

CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber,
South Lodge, Rickmansworth Road, Chorleywood, on Tuesday 2nd February 2010

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.

09/55 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

09/56 REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Written representation was received from County Councillor Hayward at the meeting. Members wished to thank Councillor Hayward for the comprehensive report and noted the contents.

Cllr Mrs Green gave a verbal report to the meeting advising that the petition for traffic calming in Blacketts Wood Drive had been turned down. However the Shire Lane traffic calming would be going ahead.

The application regarding the Ancient Hedgerow in Homefield Road had been called in to the TRDC Development Control meeting by District Councillors.

TRDC was looking at cost savings which may lead to cuts in services. These were currently being discussed. The Barrow Beat and weed spraying were two services being looked at.

The opening date for William Penn swimming pool was still under discussion.

09/57 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Barton, Booth and Kipps.

09/58 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

09/59 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

09/41 Request from BT to adopt the Phone Kiosk opposite the Gate Public House

The Clerk confirmed that the Kiosk was Grade II listed and that she had written to BT accordingly.

09/36 Christmas Lights 2009

The Clerk confirmed that the contract was to lease the lights for a three year period, which had been agreed by the P&R Committee. The Business Association would be asked for a contribution in future years on the understanding the economy picked up. The other costs considered were to have purchased the lights but there would be further costs to insure, store and erect the lights.

09/43 To consider the recent resignation of a member of the planning committee and to fill the current vacancy.

The Clerk confirmed she had written to HAPTC for further guidance and that the issue was on going.

09/60 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised that she had not attending any official engagements since the last meeting. But she had attended the Three Rivers Executive meeting which discussed the Chorleywood Common Conservation Area.

She had two invites outstanding. One at St Andrews Church on 23rd March for the inauguration of the new priest, and the second was the TRDC Civic Reception.

The Chairman advised that there were a number of items which needed to be brought to member's attention.

1. An Email had been received from a member of the Business Association asking for support from the Parish Council for a Farmers/French market to be held in the village.

Members were generally supportive but were unsure if this suggestion had the full support of the Business Association. Members suggested that if the Business Association were in favour then a representative would be invited to a future meeting of the P&R Committee for further discussion.

2. The Chairman advised that communication had been received from TRDC that the developer was not happy with the suggested name of 'Sportsman Cut' for the public right of way through Betjeman Gardens. Members suggested that Sportsman's Way may be more acceptable.

The Council

RESOLVED

That the Clerk writes to TRDC suggesting Sportsman's Way

This was proposed by Cllr Eve, seconded by Cllr Watkins and unanimously agreed.

3. The Clerk advised that the Election may be deferred until 27th May 2010, if a general election was to be called on 6th May. She confirmed that there would not be an increase in fees as the additional cost would be covered by Central Government. She stated that the possible change in date would affect the calendar of meetings for the forthcoming municipal year, but she would advise the Council when more details were known.
4. The Chairman announced that she wished to hold a charity quiz night on 15th May 2010 at the War Memorial Hall. Attendance was not mandatory however she hoped that Councillors would support her. She asked members to suggest possible local charities who members thought may benefit. The idea was to attempt to bring the community together. Both the Chairman and Cllr Kipps were in favour but she wanted the Council's approval.

The Council

RESOLVED

To support a Chairman's Charity Quiz Night

This was proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Mrs Stibbs and unanimously approved.

5. The Clerk advised that she had been made aware that the Hertfordshire Highways Joint Member Panel would be discussing the road safety issues relating to St Clements Danes at their meeting to be held on 4th February. There are a number of proposals

- To extend centre hatching road markings in A404 and introduce a traffic island.
- Introduction of 'at any time' waiting restrictions along A404
- Introduction of a one system in North Hill.

There were cost implications for all the proposals and any decisions would be advised in the future.

09/61 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9

Whilst there were no Questions under standing order 9 received in the timescale, Cllr Eve requested that the Council ask the Clerk to write to HAPTC asking for a formal written update on the Peer Mentoring Scheme which had been completed in September 2009.

The Clerk advised that she had written to HAPTC and was awaiting a response.

09/62 COMMITTEE REPORTS

War Memorial Hall 24th November 2009. Cllr Morris stated on behalf of the Council he wished Cllr Kipps a speedy recovery from his recent operation.

War Memorial Hall 5th January 2010. It was noted that the Clerk should have been called the Treasurer throughout the minutes.

P&R 19th January 2010

DRAFT PROTOCOL BETWEEN OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

The Council
RESOLVED

To approve the recommendation from P&R that the draft protocol between Officers and Members be adopted as guidelines for referral only.

This was proposed by the Chair and unanimously approved.

PRECEPT 2010/11

The Chairman advised that all committees had attempted to keep the costs down and courtesy of the Open Spaces legacy and budgetary success the Council would be able to deliver the same services at no extra cost in the forthcoming year.

The Council
RESOLVED

That the Precept for 2010/11 be set at £338,500.00.

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

The Chairman wished to congratulate the Clerk and everyone's efforts in keeping the precept down especially in this current economic climate.

09/38 Approval of the Minutes The minutes should have read The Minutes of the meeting dated 17th November 2009, *as amended* at Full Council

09/43 Five Year Plan The proposal was unanimously *agreed*.

09/63 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk advised that the interim audit would take place on 17th and 18th March 2010.

The Council

RESOLVED

To authorise the schedule of payments.

	£
Parish Council Accounts	68,061.27
Village Halls Trust	9,783.88
Co-Op Bank Credit Card	106.65

09/64 SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Members discussed the report written by the Chairman and had differences of opinion. Whilst there was support for going back to the election system despite a proposal from Cllr Morris, this was not seconded and therefore the item will go back to P&R for further consideration.

The Clerk advised that Council that the P&R Committee would need to make a recommendation to Full Council and if no decision could be made the current process would remain as outlined in Standing Orders.

The Chairman asked all members think about what they thought was best for the Council and to put forward any suggestions for the report to P&R.

09/65 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD AWARDS

Members considered the details within the report, the majority of members were in favour however, Cllr Morris felt that if you were paid to do a job you should not be rewarded over and above the financial remuneration received, therefore whilst he was in favour of the nomination for the Community Safety Citizens Award, he could not support the PCSO award.

The Council

RESOLVED

That Tanya Stabler be nominated for the Police Community Support Officer of the Year

That John Sheldon be nominated for the Community Safety Citizens Award.

09/66 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting having commenced at 8.00pm closed at 9.31 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.....