

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th December 2020 at 7.30 pm, via Video due to Coronavirus outbreak

Parish Councillors: Tony Treacy (AT) Chairman
Nigel Suttie (NS)
Neil Cadman (NC)

Jonathan Herbert (JH)
Andrew Davis (AD)

Parish Clerk: Lynda Jackson (LJ)

County Councillors: Cllr. Carl Jackson (CJ), Cllr. Tim Butcher (TB), Cllr. Jonathan Waters (JW)

Members of Public: 9

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Burton
- 2. Minutes of previous meetings:** It was moved by AT and **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19th October 2020 be signed as a true record of the meeting. This will be done by the Clerk sending hard copies to the Chairman by post for return.
- 3. Councillor vacancies – 2.** AT advised the meeting he had spoken to 2 residents who were considering standing as Councillors and hoped more news would be available by the January meeting.
- 4. Declaration of Interest:** NC Items 7i) & 7iii)
- 5. Matters arising: i) Gore Hill closure impact on the village.** AT first thanked Cllr. Butcher for getting signage put in place when TFB failed to do so. The Council had received an apology from Rob Smith, Service Director, regarding how the incident was managed and that lessons had been learnt. Road sweepers have been requested and been seen on a number of occasions. JH gave an update on the 30mph & weight limit request and the pressure being applied to the various agencies. A grant application has been submitted to Bucks for costing. The issues with Gore Hill closing has highlighted the problem that impacts the village. At the height of the problem Martin Tett was receiving up to 40 emails a day from residents. NC thanked TB, JH & LJ for the effort in getting a resolution co-ordinated.

Meeting Closed: 19:40

DEMOCRATIC PERIOD-

- Email received from Jim Hytner in support of the Cricket Club replacement nets application. The replacement nets would enhance both the Club and the look of the area. It would give younger members of the village opportunity to thrive.
- Letter received from Ian Hodgson, Chair of Bucks County Cricket Club in support of the Cricket Club replacement nets application. The letter refers to the Inspiring Generations programme which supports the provision of suitable facilities for juniors. The Club must be competitive in the facilities it offers for the development of junior cricket and also for hosting opposing team matches in the thriving senior club.
- Email received from Mr & Mrs Teal with concerns regarding the Cricket Club replacement nets application. They originally thought the impact of the proposal would be minimal but after viewing the application are concerned about the scale of the project and its proximity to the road, the car park area and pathway used regularly by villagers. The size of the nets would mean that a large part of the car park area and pathway would be removed. As the Club is on land that was gifted to the village we feel residents should be consulted. Very few people are aware of the plans so we feel the Club should be more transparent.

