

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021 at 7.00 pm,
held at Village Hall, Barrack Hill, Coleshill

Parish Councillors: Tony Treacy (AT) Chair
Nigel Suttie (NS)
Louise Templeton (LT)
Linda Daly (LD)
Parish Clerk: Lynda Jackson (LJ)
County Councillors: 0
Members of Public: 1
Jonathan Herbert (JH)
Andrew Davis (AD)
Neil Cadman (NC)

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Jackson, Butcher & Rouse (all BC)
- 2. Minutes of previous meetings:** It was moved by AT and **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th October 2021 be signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 3. Declaration of Interest:** NC – item 6iii)
- 4. Matters Arising:** None

Meeting Closed: 19:03

DEMOCRATIC PERIOD-

Meeting re-opened: 19:04

5. Clerk's Report: -

Noticeboard preferred style & material for Grant application – The Council **approved** an application be submitted for a metal replacement Noticeboard fully installed.

Rosary Hedge cutting donation - It was **agreed** that a letter be sent to Richard Curling, after he failed to act on a previous letter to cut back the hedge at the Rosary. The Council arranged for David Hall to cut the hedge for safety reasons and requested that Mr Curling be approached for a £50 donation towards the cost. Mr Curling will also be advised that in future years if he did not keep the hedge cut back for pedestrians and vehicles then the matter will be reported direct to Buckinghamshire Council for them to deal with. JH informed the meeting that another property had its hedge cut by David Hall and should be asked for a donation of £30.

Plaque commemorating a previous jubilee – attention had been brought to the date on the plaque which the resident thought was incorrect. The date is correct as it refers to the jubilee not ascension of HM The Queen.

6. Report from Planning & Bucks updates:

i) Ref. No: PL/21/3944/FA Ongar House Magpie Lane Coleshill	NO OBJECTION
Ref. No: PL/21/3958/HB Larkins Green Magpie Lane Coleshill	NO OBJECTION
Ref. No: PL/21/3961/FA 4 Crosspath Cottages Magpie Lane Coleshill	NO OBJECTION
Ref. No: PL/21/3966/FA Larkins Green Magpie Lane Coleshill	NO OBJECTION
Ref. No: PL/21/4040/NMA Cherry Tree Farm New Road Coleshill	NO COMMENT REQ`D
Ref. No: PL/21/4144/FA Hertfordshire House Coleshill Lane Coleshill	NO OBJECTION

but the PC asks whether Buckinghamshire Council Planning authority have a view on cement use and whether low CO2 versions are preferred? By using an alternative this would help towards eliminating some of the cement element, and therefore reduce CO2. Cement production accounts for 7% of global carbon dioxide emissions.

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Ref. No: PL/21/4196/NMA | Cherry Tree Farm Tower Road Colehill **NO COMMENT REQ'D**

Ref. No: PL/21/4197/VRC | Cherry Tree Farm New Road Colehill HP7 0LE **NO OBJECTION**

but would like the following comments to be considered by the planning officer.

Whilst the Council do not wish to object to the added variations they have noted that this follows a number of other applications, variations and material amendments, several in the last few months, many requesting expansions of the overall volume of the build area across this site.

This site now has planning approval for a main dwelling with basement, cottages, a large barn, garage, indoor pool area and stables. It takes some time to review all these applications before making these comments and trust the Planning Officer will review all the existing consents and conditions of permission to gain a holistic view of the development.

This specific Variation proposes changes to the build style of elevations of the East, West, South walls and roof pitch of the pool house. It also varies the siting.

The drawings refer to a Blue copper clad chimney which is a change from previous brick facing. The Parish Council would like Bucks Planning to ask for sight of this material before approval as the chimney stack will be prominent.

Whilst not included in this VCR, a concurrent NMA included a roof infill amounting to an added 220m³ (approx.) increase in volume with an added gantry on the (east) footpath side of the barn. Mid Oct saw requests for increases to length, width and depth of basement, which means significant volume of soil excavation and trust that the condition 5 of permission in CH/2016/1060/FA relating to soil disposal will be applied.

The basement has evolved through various applications from a garage to house a private collection of vintage cars to additionally now containing 2 bedrooms, gym, and kitchen area, with full size opening windows. There was a condition in the original application that stated no further expansion, openings or light wells would be allowed.

The prime condition of permission in these applications relates to timeliness of the build work commencing. The Parish Council would like to encourage building works to commence so the existing site becomes an attractive development within the village.

ii) **Bucks update**- No Councillors were available to attend.

iii) **APP/X0415/W/21/3267129 Hertfordshire Lodge appeal decision - Noted**

iv) **Transport report** – A copy of JH's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. JH gave an update on the applications to the Community Hub. The Hub had suggested using MVAS to record speeds and numbers of vehicles. This information would be of benefit for identifying how many vehicles would be impacted if the speed was reduced to 30mph. MVAS locations have been identified on Magpie Lane. JH advised that both Cllrs. Rowse & Jackson are fully supportive of the applications and are in agreement that full funding should be requested.

