32 - non earmarked

£643.32 - Skate Park

£1342.36 - Cemetery - walls, paths etc

£4,122.69 - Play equipment

£153991.35 - CIL Payments

**Proposed** Mr Gray **Seconded** Mr Jenkins **Carried** 9 in favour with 2 abstentions

**193. To receive Estate Report**

The Estate Report was noted. The Estate Manager is waiting for a quote for work to Whitehead Meadow to improve the entrance to allow for parking.

The quote from BGG to get the Station Road hedge under control for £300 was agreed.

**Proposed** Mr Gray **Seconded** Mrs Turner **Carried** Unanimously

**194. To receive news items or updates from the Chair**

Mr Gray reported there is a problem with cold callers in the village. Working through COPA and Police to advise people.

**195. To receive Councillors' Incident Reports and Items for future Agenda**

Mr Jenkins reported someone let themselves into neighbour's house and stole £100.

Number of shed thefts have taken place.

Mr Bamford reported that Linden wont repair road at Celsea Place until development is finished.

OCC and Linden are in talks about what should be done.

Mrs Herbert reported that Cholsey Tomorrow is meeting on Friday.

Mrs Turner reported a plaque in recognition of James Butler's work for the Pavilion has been placed in the lobby before he leaves the village.

Mrs Dyer-Lynch asked why the manholes are being dug up every fortnight. Mr Gray to investigate.