

## CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of Cholsey Parish Council duly convened and held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.15pm at The Pavilion, Cholsey

**Present were** Cllr D. Bamford, Cllr J. Collins, Cllr J. Finch, Cllr G. Herbert, Cllr P. Jenkins, Cllr L. Nixon (Chair) Cllr K. Pomlett, Cllr M. Smith

Also present were C. Bird (Clerk), District Councillor C. Topping (7.15-7.30pm)

Start time: 7.15pm

End time: 8.50pm

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

Apologies were accepted from Cllr V. Bolt, Cllr J. Hope-Smith, Cllr Ofield and Cllr S. Schäfer.

#### **128. Public participation session: to hear questions or comments from members of the public (max. 15 mins)**

There were none.

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

There were none.

#### **130. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (Appendix A) and receive update on any Minute items**

It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2024 and they were signed by Cllr Nixon.

#### **131. To consider and decide whether to make the following resolution:**

**"Cholsey Parish Council resolves from 18th December 2024 until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council, having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence."**

The Clerk has successfully completed the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) qualification and the Parish Council has two-thirds of its 13 seats filled by elected members. The Council therefore meets the conditions of eligibility to adopt the General Power of Competence.

It was **resolved** to adopt the General Power of Competence from 18th December 2024.

#### **132. To receive any reports from County and/or District Councillors**

The District Councillors' report was noted with thanks.

#### **133. To note Clerk's report (verbal), in particular:**

- a) To approve and adopt revised Publication Scheme (Appendix B)

It was **resolved** to adopt the revised Publication Scheme.

- b) To discuss and agree Action Plan for publication

It was **resolved** to publish the Action Plan for 2025 on the Parish Council web site.

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

- a) To discuss quotes for removal and replacement of swings in the younger children's play area on the Recreation Ground and agree expenditure for this work

The quotes were discussed. Regarding the lowest price quote (Contractor B), Councillors were concerned that the design of the swings may encourage climbing of the structure and present a safety risk.

It was **resolved** to proceed with Contractor A subject to reconfirmation of the model of swing to be installed.

#### **135. To receive update from the Transport Committee (Cllr Collins), in particular:**

- a) To discuss a revised route and next steps for the all-weather Recreation Ground path project (Appendix D)

The research and advice provided to date was discussed.

It was **resolved** to seek pre-planning advice for a path following the revised route from the Pavilion, via the West End entrance point to Church Road. The Parish Council's current preference is for a self-binding gravel path with edging, with an approximate width of 1.5 metres.

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On other transport-related matters, the Wallingford Road zebra crossing lights are now connected and functioning. The Transport Committee will next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

### 136. To discuss and agree next steps with the draft Community Emergency Plan (Cllr Smith)

Cllr Smith gave an update on progress and next steps were agreed.

### 137. Finance

- a) To approve budget 2025/2026 (Appendix E)

It was **resolved** to approve the 2025/2026 budget.

- b) To discuss and agree whether to allow a pizza-van company to operate from the Pavilion car park on a weekday evening

It was **resolved** to allow the pizza-van company to operate from the Pavilion car park. This will most likely be on Tuesday evenings fortnightly. The Clerk will liaise with the business owner on specific arrangements.

- c) To approve new payments and note payments received (Appendix F)

It was **resolved** to approve the payments; payments received were noted.

### 138. To consider new planning applications and planning amendments as at 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

P24/S3903/HH	Front porch extension and replacement garage, 4 College Close It was <b>resolved</b> to make no comment on this application.
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### 139. To note South Oxfordshire District Council planning decisions as at 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

P24/S3448/HH	Ground floor front and rear extension, 17 Celsea Place, <b>Granted by SODC</b>
P24/S2895/S73	Variation of Condition 2 to move access to the site, 75 Honey Lane <b>Granted by SODC</b>

### 140. Items for report or inclusion on next agenda

Precept request

Environment Coordinator update

Flooding in front of Red Lion

### 141. To confirm the date of next Full Council meeting – Wednesday 15th January 2025, 7.15pm, Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey