

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting duly convened and held on Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey

Present were Cllr D. Bamford (Chair), Cllr Bolt, Cllr J. Collins, Cllr J. Finch, Cllr G. Herbert, Cllr P. Jenkins, Cllr L. Nixon, Cllr K. Pomlett, Cllr C. Worley

Also present C. Bird (Clerk); S. Ibbotson on behalf of Floatability (from 7.30-7.45pm)

Start time: 7.30pm

End time: 9.30pm

251. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M. Smith

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

A resident of Newnham Murren, Crowmarsh, attended the meeting to speak about the Floatability S137 grant request. A sponsored circular walk is being organised on 10th June including a ferry crossing at Little Stoke/Cholsey Marsh, to raise money for Floatability and the Churches Conservation Trust (for churches in Wallingford, Mongewell and Crowmarsh). Promotional posters were provided to the Council for noticeboards in the village.

253. To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillor

There were none.

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

There were none.

255. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2023

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th April and they were signed by Cllr Bamford.

256. To discuss Floatability S137 grant request

Cllr Worley asked the representative of Floatability if it is possible to provide numbers of Cholsey residents who use the Floatability service. It was agreed to discuss this request at the next Council meeting of 10th May, when this information is available.

257. To discuss next steps for the Strategic Plan

Cllrs Collins, Herbert, Nixon and the Clerk had met on 18th April to discuss the Annual Community meeting (otherwise known as Annual Parish meeting) and how to engage residents with the strategic plan process at this event. A new date of 10th June was proposed and agreed by Council. The Hall at the Pavilion is available on this date 11am-1pm.

The subgroup will meet regularly over the coming weeks to work on materials inviting residents to the Annual Community meeting and on content for the meeting, involving Full Council as necessary. All Councillors will consider how to reach out to groups of residents in addition to the Community meeting.

Councillors to arrive from 7pm before the Annual Council meeting on 10th May, so that photos can be taken for a photo board and the web site.

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258. To discuss next steps for the Transport Plan including

- a. 20 mph limit proposal
- b. Street parking restrictions
- c. A329 pedestrian crossing

It was unanimously **resolved** to proceed with an application for a 20mph limit on all roads within Cholsey's built-up area. Cllr Worley will write on behalf of the Parish Council to County Councillor Bloomfield to seek his support for this. A public consultation process would then follow.

Parking Review update: Cllrs Worley and Collins met with a member of the Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Parking team. They walked around the village looking at roads with parking issues. OCC will next provide a proposal for revised parking restrictions which the Parish Council will consider; a consultation of residents will then be carried out by OCC.

It was agreed in principle to continue discussions with OCC about funding possibilities for the proposed A329 Reading Road pedestrian crossing.

259. To consider planning applications as at 12th April 2023

P23/S1222/HH	Single storey rear extension 7 Schuster Close It was resolved to make no comment.
P23/S0726/FUL	Erection of two semi-detached houses 17 Charles Road A decision on this application was deferred until the next Council meeting on 10 th May.

260. To note planning decisions as at 12th April 2023

P22/S3290/HH	Dropped kerb and driveway creation 11 Crescent Way Refused by SODC
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261. To approve payments

The following payments were approved:

Payments made between meetings			
Resident	Overpaid on burial plot purchase fees	£90.00	
	TOTAL	£90.00	
Automatic payments			
Grundon	Churchyard waste removal	£58.75	Inc VAT
	TOTAL	£58.75	
Payments for agreement			

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Rialtas - allotment software	Fee for adding extra user (Lesley)	£62.90	Inc VAT
CHEC expenses	Tree stakes	£33.49	
CPT	Office PAT testing	£38.29	
ICCM	Annual membership	£95.00	
CCDT	Meeting room hire fee - Estates	£20.00	
J.Drewe	Churchyard grass cutting	£520.00	Inc VAT
Swift	Quarterly printer rental & printout charges	£116.94	Inc VAT
	TOTAL	£886.62	
Income received since last meeting			
2023/24 ALLOTMENT RENT INVOICES SENT AND LOTS OF PAYMENTS COMING IN.			
SODC	50% of Precept	£88,985.50	
OCC	Verge cutting grant	£1,758.78	
	TOTAL	£90,744.28	
PAYMENTS EXPECTED			
CIL		£136,162.69	
	TOTAL	£136,162.69	

262. Items for report or inclusion on next agenda – 10th May 2023

Skate park update

Annual Community meeting update

The Council's social provisions

Emergency alert test and voting ID information to be posted on the web site

Transport update - 24th May meeting, unless urgent items arise

Councillors to arrive early from 7pm on 10th May for photos