

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting duly convened and held on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 in The Pavilion at 7.30pm

Present were Cllrs Worley (Chair), Smith, Seed, Bamford, Pomlett, Dyer-Lynch, Bolt, Jenkins, Hope-Smith, Neill and Herbert.

Also present the Clerk.

Cllr Worley welcomed everyone to the first in person meeting since March 2020.

62. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Riley.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

65. To receive Declarations of Personal and Pecuniary Interest for any agenda items

There were none.

66. To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd June 2021.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

67. To note reports of updates from Action Point Register

The purchase of a monitor and stand for meeting was discussed. The advantages would be less paper and allowing councillors and members of the public to see planning applications clearly. Cllr Worley could sell his old monitor to the council which would be less expensive and give the opportunity to trial the format.

68. To note Clerk's Report

The planters on The Forty are covered by the council's public liability insurance but their individual value is less than the excess on the policy.

The container has been ordered and the base completed. Volunteers are needed to put it together when it arrives.

The Estate Manager has a new laptop. Cllr Pomlett to assist with software for the allotments.

69. To note the Skate Park status

Cllr Worley reported that the skate park is finished and already in use. The seeded areas need some protection – matting needed. It's very popular and council are very pleased. Official opening on 7th August – first aid booked and entertainment licence (until 8pm). Portaloos also to be booked. Risk assessment needed for opening.

70. To note progress on the ASHP letter to Pinelogs.

There have been further problems with the extension and the original build. Meeting with Pavilion Trust to discuss before taking further action. Potentially £100,000 of repairs needed. Clerk to take initial legal advice.

71. To discuss path across the recreation field

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Cllr Bolt has met with potential contractors to put in a path across the rec to school will potentially cost £10,000 - £15,000. Clerk to investigate if planning permission is needed. Cllr Bolt to investigate if funding is available.

72. To discuss proposal to enhance management of The Forty for wildlife and people and agree consultation for grass cutting

Cllr Hope-Smith asked for support to start a consultation within the council before taking it to residents and businesses.

Proposed Cllr Hope-Smith **Seconded** Cllr Herbert **Carried** Unanimously

73. To receive the internal auditor's report for the 2020-21 financial year

The internal auditors report was received and discussed.

The internal auditor gave a No response to Box B due to the overpayment of a staff salary. It was noted that although a new procedure had already been put in place to avoid overpayments in the future it would be sensible to investigate changing the bank mandate so that in future two councillors would have to confirm online payments.

The internal auditor gave a No answer to Box M as 31 days exercise of public rights were given. The Council agreed that as an extra day was offered (by mistake) that this did not alter the fact that the public did have 30 days of opportunity to inspect and ask questions about the accounts and did not give a No response to Box 4 of the Governance Statement.

74. To agree the annual governance statement for 2020-21

Agreed. As per minute 73 a no response was given to Box 1.

75. To agree the accounting statement for 2020-21

Agreed

76. To consider planning applications as at 17th June 2021

There were none. Cllr Smith noted that following his meeting with SODC it is important to include Neighbourhood Plan policies in planning responses.

77. To note planning decisions

P21/S1451/LB	Reposition milestone. Reading Road Refused
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78. Items for report or inclusion on next agenda

- Dog signs
- Community Support Report
- Discuss debit card or budget for Estate Management
- Sustainable Wallingford are holding £2000 for a transport project in Cholsey.
- Meeting with website designers to discuss quotes
- Defibrillators need inspecting
- Caps Lane entrance is badly cracked from contractors – needs to be reported to fix my street.
- Footpath opposite Lapwing Lane has weeds growing through it needs reporting on fix my street
- Bellways lights continue to be on all night.
- Mobile phone upgrade for office staff.