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- Email received from Mr & Mrs Holland with concerns regarding the Cricket Club replacement nets application. They have used the Jack Adams Field for over 43yrs for exercise and feel that the current plans are too large and will be an eyesore in AONB. Mr & Mrs Holland question the need for 2 nets.
- Email received from Graham Pyle with concerns regarding the Cricket Club replacement nets application. Mr Pyle asks that the Parish Council, as stewards of the land, make sure that nothing detrimental occurs on it. He feels the structure is ugly and a blot on the landscape. If sited more sympathetically and possibly just 1 net it would be less offensive. As a former Chairman of the Cricket Club who has been actively involved in one way or another over the last 40yrs I have been a good supporter but feel that this construction would benefit more non-residents than residents which is against what Jack Adams would have intended. The scale and design of the project is out of place in this AONB. Mr Pyle feels confident that the Parish Council will safeguard resident's interests.
- Email received from Jack Haubner with concerns regarding the Cricket Club replacement nets application. For 43yrs Mr Haubner has been a keen supporter of the Club, volunteering to complete maintenance of the nets, mats, machinery etc. Never feeling the need to complain he feels there is a change in Club policy which is seeking expansion. This expansion will mean more traffic and more potential noise. The proposed position of the nets would be even closer to the Haubner's garden. It is not only massive but an ugly structure and not in keeping with the AONB. If permission was to be granted then it should be positioned parallel to the Tennis Club with a similar Laurel hedge. The Jack Adams Field was never meant for the sole use of the Cricket Club.
- 2 emails received from Doug Livesey with concerns regarding the Cricket Club replacement nets application. Mr Livesey's house is on one of the Jack Adams Field boundaries and he has several objections to the application. This is a community field with a cricket club not vice versa. Security of the site is paramount. The field is an attractive field enjoyed by dog walkers and others throughout the year. Cricket is seasonal and yet users of the field and neighbours would have to put up with this eyesore throughout the year. Mr Livesey questions how many residents are aware of the plans. Mr Livesey's 2nd email goes on to say that he supports playing sport and getting youngsters involved. As a neighbour we did suggest a compromise to the Club which would minimise the visual impact of the nets whilst still meeting their requirements. The suggestion was to upgrade the existing net and put a 2nd net parallel to the Tennis Club screened by a hedge. The application appears to place the nets so that parents can watch their children from their cars in the car park. The description of the Parish Council's assets could be adding to the confusion as to the limits of the Cricket Club. Mr Livesey asks whether an amendment to the current lease would be required,
- Email received from Terry Reilly regarding the recent article about Duck feeding and signage at the Pond. AT has answered Mr Reilly's email prior to the meeting.
- Len Tridgell regarding the Cricket Club application. Mr Tridgell showed the meeting a picture of nets similar to the ones planned for Colehill.
- Doug Livesey regarding the Cricket Club application. Mr Livesey agreed with the previous comments that had been read out. In addition he was concerned that the plans would mean that part of the hard standing would need to be removed. The Cricket Club does have a right to use a strip of land but this is non-exclusive. Having read the Deed of Gift it states that nothing can be built without the permission of a successor who is Jane Livesey. This would also include the Play Trail and Adult Gym. Mr Livesey said it was sad that it had come to this point and that compromise would have been a better option. Mr Livesey went on to say that the Cricket Club were not good at maintaining the boundary or filling large ruts. Covers are often left out throughout the year. When the nets were first mentioned there was dialogue between the Club and neighbours but this has now stopped.

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- Len Tridgell regarding the new look newsletter. Mr Tridgell thanked Council for this new edition which was really good.
- Len Tridgell regarding public rights of ways. Mr Tridgell advised Council that he is looking into the issue with cyclists using the single track PROW throughout the day and night. He is concerned that as more bikes go electric this could escalate to being a real problem for walkers and also the maintenance of the paths. Mr Tridgell is pursuing this with various walking organisations and other interested parties and will keep the CPC informed.

Meeting re-opened: 20:03

6. Clerk's Report: - The Clerk had circulated a report and update on the following prior to the meeting with some items requiring action from Council

Play area fence at Jack Adams Field update- Noted

Online banking progress – Noted. JH asked not to be registered for online signature unless he was needed.

TFB Grant request update – Noted

Equality & Diversity policy – The previously circulated document was **approved** and **adopted** for publication.

Duck feeding sign approval – The cost for the sign was **approved** retrospectively.

Tennis Club lighting –The request for temporary lighting during the winter months was **approved** retrospectively.

BALC subscription 2021– Noted

Coleshill School HS2 CEF application – Noted and letter of support sent.

Electoral roll requests – AD requested a copy of the Electoral roll.

7. Report from Planning, BC updates:

i) i) Ref. No: PL/20/3272/FA | Tower View Tower Road Coleshill HP7 0LB **OBJECTION** for the following reason:

Two applications had previously been conditionally approved in 2018 for Chalet style dwellings, generally in keeping in design with the surrounding properties on that section of Tower Road, Coleshill. These other properties have mostly been altered and enlarged in the manner of and using materials similar to the existing.

The current applications` appearance differs to the original approved design which now increases the original dwelling by 2.5 times the size, it also looks overbearing on its width, not including any outbuildings that might be needed for the future. It also appears to impinge the frontage & parking/turning plans that don` t look to correct scale given the proposed building size and width. We would also refer to the AONB area under Chilterns Conservation Board & the NPPF Government policy 13/ 133. - "The Government attaches great importance to Green Belts. The fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence".

13/ 143. Inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved except in very special circumstances.

The flat tops to both the lower and upper storeys on all elevations result in an inappropriately dominant structure, positively out of keeping with the policy of open-ness for development in the Green Belt and Chilterns AONB.

A note for the planning officer, the Parish Council & residents would be concerned regarding traffic flow & measures if this application was to be approved. This section of the highway is very narrow & has a blind bend. A dedicated construction plan must be designed, & contractors should be advised not to park on the road unless a road closure with a diversion was set up, which again would be contentious to the residents & the area.

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Ref. No: PL/20/3286/FA | Ambleside Tower Road Coleshill HP7 0LB

NO OBJECTION

Ref. No: PL/20/3811/FA | 12 Chase Close Coleshill HP7 0LX

NO OBJECTION

Ref. No: PL/20/3724/FA Coleshill Cricket Club Tower Road Coleshill HP7 0LB

WITHDRAWN

AT advised the meeting that CPC did not see the application before submission and agree with the sentiments expressed earlier. A letter had been received from Stephen Inchbald prior to the meeting that the Club were withdrawing the application to re-look at it and consider the whole of the village. It is hoped there will be a spirit of open discussion.

Ref. No: PL/20/3625/FA Field North Of Brentford Grange Farm Amersham Road Coleshill HP7 0JU

NO OBJECTION

but for planning to consider:

- A) If it is intended that after removal of the temporary construction road, the site surrounding the pond be “landscaped” to become an enclosed garden area exclusively for non-agricultural use for the benefit of the considerably enlarged dwelling house. If so an Application for change of use we expect would be needed.
- B) The proposed earth dam, containing the 0.77ha pond is located in the catchment area of the dry valley at the Eastern extremity of Coleshill Parish. This valley runs down to Hobbs Hole, thence Bottom House Farm Lane where HS2 Ltd are constructing one of the access shafts to the new railway tunnel. While this is not of direct concern to Coleshill Parish Council, it might be considered appropriate for the Planning Authority to ensure the Applicant notifies HS2 Ltd of their proposal. We make this suggestion as even temporary changes in groundwater levels in the catchment area may have some bearing on the reported difficulties that HS2’s are having to accommodate in their designs.

ii) BC updates- JW gave an overview on how Bucks was doing in fighting the virus with cases up by 20% on the previous week. Chiltern were heading to Tier 1 but the sudden rise means this is unlikely.

Bucks are checking on the activities of HS2 and how their works are impacting communities. Bucks are planning a Budget for 1 year only at present. JW tried to ask for a call-in for Tower View application but due to IT issues was unsuccessful. JW apologised on behalf of Bucks for the problems incurred in the village due to Gore Hill closure.

CJ advised the meeting there is a consultation on taxi’s and private hire vehicles and would encourage all residents to complete. There are currently 4 policies in place that will go down to 1. NC advised the Bucks Councillors he was having issues with inspectors contradicting reports. NC was advised to take the matter up outside the meeting.

TB informed the meeting the issue with Gore Hill closure took up a lot of time, it had started with Affinity Water closing the road without informing Bucks. It has been suggested that Affinity Water have a contact who in turn can speak to CPC. JH advised TB that the gullies had opened up again on New Road, TB agreed to bring up at a meeting he was having tomorrow. TB suggested that maybe monies should be given to CPC to repair the verges at a time that is best for them to succeed. AT felt there was no-one in a position to do the work and that someone with expertise should analyse what needs doing. TB agreed to report back after his meeting with Highways.

iii) Notice of withdrawal of the Publication Version of the Chiltern and South Bucks Local Plan 2036 - Noted

iv) APP/X0415/W/20/3252681- OS Field 7437 North of Wallers Oak – Appeal Dismissed

APP/X0415/W/20/3251079- Hertfordshire Lodge, Coleshill Lane - Appeal Dismissed

iv) HS2 Complaint response & Fusion works on Gore Hill update - Noted + see item 11

v) Updated LTN 57 -Easements over Common Land and Village Green - Noted

8. Report from Open Spaces: AD & NS had provided a report on their responsibility areas and the items needed action and approval. This was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

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- i) **Monthly Play inspection return** –The slats for replacement at the JAF are on order the supplier is currently out of stock but it is hoped they will be available January. AD advised he will sand down the splintered post at JAF outstanding from October.
- ii) **Hill Meadow play area inspection** – It was **agreed** that the Handyman Service or Kerry Ferguson be contacted by NC for a quote to repair the multi-play roof. It was suggested by NC that AD use Velcro ties for the goal net at Hill Meadow.
- iii) **Common Management Committee budget request 2021-22** –The budget had been prepared and **agreed** by the CMC for submitting to Bucks. CPC had included the annual pruning of the Mushroom tree and the grass-cutting at the pond although both will still be managed by CPC. The reason for the change is to put all Common & Pond costings in one place. The budget stands at £6050 but is based on mostly estimates. CMC will discuss the RATE application budget with Katie Horgan when she visits later in the week. GT advised the meeting that TCV have access to experts who can help with path work.
- iv) **CMC Volunteer policy** – the signed policy was **adopted**.
- v) **Memorial trees policy for Common** – JH questioned whether an actual policy was required. Council were in favour that no further trees should be allowed at the Pond area but that any special requests for planting on the Common should come through CPC & CMC jointly. It was agreed there should be no plaques on the Common.
- vi) **Coleshill Cricket Club pavilion use update** – The assurances and concerns regarding the future use of the Cricket Club were **noted**.

9. Finance: The RFO & AT had provided a report which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

i) **Cashbook, Bank balances and reconciliation as at 30.11.20**– the previously circulated documents were **approved**. It was **agreed** to send a letter to the bank authorising a transfer from the deposit to business accounts for funds received in the deposit account for the Xmas newsletter contributions.

ii) **Budget 2021-22** – Council **agreed** and **approved** a final budget of **£14130**. This excluded CMC planned expenditure which will be reimbursed by Buckinghamshire Council.

iii) **Precept request for 2021-22** – Council **agreed** a rise in precept of 2.5%. Council **approved** a precept request of £11480. The Clerk was asked to send the request to Bucks.

iv) **Internal Audit 2021-22** – Council **agreed** that if no communication is received from Phil Hood by the 1st January then the Clerk should start looking for a new auditor that has experience of auditing Parish Councils.

10. Items for payment:

The payments CB52-59, 67-70, through to 72 for December totalling £3395.44 (Inc. VAT) were **approved**.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER 2020

CB No.	NAME	ITEM	TOTAL	VAT	NET
CB20-52	L Jackson	October wages	420.74	0.00	420.74
CB20-53	L Jackson	phone top up, 1&1 fee	21.99	2.00	19.99
CB20-54	D Hall	grass & hedge cutting	756	126.00	630.00
CB20-55	Play inspection co	Hill Meadow inspection	81	13.50	67.50
CB20-56	Vale Training services	chainsaw refresher	324	54.00	270.00

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CB20-57	Amersham Business Services	copying	10.50	1.75	8.75
CB20-58	Remy Amarasinghe	Aug/Sept grass-cutting	330	0.00	330.00
CB20-59	Manor Signs UK Ltd	duck feeding sign	162.00	27.00	135.00
CB20-67	L Jackson	November wages	540.87	0.00	540.87
CB20-68	HMRC	qtrly tax	332.40	0.00	332.40
CB20-69	L Jackson	phone top up, 1&1 fee	21.99	2.00	19.99
CB20-70	Graham Thorne	CMC small items claim	163.95	23.66	140.29
CB20-72	R Amarasinghe	October grass cutting/leaf clr	230.00	0.00	230.00
	TOTAL		3395.44	249.91	3145.53

11. Councillors reports for areas of responsibility:

HS2 update meeting – AT, JH & LJ had attended a Teams meeting with HS2, Align & Fusion so that they could share the timescale for Amersham works.

Current programme for Amersham • Site setup Now to May 2021 • D-walling May to August 2021 • Prep works for TBM arrival May 2021 to Dec 2022 • TBMs arrive Feb/March 2023 • Post TBM works March to July 2023 • Headhouse build Oct 2023 to April 2024

The remaining Gore Hill roundabout works is due to complete by end of March.

The Council will continue to keep in touch with them. JH asked Fusion to support the weight limit restrictions for the village that Council were pursuing.

Newsletter update & Xmas greetings process – AD informed Council he had received 6 emails from residents supporting the changes to the newsletter.

NC advised the meeting that Councillors had received a number of phishing emails and that were a high number of text scams out there. It was agreed there should be an item on security at the next meeting which NC will prepare for.

Before the meeting closed AT thanked all the members of the public for attending that evening. AT also wanted to thank LJ & Councillors for the support they had given him as the new Chairman. He wished everyone present a Covid-free Christmas & Happy New Year.

12. Next Meeting date: Monday 18th January 2021 7.30 pm by Zoom.

21:10pm.Meeting Closed.

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Signed Date