

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting duly convened and held on Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey

Present were Cllrs D. Bamford (Chair), V. Bolt, D. Seed, K. Pomlett, M. Dyer-Lynch, G. Herbert, M. Smith, R. Ford and J. Finch.

Also present the Clerk and the Environmental Coordinator

193. To note apologies for absence

Apologies were noted from Cllr Jenkins

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

197. To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 5th January 2022

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair

Proposed Cllr Bamford **Seconded** Cllr Bolt **Carried** Unanimously

198. To consider future of the Estate Management Group

It was **resolved** to disband the group and appoint a lead member who would ask for volunteers as and when projects required.

Proposed Cllr Bamford **Seconded** Cllr Seed **Carried** 11 in favour with 1 abstention.

199. To discuss land abutting solar farm

It was **resolved** that the Clerk would undertake further investigations.

Proposed Cllr Parks **Seconded** Cllr Neill **Carried** 11 in favour with 1 abstention

200. To agree transfer of Cholsey Meadows play area

It was **resolved** to accept the transfer of the play area and commuted sum of money.

Proposed Cllr Bamford **Seconded** Cllr Neill **Carried** Unanimously

201. To agree skate park planting

It was **resolved** to accept the plan and expenditure of £1055.40.

Proposed Cllr Bamford **Seconded** Cllr Bolt **Carried** Unanimously

202. To discuss the Cholsey Transport Plan

Cllr Ford took council through the proposed Transport Plan. There has been consultation with the Environment Group and Neighbourhood Plan Group. There will be a consultation with residents before it is finalised in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Plan consultation. The Neighbourhood Plan will reference both the Transport plan and the Climate Emergency Action Plan. All to be discussed at the second meeting in February.

203. To discuss future of the Cholsey Youth provision

It was **resolved** to no longer have a youth worker employed by the council and increase the donation to the Youth Club to employ a Youth Worker. A meeting to be arranged with the Youth Club Committee to offer support to re-establish the Youth Club

Proposed Cllr Bamford **Seconded** Cllr Bolt **Carried** Unanimously

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204. To agree council fees

The allotment fees were discussed. It was **resolved** to increase the allotment fees for 2023/24 and from then on increase in line with inflation.

The burial fees were discussed, and it was agreed to increase the fees in line with inflation over the past five years and treble for non-residents.

Agreed not to charge for under 18s.

Clerk to speak to other councils about Vendor charges before agreeing an increase.

All fees to be confirmed at the next meeting.

205. To agree precept demand

Agreed to investigate applying for funds for the Environment Group from SODC and OCC.

It was **resolved** to make a precept demand of £158,947.

Proposed Cllr Bamford **Seconded** Cllr Neill **Carried** Unanimously

206. To consider planning applications as at 14th January 2022

P21/S4923/FUL Amend	Proposed change of use from the church to residential use. Cholsey Free Church 26A Honey Lane Cllr Smith took council through the application and suggested objecting due lack of privacy, un-neighbourliness, inaccurate plans and highway dangers. It was resolved to object. Proposed Cllr Smith Seconded Cllr Herbert Carried Unanimously
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207. Items for report or inclusion on next agenda

- The Clerk reported that a quote for hedge cutting of £195 per hedge had been received and agreed for urgent works.
- Friendship benches – grant has been applied for.
- Telephone Box use
- First responders – volunteer to check third defib
- An offer of free planning advice from a resident has been received.
- Expenses form
- Grundon Meeting – infill waste going in in February so there will be an increase in lorry movement.
- Need to put a statement out about Drs surgery. People need to lobby CCG and MP.
- Developer's signs need to be removed.
- Cllr Herbert met with SOHA to discuss tree planting around St Georges Close.
- Chapel at Fairmile.