

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Cholsey Parish Council duly convened and held on Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 7.15pm at The Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey

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

Also present were C. Bird (Clerk), SODC Cllr A.M. Simpson (7.15-7.40pm), SODC Cllr B. Manning (7.15-7.40pm), K. Blunt

Start time: 7.15pm

End time: 8.45pm

173. To co-opt new members to the Parish Council

It was unanimously **resolved** to co-opt Katy Blunt (soon to be Katy Ofield) as member of Cholsey Parish Council and a declaration of acceptance was signed before the Clerk.

174. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr M. Smith and Cllr J. Hope-Smith.

175. To receive Declarations of Personal & Pecuniary Interest for any agenda items

There were none.

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

There were none.

177. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2024

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 31st January and they were signed by Cllr Nixon.

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

The SODC Councillors' report was noted with thanks.

179. To note the Clerk's Update (verbal), in particular:

a. To agree the Parish Council's response to the Joint Local Plan consultation

It was **resolved** to submit the response drafted by the Clerk on behalf of the Council following discussions at the 31st January Council meeting.

b. To discuss a response to the Wallingford Neighbourhood Plan consultation

It was **resolved** to support the Wallingford Neighbourhood Plan modifications.

c. To approve and adopt the following:

i. Complaints procedure

The Council's existing Complaints procedure was approved with minor revisions: update contact details and Code of Conduct reference; amend Chairman to Chair throughout.

ii. Publication scheme

The updated Publication scheme was approved.

180. To note the Estate Manager's Update, in particular:

a. To agree whether to introduce an allotment deposit policy in 2024/2025 for new plot holders

The Estate Manager's update on allotments was noted with thanks. It was unanimously **resolved** not to introduce allotment deposits at this time.

181. To receive update on the 5-year Strategic plan (Strategic plan subgroup)

It was unanimously **resolved** to adopt the draft Strategic Plan. This will now be shared publicly through a variety of channels, including the Annual Community Meeting on 11th May. A detailed Action Plan aligned with the Strategic Plan will be developed.

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182. To receive update from the Transport Lead (Cllr Collins)

Cllr Collins continues to follow up on parking enforcement changes and the A329 crossing with Oxfordshire County Council officers.

A Working Group will be established to work on an initiative to improve the accessibility and condition of Cholsey Station.

183. Finance

a. To agree whether to spend up to £1500 for materials and labour to instal an outdoor table tennis table provided by SODC

It was **resolved** to spend up to £1500 on installing an outdoor table tennis table provided by SODC at the Recreation Ground, subject to the table being available. There is the possibility that it will instead be sited at Cholsey Meadows, but timing is tight to arrange this.

The Councillors also discussed working with other community organisations to improve leisure/sports facilities at Cholsey Meadows, with potential for providing CIL funding for this.

b. To agree whether to continue to receive the Parish share of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from South Oxfordshire District Council

It was agreed to continue to receive the Parish share of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from South Oxfordshire District Council.

c. To note expenditure against budget for 2023/2024 ytd

The expenditure against budget Apr-Dec 2023 was noted.

d. To note ear-marked reserves for 2023/2024 ytd

Current ear-marked reserves were noted.

e. To approve bank account reconciliations

The bank account reconciliations were approved and signed by Cllr Finch and Cllr Blunt.

f. To approve payments made and note payments received

The payments were approved.

184. To agree responses to planning applications as at 15th February 2024

P23/S0333/AG	Agricultural barn Meadow Farm, Reading Road It was resolved to make no comment.
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185. To note planning decisions as at 15th February 2024

P23/S4137/FUL	Retrospective application for car park engineering 47 Reading Road Granted by SODC
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186. Items for information or inclusion on future agenda

Vandalism of the new dog bins (Cllr Jenkins)
Lighting of Wallingford Road zebra crossing (Cllr Jenkins)
Car park improvement project
Community Emergency Plan (Cllrs Herbert and Smith)
Status of adoption of new roads (Cllr Bamford)
Station Road allotment hedge (Cllr Finch)
Graffiti wall project (Cllr Bolt)
Road surfacing on Ilges Lane (Cllr Bolt to draft letter)
Condition of trees planted by Bellway
Cholsey Station Working Group
Annual Community Meeting planning