

CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held in the, Parish Office, South Lodge, Rickmansworth Road, Chorleywood, on Tuesday 9th December 2014

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Chairman: * Tony Edwards

Councillors:	* Jo Clarke	Ken Morris
	* John Copley	* Alison Preedy
	Harry Davies	David Raw
	Barbara Dickens	* Martin Trevett
	* Barbara Green	* Steve Watkins
	* Raj Khiroya	Jane White
	* Rodney Kipps	Jenny Wood
	* Jill Leeming	* Jackie Worrall

*Denotes Member present

Officers Present Mrs Y Merritt – Clerk
Mrs C James – Deputy Clerk
Mrs M Putman – Admin Officer
Miss L Hamilton – Admin Officer

14/44 PUBLIC FORUM

There were three members of the public present

Gregory Hill from Friends of Chorleywood Common made comment relating to the application from the Cricket Club stating that they were sympathetic towards the necessity for a new club house but felt that there should be no significant increase in the footprint unless absolutely necessary.

With regard to the Community Plan, Mr Hill stated that FOCC felt it was unfortunate that the plans were limited to one per household as they felt it should have been one per elector to allow all residents to have their opinions known.

14/45 REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There were no representations received.

14/46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs H Davies, B Dickens, J White and J Wood. Cllrs K Morris and D Raw were absent.

14/47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A declaration of interest was received from Cllr M Trevett on the Community Plan

14/48 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council

RESOLVED

To approve the minutes of the meeting dated 23rd September 2014.

These were duly signed by the Chairman

14/49 MATTERS ARISING

14/41 Chorleywood Library – Cllr Copley advised that a meeting had been called by HCC to discuss library usage and some residents were concerned that the County were to make the decision on the fate of the library before the recorded closure of the consultation. The Clerk confirmed that this was not the case but the Council had sent a letter of objection to both the County Council and our County Councillor. Cllr Trevett advised that TRDC had sent a letter of objection based on the Parish Council's views and that so far 2,000 signatures had been collected on a petition.

14/50 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman urged everyone to fill in the Community Plan either via the paper version or on line. He also asked that every councillor respond to the proposals with regard to the new Standing Orders. He stated that this was an important piece of work that every councillor should have a view on. He asked that everyone respond to Cllrs Green and Worrall with a copy to the Clerk.

The Chairman's Diary of events

20th October, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk attended the Joint Parish Council meeting at Abbots Langley

9th November Cllr Watkins read the reading at the Remembrance Service in my absence

22nd November Chairman's Charity Quiz Night raised over £6000. With the main prize going to Christchurch School

24th November The Chairman attended a Dementia Care meeting and was joined by TRDC Cllr Sue Stibbs.

25th November attended a Cricket Club Advisory Meeting

27th November with Cllr Green, the Parish Ranger and Clerk attended a training course held by the Chilterns Conservation Board on Common Land Law.

5th December attended the Chorleywood Christmas Festival. The Parish Council had a stall which promoted the Chorleywood in Bloom, Photographic Competition and Community Plan as well as raising funds for the Chairman's Charity.

14/51 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9

The following question was asked by Cllr A Preedy

Please can the Council reconsider starting Council meetings at 7.00 or 7.30pm in order that they finish at a more reasonable time, to be more considerate to the staff working hours? Hopefully, then they when Councillors have important decisions to consider and vote on, they can be made at a more reasonable hour instead of rushing things through as Member are feeling tired.

Councillors considered this request and felt it was worth adding to the Standing Orders debate taking place at the next P&R meeting.

14/52 CLERKS REPORT

Councillors felt that the Chairman should invite members to attend the Quiz Night in order that the Council was properly represented.

The delivery of Chorleywood Matters was discussed and members were reminded that whilst there was an editorial committee anyone could write an article and contribute.

The Council

RESOLVED

To note the report

14/53 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Extra-Ordinary Meeting 28th October 2014 – it was agreed that the first meeting would be set up for 17th December 2014 with aim to set out the scope of the group and a plan forward.

Allotment Users Meeting 11th November 2014 – it was noted that the Council had been approached to have hives on one of the allotment sites. Officers were holding a site meeting and a report would be put on the next Open Spaces Agenda.

Village Halls Meeting 18th November 2014 – The Clerk confirmed that the tenders had now been issued with a return date of 12th December 2015. It was hoped that the results of this would be reported to the next Village Halls Meeting for approval.

Cricket Club Advisory Meeting 25th November 2014 – it was noted that Friends of Chorleywood Common are keen to get involved in any consultation. The first meeting had proved positive but it was felt that help would be needed in putting together the S38 applications to ensure the correct levels of consultation were carried out during the process. Once there were some plans these would be shared with the rest of the Councillors before the public consultation.

Cllr Khiroya stated that as he sat on the Planning Committee at TRDC and had thus far not attended any of the Advisory Meetings, he wished to tender his resignation from this group. The Council agreed that he was best served on the Planning Committee and therefore accepted his decision.

Planning 25th November 2014 – There was a recommendation that the outstanding Section 106 monies for Chorleywood be put toward the HCC scheme for a three way traffic signal scheme for the A404 junction with Common Road

The Council
RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to HCC asking for the unallocated Section 106 monies to be put towards the traffic signal scheme for the Junction of the A404 and Common Road.

This was proposed by Cllr Worrall, seconded by Cllr Trevett and unanimously approved.

P&R 2nd December 2014

Recommendation 1

Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The Council
RESOLVED

That the Chairman request responses from all Councillors on the suggested changes to Standing Orders particularly in respect of the use of substitutes and the position of Ex Officio's with deferral of any decision until the following Full Council Meeting. If necessary an extra meeting would be called for this item only.

This was proposed by the Chairman and unanimously approved.

The Clerk was asked to remind members who were not present to respond accordingly.

14/54 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The cost of the Water Bill for the Hollybush Hall was discussed and the secretary advised that Affinity Water were investigating. Whilst there appeared to be no underground leaks, it was possible that the water being used by the Royal British Legion was being charged to the Council. She advised that she would report back.

The Committee
RESOLVED

To approve the payments and direct debits

Chorleywood Village Halls

- Cheques £10350.34
- Direct Debits £1496.44
- Debit Card Payments £0.00

Total £11846.78

Parish Council

- Cheques £60138.63
- Direct Debits £28814.75
- Debit Card Payments £0.00

Total £88953.38

14/55 HCC PARK & STRIDE SCHEME

Members felt that in principal the Parish Council should support the application, but felt that St Clement Danes and Christchurch School should also be asked to contribute.

The Council

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council agree in principal to fund £10,000 towards the Park & Stride Scheme subject to contributions from both St Clement Danes and Christ Church Schools.

This was proposed by Cllr Trevett, seconded by Cllr Edwards and unanimously approved

14/56 COMMUNITY PLAN

The report from Cllr White was read out and the progress with the Community Plan was noted.

14/57 CLOSURE

The meeting have started at 8.00 pm, closed at 9.37 pm

These minutes have been checked by the Chairman.

Signed Dated

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

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