

# CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting duly convened and held on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey

**Present were** D. Bamford (Chair), V. Bolt, J. Collins, I. Neill, P. Jenkins, G. Herbert, K. Pomlett, J. Finch, M. Smith (from 7.45pm)

**Also present** C. Bird (Clerk); V. Beardall-Richards (Environmental Coordinator)

Start time: 7.30pm

End time: 9.40pm

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs L. Nixon and J. Hope-Smith

Cllr Ford has resigned as Parish Councillor. The Clerk will arrange vacancy notices for the two Councillor positions created by Cllrs Park and Ford stepping down.

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

There were none.

### **148. To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillor**

There were none.

### **149. To receive Declarations of Personal and Pecuniary Interest for any agenda items**

Cllr Jenkins to lead on planning application P22/S3896/S73 due to Cllr Smith knowing the applicant.

### **150. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and they were signed by Cllr Bolt who chaired the relevant meeting.

### **151. To note the Environmental Coordinator's Report**

The Environmental Coordinator's report was noted.

There are currently four active CHEC groups (Wildlife, Food and growing, Transport, Waste not want not) with the fifth group (Energy) relaunching in January 2023. There are approx. 230 members on the CHEC Facebook page, and approx. 80 active members. The past year has seen lots of activity in the village, including work on the BT wildlife friendly garden, a trial project exploring management of the Forty, pop-up environmental events, toy and clothes swaps, apple pressing, litter picking, and ongoing work with a variety of stakeholders in our community.

Cllr Collins will be joining the Council's Environment subgroup, alongside Cllr Herbert, Cllr Hope Smith, Environmental Coordinator Vicky Beardall-Richards and David Seed.

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## 152. To note the Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was noted.

## 153. To resolve to sign up to the civility and respect pledge

It was **resolved** to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.

Councillors who were not able to attend the Code of Conduct briefing in September 2022 will watch the recorded version of this training.

## 154. To discuss 5-year Strategic Plan

Discussions continued on the structure and process for preparing a Cholsey Parish Council 5-year strategic plan. Councillors began to share their thoughts on guiding principles for the Council's work.

It was agreed to have a longer, facilitated meeting early in 2023, bringing together Councillors and Council staff to explore vision, mission and principles.

Community involvement will be essential to understand the needs of the village, and how the Parish Council could support these.

The Council will work to have a 5-year plan in place for 2024/2025 to inform the budget and precept for that financial year.

The budget and precept for 2023/2024 will be set in January 2023.

## 155. To consider planning applications as at 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022

P22/S3784/FUL	Two storey extensions Larkmead Vets, Ilges Lane, Cholsey  It was <b>resolved</b> to support the application.
P22/S3896/S73	Variation of condition (approved plans) on P19/S4168/FUL and P19/S1585/FUL Blue Bonnets, 31 West End  It was <b>resolved</b> to make no comment.
P22/S3811/HH	Rear extension 83 Ilges Lane  It was <b>resolved</b> to make no comment.

## 156. To note planning decisions

P22/S2811/HH	Annexe building Taylors Barn, Caps Lane, Cholsey <b>Granted</b>
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### 157. To approve the erection of a Christmas tree in the village

The Council is supportive of the plan to place a Christmas tree outside Park's butchers as in previous years.

### 158. To approve payments

The following payments were approved:

Payments made between meetings			Notes
Lewis Butler	Bricklayer for church wall	£200.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>£200.00</b>	
Payments for agreement			
Youth Club	Annual Hire of YC for MHSW weekly session	£300.00	
Screwfix	Supplies for maintenance team	£106.92	
J.Drewe	Grass cutting	£1,609.99	Inc VAT
Councillot	CHEC expenditure	£127.20	
BGG	Verge cutting	£624.00	These are both paid from verge cutting grant from OCC
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Hawthorn	Pest control	£168.00	Inc VAT
Expenses	Historical unbanked cheque	£120.48	
Staff expenses	MHSW supplies	£9.15	
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Pavilion Trust	Annual office rent	£2,500.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>£5,754.13</b>	
AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS			
Grundon	Waste collection at burial ground	£74.47	Inc VAT
Virgin	Broadband & telephone	£84.08	Inc VAT
<b>Total</b>		<b>£158.55</b>	
PAYMENTS RECEIVED			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	
PAYMENTS EXPECTED			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	

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## **159. Items for report or inclusion on next agenda**

Cllr Bolt gave an update on the Cholsey Warm Space in her role as Coordinator (cholseywarmspace@gmail.com). Sessions and activities are being offered at the Pavilion with more on the way.

Cllr Jenkins raised that there are damaged saplings in the park. The Environmental Coordinator is working to replace these.