AT referred to an email from Cllr. Cooper regarding Bucks change of attitude towards 20mph limits. JH was concerned that if an application for this was put in it might put the current applications behind. AT suggested that the Bucks members should be asked to find out more from Cllr. Cooper especially if by Parishes applying collectively it would reduce costs.

v) **New Local Plan for Buckinghamshire Questionnaire** – It was **agreed** that LD should put together a formal response from CPC with input from Councillors.

vi) **Brown for Green – call for Brownfield Land sites** – It was **agreed** that there were no such sites in Colehill.

vii) **East Bucks Local list** – AT suggested that the History Group be enlisted to help with identifying interesting. JH & NC raised the question of what might happen in the future if items of interest get put onto a `Heritage List` and the pressure it could put on Property and Land owners. It was agreed that reassurances were required from Bucks before the project is pursued further. The item was deferred until the next meeting.

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viii) **Colehill PC Planning policy 1st draft** – It was **agreed** that the draft be put onto the village website for feedback from residents before bringing back to Council for adoption.

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

i) **Monthly Play inspections** –LT had completed inspections at both sites there were no problems to report. LT confirmed that the inspections will now be completed in February for both sites.

ii) **Colehill Common Management Committee update** – AT was concerned that the Budget prepared by CMC did not include severe storm damage contingency given recent events in the Country. AT thought that more monies should be included as it would not be drawn if not needed. It was agreed that LJ would contact David Stowe for advice on how much should be included in the Budget for Extreme storm damage. NS advised the meeting that the CMC had reviewed the recent tree survey and agreed that no outside help was required, they would complete the work themselves. Regarding the concern shown by Paul Windsor about the Willows at the Pond the CMC had contacted Pete Whipp for advice, his response was

"I had a quick look at the 2 willows this morning.

I haven't looked up when we last topped these trees but there is much less regrowth than I had expected to see: the past regular reductions seem to have slowed their growth rate down and there is no reason yet for a re-topping, either on safety grounds or for the sake of the continued health of the trees.

I hope this helps."

It was **agreed** that LJ would contact Mr Windsor to report back on the advice.

iii) **Quotes for tree work on Jack Adams Field** – 2 quotes had been obtained for the work from the tree survey at the Jack Adams Field. Councillors **approved**, unanimously, the quote from Pat Kernan.

iv) **Cricket Club update** – AT advised the meeting that he and LJ had met with Andrew Aylett & Stephen Inchbald, as representatives of the Club, to discuss the Clubs plan for the future. At the meeting it was made clear that under the current terms of the lease the Club cannot sub-let to 3rd parties. The Club were reassured that the PC want to support them and see them succeed. The Club had submitted details of contracts they were entering into with Future Legends and Chesham Cricket Club in addition to carrying on with their joint venture with Jordans Taverners. In addition the Club had forwarded a copy of their Club Premises Certificate, it is noted that the current license is not sufficient to cover all the activities they are currently providing within the year. Council **approved** a temporary amendment to the current lease to waive the sub-letting element for 1year. Council will stress that they reserve the right to refuse this amendment in the future. It was **agreed** that the Club must apply for the correct Alcohol license and send a copy to CPC. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the Club confirming the amendment and license changes. It was **agreed** the situation will be reviewed in 12 months` time.

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

i) **Cashbook, Bank balances and reconciliation as at 30.11.21**– the previously circulated documents were **approved**.

ii) **2022-23 Final draft budget** – Councillors had received the copy of the final draft budget for 2022/23 that included all their amendments. A Final budget of £16202 (excluding CMC expenditure) was **approved** unanimously.

iii) **2022-23 Precept request** – The Councillors had received a copy of the Band D tax base for 2022-23 and reviewed the impact of various % increases that would cover the increased costs expected. Council **approved** a 10% increase unanimously. The precept request for 2022/23 will be £12628.

9. Items for payment for December

The payments CB21-61 through to CB21- 95 for December totalling £2727.76 (Inc. VAT) were **approved**.

CB No.	NAME	ITEM	TOTAL	VAT	NET
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CB21-61	L Jackson	October pay	341.45	0.00	341.45
CB21-62	L Jackson	phone top-up, ionos fee,	21.99	2.00	19.99
CB21-63	J Herbert	Honors Board updated	42.00	7.00	35.00
CB21-64	A Treacy	newsletter & flyer printing	221.00	0.00	221.00
CB21-65	Amersham Business Services	cartridges, stationery	73.14	12.19	60.95
CB21-67	R Amarasinghe	September/Oct grass cutting	330.00	0.00	330.00
CB21-68	D J Hall	village hedge & grass cutting	756.00	126.00	630.00
CB21-82	L Jackson	November pay	252.69	0.00	252.69
CB21-83	L Jackson	phone top-up, ionos fee, card for M Tett	24.49	2.00	22.49
CB21-84	HMRC	3rd qtr. tax	214.00	0.00	214.00
CB21-85	D M Payroll Svces	2nd half fee	60.00	0.00	60.00
CB21-89	R Amarasinghe	Hill Meadow play area work	170.00	0.00	170.00
CB21-95	A Treacy	Xmas newsletter	221.00	0.00	221.00
					0.00
	TOTAL		2727.76	149.19	2578.57

10. Councillors reports for areas of responsibility:

Newsletter – the dates for next year`s editions were **noted**. AD advised the Christmas edition would be delivered on 14th December.

11. Next Meeting date: Monday 17th January at 7pm in the Village Hall.

20:10pm.Meeting Closed.

Signed Date