

CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber,
South Lodge, Rickmansworth Road, Chorleywood, on Tuesday 29th September 2009.

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Chairman:		* Mrs J Worrall
Councillors:	A Barton	*P Kemp
	* R Booth	*R Kipps
	Dr N O Eve	*G Liley
	Mrs B Green	K Morris
	*M. Green	*Mrs P Mytom-Hart
	* Mrs M Hampton	* Mrs L Smith
	Mrs A Hayward	* Mrs S Stibbs
	* Mrs M Jarrett	*S Watkins

*Denotes Member present.

09/28 PUBLIC FORUM

There were two members of the public present. Mr Baker attending in an observational capacity from TRDC Standards Board. Mr G Hill was attending the meeting on behalf of Friends of the Common.

09/29 REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Written representation had been received from County Councillor Hayward. The Council wished to convey their thanks for the grant funding of £1500.00 towards the Christmas Lights and asked the Clerk to write accordingly.

Members noted with interest the item relating to St Clement Danes School however Cllr Watkins was concerned that there appeared to be no further information about the proposal to create a crossing at the junction of Rickmansworth Road and Common Road. Again the Council asked the Clerk to write accordingly.

09/30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Barton, Eve, Mrs Green and Morris.

09/31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Green on Grove Wood and Cllr Liley on the Cricket Club.

09/32 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council
RESOLVED
To approve the minutes of the meeting dated 23rd June 2009

The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

09/33 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising

09/34 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised that she had attended the Youth Club AGM on 25th June. She had also been invited to attend the Horticultural show but had a prior engagement. Cllrs Mrs Jarrett and Kipps had attended the meeting and presented prizes. She thanked them for attending to represent the Parish. She had chaired the meeting of the Joint Parish Councils and had received some interesting feedback from other Parish Councillors on the Confidential Business to be discussed later on in the meeting.

Finally she had attended the Waitrose Event which donated money to the Community Orchard. The presentation included children from Maple Cross Mixed infants who had been polite and interested in the scheme.

09/35 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9

There were no questions under Standing Order 9.

09/36 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chorleywood Village Halls Trust 28th July 2009

The Chairman reported that the audit of the halls assets was moving forward and all members were welcome to join the Chairman on the morning of 30th October at 10am when it was anticipated the audit would be completed at the War Memorial Hall.

The Clerk advised that the Sound system had been ordered and was likely to be installed during the October half term.

Planning 25th August 2009

The Chairman advised that she would be attending the Executive meeting at TRDC to discuss the Chorleywood Common Conservation Area Appraisal as the document received appeared to be very thin on content, with some dramatic errors. The report did not appear to have taken into account the criticisms of the Planning Inspectors at recent appeal hearings. Cllr Mrs Worrall stated that she wanted to be able to drive these concerns through to a higher level to protect the future of Chorleywood.

Policy and Resources 8th September 2009

RECOMMENDATION – TO APPOINT A CONTRACTOR TO SUPPLY AND FIT THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Council
RESOLVED

To award the three year contract to Company B to supply and fit the Christmas lights
To formally thank County Councillor Hayward for the grant funding which would allow both Lower Road and Main Parade to have Christmas lights at no additional cost to the Parish Council.

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jarrett, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hampton and unanimously approved.

The Council wished the Clerk well for her operation and leave of absence.

Open Spaces 15th September 2009

09/40 Grazing on the Common

The Chairman of the Council who had not attended the Open Spaces meeting stated she was shocked at the decision of the Committee not to agree to the future of grazing on the common due to financial reasons. The Committee appeared to be prevaricating costs as the reason and if these were so

important they should have been part of the questionnaire. The fact that the views of the public were so conclusive the current decision made, in her view the Council now look ridiculous.

She therefore proposed from the Chair that the Council should in principal accept the results from the questionnaire for the grazing project to be progressed over the next twelve months.

Cllr Jarratt seconded the proposal and this was unanimously approved

The Council

Therefore

RESOLVED

To in principal agree to the re-introduction of grazing on to Chorleywood Common

The Chairman thanked the Council and stated that she understood costs where important but it was likely that the legacy would negate the costs of the budget thus far and that full costs would be issued to the next meeting.

09/41 Tree Work at Grove Wood

The Clerk confirmed that she had written to TRDC asking for a site meeting to consider the details within the report and this would be dealt with by the Senior Parish Ranger in her absence.

09/37 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Council

RESOLVED

To authorise the schedule of payments.

	£
Parish Council Accounts	72036.44
Village Halls Trust	14551.31
Co-Op Bank Credit Card	0.00

09/38 REPORT FROM THE CRICKET CLUB ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Clerk advised that the Cricket Club were yet to apply to TRDC to release the conditions of the planning approval. She stated that Martin Hicks from the Herts Biological Records Office had given some very useful advice, by submitting one plan from an Environmental Specialist who could address all the issues in one plan. There is still however concern that as the area identified for the re-location of the acid grass land was outside the planning consent that a further new or amended plan may be required.

The Council

RESOLVED

That the Council agrees, in principal, to the Cricket Club removing trees and scrub adjacent to their nets to accommodate the translocation of acid grassland subject to the Cricket Club obtaining all necessary permissions required from the Planning Authority and the Forestry Commission and obtaining a Felling Licence. The identification of trees to be felled is subject to further consideration.

That the Clerk writes to the Cricket Club accordingly.

This was proposed by Cllr Watkins, seconded by Cllr Hampton and carried 11 in favour with one abstention.

09/39 CONSIDERATION OF STANDING ORDER 19/4

The Council

RESOLVED

That the Chorleywood Village Halls Committee will suspend standing order 19/4 for the remaining meetings in this municipal year.

This was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jarrett, seconded by Cllr Mrs Stibbs and carried 11 in favour and 1 against.

09/40 REPORT FROM THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2009

The Chairman advised that although the meeting had been called at short notice she was disappointed with the number of Councillors that had attended. She asked if anyone had any questions or comments of which there were none.

The Role of the Councillors had been discussed and it was agreed that the process in which the Council elected the Chairman should be discussed at a future P&R Meeting. The location and suitability of the Council offices was also a topic which would require further consideration. It had become apparent that there was a need for a five to ten year plan and therefore committee members would be asked to put together a five year plan at the next cycle of committee meetings.

Finally when discussing what people want it was agreed that the Council needs to improve their profile within the community and that was why the Chairman had chosen to hold a quiz evening in March of next year. She would be approaching the Council with the full proposals in the future.

The Council

RESOLVED

To note the report and bring forward topics for further discussion.

09/41 REQUEST FROM BT TO ADOPT THE PHONE KIOSK OPPOSITE THE GATE PUBLIC HOUSE

The Chairman stated that they were in favour of the scheme to adopt the phone box opposite the Gate Public House but she was concerned about keeping it clean and the potential problem with vandalism. If the Council were in agreement, she felt the phone box was worth saving. It was agreed that the box could also be listed.

The Council

RESOLVED

That the Council take up the offer from BT to adopt the phone kiosk opposite The Gate public house at a cost of £1.00

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

09/42 The Committee

RESOLVED

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting having commenced at 8.00pm closed at 9.50 pm.

These minutes have been checked by the Chairman.

Signed Dated.....

These minutes have been agreed at Full Council and signed by the Chairman.

Signed Dated.....