

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Wednesday 4th March 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, Mrs G. Herbert,
Mrs I Neill, Mrs P. Turner, Mrs V. Bolt and Mrs M. Dyer-Lynch.

Also present L. Dalby (Clerk). V. Beardall-Richards (Environmental Coordinator) and six members
of the public.

196. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M. Smith, Mr D. Seed, Mr D. Bamford and Mr C
Worley.

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

Residents raised concerns about the amendment to P19/S4156/FUL. They have lived next door for
25 years and seen how the business has picked up more and more with more and more noise and
they can't cope with an increase in dog numbers. They understand everyone has to make a living but
this is too many – there is already problem with parking and noise. The sound test being taken in
February is ludicrous as it isn't busy then.

The other neighbour also objected to the application especially to the likely noise. The noise
assessment is only of 20 dogs when they are inside not 70 dogs when they are outside.
Assessment does not address the problem.

A resident wanted to mention his objection to OCC agreeing to take over the SODC Local Plan.

198. To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillors

Mr Gray reported that it seems likely that the government will hand the local plan back to SODC.
Discussed the number of houses being built – do we really need them? Is the court ruling about the
Heathrow Expansion going to have an effect?

£500,000 has been received for local transport but need to make a quick decision about how it will
be used.

Youth opportunity Fund has distributed its funds to 24 projects including Cholsey Youth Club for
drop ins and youth work.

Zero emission zone in Oxford is being discussed a survey suggests that 86% of people are in favour of
stopping cars going into the city centre.

Initial pictures of the Great Barn project were viewed.

199. To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest for any agenda items

There were none.

200. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2020 were approved with one amendment (The
addition of apologies from Mrs Bolt).

Proposed Mr Gray **Seconded** Mr Jenkins **Carried** Unanimously

201. To report Matters Arising from

a) The minutes of 5th February

Mr Gray has spoken to OCC officer who is not going to support marina/gravel pit. Flooding, Mr Gray has spoken to officers again. Unfortunately they can't take the pipe through the pub car park as the brewery object so will need to get permission from other landowners. Therefore the pipe will have to be 'T'd' instead and sent in other directions. SUDS at East End has worked well. No applications for street cleaner job. Will re-advertise. Look at scheduling of hours? Talk to OCC about joining it with lollipop person? Consider a student job? Maybe work with other councils to expand job (talk to Wallingford). Police have visited older people and COPA has been talking to people about cold callers.

b) The Action Point Register

The action point register was noted.

c) Neighbourhood Plan pledges

Mr Gray looking at a dial a ride service in local area. Need to put a report in The Forty of the pledges.

202. To Discuss Environmental Working Party proposal for a CO2 emissions Audit into Parish Council Operations

Mr Gray spoke about the request from the group and suggested subject to cost getting survey. Mrs Bolt suggested offering service to other local companies and possibly then provide free service to the school.

Mr Gray **proposed** finding out further information **Seconded** Mrs Bolt **Carried** unanimously.

Mrs Beardall-Richards spoke about the work she has done so far. She has spoken to as many business, residents and groups as possible about what they have done so far and what they would like to see. Sent out questionnaire and spoken to people and put boards in The Pavilion and Great Hall. Analysed results – what people are doing already – recycle more, change shopping habits, changes in garden trying to use the car less – all within daily lives.

Biggest concerns were about transport – too many cars, not enough infrastructure for green transport.

People want to recycle and compost more.

Concerns about wildlife and too many houses.

People want to see positive changes relating to wildlife (especially planting trees).

Want to see reduction in reliance on cars.

Want to see reduction in waste and keen on education.

Not much mention of reducing energy consumption – need to work on education in this area. Will need support for this.

Now need to feedback the results to community and discuss the results with the group. Invite those who gave their email address to an event to set up volunteer groups to work on targets.

Consider cycle path behind hedge on Wallingford Road.

Mrs Herbert suggested that the working party use results to create a strategy.

203. To review the website

There is more to do but getting there. Working on filling out some pages.

204. To discuss access to new section of the burial ground

Following reports from families who say it is difficult for older residents to visit the new section of the burial ground due to the length of the path to reach it the Clerk reported that she had inspected the area with the Estate Manager. They had concluded it would be possible to create a gap in the wall between the older graves in section one which would reduce the length of the journey. Council agreed to investigate creating a gap in the wall.

Proposed Mr Gray **Seconded** Mr Jenkins **Carried** Unanimously

205. Update on extension to the Pavilion

It is hoped the work will be completed in mid-July.

The Recreation Field will be returned to good condition. Hope to use budgeted money to revise play area.

206. Planning

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| P20/S0341/HH | Demolish existing conservatory, part demolish existing single-storey rear extension and replace with a new single-storey rear extension. Fenestration alterations to side elevation. 43 Station Road Mr Jenkins took council through the application. No impact on anyone. No neighbour objections. Proposed Mr Jenkins Seconded Mrs Bolt Carried Unanimously |
| P20/S0541/HH | Single storey rear extension. 7 Ferry Way No objections other than concerns about construction traffic. Proposed Mr Jenkins Seconded Mrs Neill Carried Unanimously |
| P20/S0473/HH | Amendment to approved scheme under planning approval P19/S2267/HH, whereby we wish to amend external finish to render the entire exterior - existing plus extension rather than materials to match existing exterior. Replace existing conservatory at rear with part two storey/part single storey extension. Add single storey bay window to rear of kitchen. Add two storey extension to front. Remodel front and build a first floor extension over existing family room. Internal modifications. Blue Bonnets 31 West End Already has planning permission just cosmetic. Have taken pre application advice. Mr Jenkins proposed No objections but wish the following to be considered – access, splay, consider phasing with application behind. Seconded Mrs Artenne Carried Unanimously |
| P19/S4156/FUL | Amendment : No. 1 - dated 17th February 2020 New Kennel Block (as amplified by Noise Impact Assessment received on 17 February 2020) Downlands Kennels Mr Jenkins took council through the amended application. Unsure why the kennels can't be sited further away – original application did not show correct boundary. Have read assessment but agree with neighbours it is a nonsense. Propose to object as per original objection. Constrained parking and should use own drive. Suggest a site meeting. Proposed Mr Gray Second Mr Jenkins Carried 8 in favour 1 objection |

207. Finance

a) To approve accounts for payment

| PAYMENTS | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Payee | Reason | Cheque | Amount |
| Swift Digital | Photocopier Contract | 206234 | £26.51 |
| HMRC | PAYE & NI | 206235 | £204.84 |
| Creative Haus (NJE Bright) | Website | 206237 | £450.00 |
| Group GA | First Payment Pavilion Extension | 206238 | £22,919.95 |
| Nick Robins | Grass Cutting Church | 206239 | £462.00 |
| Hawthorn Pest Control | Pest Control | 206240 | £140.00 |
| Fenland Leisure Products Ltd | Spring | 206241 | £45.60 |
| OALC | Subscription | 206242 | £771.94 |
| Pinelog Ltd | First payment Pavilion Extension | 206231 | £25,000.00 |
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| AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS | | | |
| Nest | Pension Contributions | DD | £80.25 |
| Grundon | Waste Removal | DD | £72.50 |
| Balanced | Payroll | DD | £54.00 |
| Virgin Media | Telephone/Broadband | BACS | £68.16 |
| Staff | Staff Salaries | DD | £5,948.95 |
| | | | £6,223.86 |

| PAYMENTS RECEIVED | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|--|--------|
| Reynolds | Vendor Fees | | £43.00 |
| TOTAL | | | £43.00 |

| CURRENT ACCOUNT | | |
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| Current Account Balance to date | | £29,753.19 |

| RESERVES ACCOUNT | | |
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| Reserves Account Balance to date | | £40,911.35 |

| PROJECTS ACCOUNT | | |
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| Projects Account Balance to date | | £162,818.69 |

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 Mrs Bolt Carried Unanimously

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b) To note automated regular payments

Noted

c) To note payments received

Noted

d) Report on expected CIL monies re planned projects

Mr Gray believes Council will receive £49,849 in April.

Discussed cost of building and skate park. May be necessary to take small bridging loan whilst waiting for CIL. There would still be available reserves.

208. To receive Estate Report

Noted.

209. To receive news items or updates from the Chair

Youth Service – few problems with Youth Club as Chair has resigned. Not much of a committee but have hopefully found a couple of volunteers. Need proactive committee.

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

- Mrs Dyer-Lynch traffic has slowed down due to the new road humps unfortunately they have left a lot of mess behind. Water now lying all the way across Goldfinch Lane since work has been done. Mr Gray to follow up.
- Mrs Herbert attended meeting in Henley about solar panels. Looking into further information.
- Mrs Bolt - Lawrence Hall struggling with funding so wont be built due to funding issues.
- New café not working as well as he thought. Other units still not let – café owner looking to see if he can get one to extend into.
- Trees in big field need attention after recent storms.
- Paul – concern about the state of the roads – feels ridiculous to build road humps when potholes need filling. Station Road to be resurfaced next year and sides of Westfield Road to be repaired.