

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Cholsey Parish Council duly convened and held on Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 7.15pm at The Great Hall, Cholsey Meadows, Cholsey

Present were Cllr D. Bamford, Cllr V. Bolt (Chair), Cllr J. Collins, Cllr G. Herbert, Cllr P. Jenkins, Cllr M. Smith (from 8.15pm)

Also present were C. Bird (Clerk), District Cllr A.M. Simpson (until 8.15pm)

Start time: 7.15pm

End time: 9.20pm

43. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr J. Finch, Cllr L. Nixon and Cllr K. Ofield.

The Parish Council currently has three Councillor vacancies.

44. Public participation session: to hear questions or comments from members of the public

There were none.

45. To receive Declarations of Personal or Pecuniary Interest for any agenda items (*note, this does not preclude later declarations*)

There were none.

46. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2024 (Appendix A) and receive update on any Minute items

It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June and they were signed by Cllr Bolt.

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

The SODC Councillors' report was noted with thanks.

48. To note Clerk's report (verbal), in particular:

a) To approve and adopt a Scheme of Delegation (Appendix B)

It was **resolved** to approve and adopt the Scheme of Delegation.

b) To discuss participation in the Agatha Christie Mystery Weekend 2024

The Clerk had attended a Working Group meeting held by Wallingford Town Council on 20th June and will liaise with the Church on plans.

49. To note Estate Manager's report (Appendix C), in particular:

The Estate Manager's report was noted.

a) To receive a report on the proposed Community Allotment project and agree the use of a £1050 donation from Cholsey Allotments Protection Association for this project (Appendix D)

It was **resolved** to use the £1050 donation from Cholsey Allotments Protection Association for the Community Allotment project.

50. To receive results of the Recreation Ground path community survey and agree next steps (Appendix E)

The survey received 204 responses. Survey results indicated a lot of support for the path, with some concerns and useful feedback also received.

As a next step, it was **resolved** to set up a Working Group for this project, to include Cllr Bolt and Cllr Finch, working with officers. It was agreed to seek non-Councillor members with relevant expertise to join the Working Group from the community.

51. To receive an update on the Mend the Gap funding proposal (Environment Coordinator)

The Mend the Gap funding proposal has been successful and thanks were expressed to the Environment Coordinator for her work on this. The Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) will work with the Environment Coordinator on next steps, and the Environment Coordinator will report back to Council regularly.

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52. To receive a Transport update, in particular:

a) To approve the formation of a Transport Committee, to replace the existing Transport Working Group

It was **resolved** to form a new Transport Committee to replace the Transport Working Group. The Transport Committee will require at least three Councillor members (Cllr Collins and two others); non-Councillor members can also be invited and appointed to the Committee. Once the Committee is quorate with three Councillor members, a Committee meeting will be arranged, to be held in public, clerked by the Proper Officer. The Clerk and Cllr Collins will work on draft Terms of Reference for the Committee.

53. Finance

a) To agree to transfer the CIL bank account to a new provider (in response to new developments following the resolution made at the 8th May 2024 Council meeting)

It was noted that Nationwide Building Society is not currently accepting applications for new business accounts. It was therefore **resolved** that the RFO will open two new accounts with Unity Trust for the Council – a 30-day notice account (to hold c.£100K of CIL funds), and a 1 year fixed-term savings account (to hold c.£250K).

b) To approve new payments and note payments received (Appendix F)

The payments were approved and signed by Cllr Herbert and co-signed by Cllr Smith.

54. To consider planning applications as at 20th June 2024

P24/S1844/HH	New entrance porch, 19 Downside
	It was resolved to make no comment on this application.

55. To note planning decisions as at 20th June 2024

P24/S1380/HH	Single storey rear extension and garage conversion, 6 Goldfinch Lane Granted by SODC
P24/S1223/HH	Single storey rear extension, 18 Rothwells Close Granted by SODC
P24/S1275/HH	Vehicle access change, Fairways, Church Road Granted by SODC
P/S0726/FUL	Erection of two semi-detached houses, 17 Charles Road Appeal dismissed by Planning Inspectorate

56. Items for report or inclusion on next agenda

Village welcome signs – contact has been made with Oxfordshire County Council re. maintenance
Concerns re. hedges obstructing pavements
Transport Committee Terms of Reference
Visit from EV Charging Project Manager, Oxfordshire County Council
Office refit – Cllr Smith to circulate latest costings
Land at Wallingford Road Allotments, Wallingford Road, Cholsey

57. To confirm the date of the next Full Council meeting:

Wednesday 17th July, 7.15pm, The Pavilion, Cholsey