

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Wednesday 15th September 2021 in the Pavilion

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

Also present L Dalby (Clerk) and seven members of the public.

145.To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hope-Smith and Riley.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

148.To consider planning applications as at 10th September 2021

P21/S3653/HH	Single storey front and side extension. Frogs Folly 7 Abbots Mead Cllr Smith took council through the application. There is no implication for parking and none of the neighbours have commented. Proposed no comment Secunder Cllr Bamford carried with one abstention.
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149.To note planning decisions

P21/S1250/HH	Garage. 48 Wallingford Road. Withdrawn
P21/S1529/HH	Garage 25 West End. Granted
P21/S1237/FUL	Cricket training facility. Cricket Pavilion. Granted
P21/S2105/HH	Front and rear extension. Demolition of garage and new pitched roof. 5 Goldfinch Lane. Granted
P21S2713/HH	Rear extension 7 Goldfinch Lane Granted
P21/S2891/HH	Rear extension. 10 Papist Way Granted
P21/S3030/HH	Proposed ground floor rear extension Postgate 77 Ilges Lane Cholsey

150.To receive presentations and discuss the work of The Cholsey Environment Champions

The Environmental Co-ordinator introduced the groups. There are four up and running groups with two to be set up.

The Carbon Footprint Group spoke about climate change and the need for urgent action. The carbon footprint of Cholsey is estimated to be 7.5 tonnes per person. Cholsey is 38% higher than the average person in Britain. Key to reducing the footprint is down to individuals and the group is helping people to calculate their footprint and offering advice on how to reduce it. They have built a website to help people do this. Difficult to get people to change their lifestyle.

Community Energy Group are trying to respond to Climate Emergency through community level projects. Using the school, scout hut, Lawrence Hall to work towards carbon neutrality. Hope to use the school but the challenges are funding and working out how the benefits come back to the community. Considering Community Energy Company. Possible benefit to reduce costs to school. There are a lot of hurdles to work through but hopefully will be worth it the benefits to the community. The school is a good place to start as it involves children and 60 plus families in the village. Have a planned scheme which will cost £30,000. Have a grant of £1850 to start an energy audit in the school. Need to mobilise the community to speak to politicians.

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Food and Growing Group interested in what we can do in Cholsey, growing in the village and buying locally. Including rewilding and Community Orchard which they maintain. Installed planters at the shops and plant herbs, veg and some flowers. Watering has been a challenge. All an experiment and need to encourage people to help themselves. Next project is an apple juicing day. Very local and practical approach. Hope to develop a community allotment including 'Cholsey Spuds'. Had an online talk on permaculture. Discussed possible solution for putting water butts on bus stop.

Transport Group potential of a cycle path from Cholsey to Wallingford is the main aim of the group. Appears to be a popular plan. Need for a sustainable route to and from Wallingford for station and school. Need to approach Wallingford about the s106 contribution towards the cycle path. For next agenda.

Discussed electric cars.

Wildlife Group has about 20 members in the village. Increase the range of habitats in the village and work with community to increase connection with wildlife. Focus on identifying what there is and how to improve wildlife and diversity. Recorded information about particular 'hot spots'. Put together a proposal for the mowing of The Forty.

Want to get Home Energy and Waste Reduction groups running. Have got some more volunteers from the Cholsey Show. Want to get more people on board and keep the momentum growing.

Cllr Bamford thanked the group for their time and invited them to come back in four months.

151.Items for report and inclusion on the next agenda

- Gravel application
- Path at bulls Hole
- Cycle path