

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th October 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)
Jonathan Herbert (JH)
Andrew Davis (AD)
Neil Cadman (NC)

Parish Clerk: Lynda Jackson (LJ)

County Councillors: Tim Butcher (TB) (from 7.15pm)

Members of Public: 4

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Jackson & Rouse (both BC)
- 2. Minutes of previous meetings:** It was moved by AT and **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th September 2021 be signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 3. Declaration of Interest:** None
- 4. Matters Arising:** Community Shop & Café – It was agreed that this item be put to Democratic Period as Matt Rhys Evans was present at the meeting and would be able to put forward his proposal.

Meeting Closed: 19:02

DEMOCRATIC PERIOD-

Matt Rhys Evans regarding an early idea to set up a community shop & café in Coleshill which would increase facilities and engagement in the village. There has been a re-emergence of community life especially with homeworking. The plan could also benefit visitors, walkers and cyclists who come through the village. There are lots of ideas but one could be that it was a non-profit enterprise. The next steps would be to do a feasibility study on whether it could work and to approach local suppliers. It could be that it would be run by volunteers or young people. **The Councillors were in principle supportive of the idea.

Adrian Hobcroft regarding the speed limit proposal for Magpie Lane. Mr Hobcroft explained that having worked at home for last year he had become more aware of a high number of cars driving up and down Village Road so much so that he captured movements over a 15 minute period and that a car passed his property every 30 seconds. Mr Hobcroft decided to investigate further and found that if you googled directions from Holmer Green to Seer Green then `google maps` directs you through Coleshill village so this suggests this short cut is established. The structure of the village lends itself to being used as a cut-through. Mr Hobcroft explained that instead of pedestrians being put first they are actually put last. He suggested a number of actions that would improve safety which include 20mph limit outside the school, the road surface texture could be changed to deter rat-running etc. ** It was suggested by Council that Mr Hobcroft write an article for the newsletter to reach out to the village. TB suggested encouraging residents to put `slow down` stickers on their wheelie bins.

Len Tridgell regarding the Chilterns applying for National Park status. Mr Tridgell has written to Chiltern Conservation Board and is awaiting a reply.

By Email – Sue Miles regarding certain dog owners not picking up their dogs faeces at the entrance to the Jack Adams Field next to the actual dog poo bin. ** An article will be written for the next newsletter and JH agreed to put up fresh warning notices at the site.

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Meeting re-opened: 19:40

5. Clerk's Report: -

Requests to Amersham Hub –LJ gave an update on the requests made to the Hub. CPC can put in a community grant request for a replacement noticeboard on Village Road and Bioblitz the response was that these are just the sort of projects the Hub wants to support. Further updates will be given about funding support for village events for the Queens platinum jubilee in 2022. The Welcome Back fund could not be used to replace play equipment. The Harte & Magpies had agreed that they would be happy to install a defibrillator. CPC were asked to consider suitable sites for installing cycle racks in the village. NS **agreed** to speak to the landlord at the Red Lion. It was **agreed** that the offer of a village tidy up by Bucks should focus on street cleaning once David Hall had cut the verges and hedges.

Clerks meeting 18.10.21 – LJ gave an update on the Clerks Forum meeting with Bucks she had attended that day. Councils were asked to let Bucks know of any veteran trees in the Parish so that they can be registered. Councils were encouraged to plant celebration displays on traffic islands to celebrate the Queens jubilee. Regarding the item on waste services LJ was asked to request a litter pick on the A355 & A404.

Meeting dates 2022 **approved**

6. Report from Planning & Bucks updates:

i) Ref. No: PL/21/3764/FA | Springfield, Tower Road Colehill

NO OBJECTION

but would like the following observations included in the response to Planning:

- Means of escape in case of fire is not possible from the proposed attic room without passing through one of the first floor bedrooms.
- A Condition should be included requiring the canopied external areas to the rear and flank of the building remain permanently un-enclosed.
- The Applicant should be required to confirm the nature and adequacy of existing foul drainage treatment/disposal facilities, and to upgrade these as necessary to properly accommodate the additional outfall from the enlarged property.

ii) **Bucks update-** TB gave an update on Buckinghamshire Council matters. He urged all Councillors to complete the Boundary Commission consultation as at present Bucks has the largest body of Councillors outside the House of Commons so must reduce its numbers.

TB was asked to investigate why Parish Councils are not sent a list of neighbouring properties for planning applications as they are no longer available against the application on the Planning portal for various reasons.

TB advised brown food waste bins collections are unlikely to start up again for some time due to driver shortages.

TB asked all Councillors to complete the consultation on the proposed Budget to ensure rural areas have a voice.

TB advised the new litter bin at the Jack Adams Field was now in place.

TB informed the meeting that there is now a Parish Council hotline for Clerks & Councillors, the number was given to those present.

TB informed the meeting that Town & Parish Councils will shortly be receiving invoices for dog bin emptying which have been delayed by a year due to Environment Health invoicing issues.

TB confirmed that there had been a 3hr delay in children getting their 11+ results. Parents will receive an apology.

TB could not give an update on the HS2 signs for Magpie Lane & New Rd but gave assurances that Cllr. Jackson was involved in pushing to get the matter resolved.

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iii) **Transport report** – A copy of JH's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. JH asked Councillors if training was required for Speedwatch. It was agreed that he would speak to Adrian Hobcroft and also get an article into the newsletter.

iv) **CPC A355 consultation response** – JH advised the meeting that the original petition requested a 40mph reduction but the consultation is on 50mph. If successful it could have significant benefits in reducing average speeds on this sweeping stretch of road. It would also allow the police to carry out more rigorous enforcement and slightly reduce road noise that permeates parts of the village.

v) **BALC membership rates 2022 - Noted**

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. LT advised that the moss clearance under the swings was due to happen shortly. NS asked LT to look into the PROW that borders Hertfordshire House & Luckings Farm which was reported last year but is still unpassable for walkers without being stung by overhanging nettles from the Hertfordshire House fence. NC agreed to investigate.

ii) **Coleshill Management Committee update** – NS advised that the new path and bridge was fantastic and that the Committee were looking to extend it further. 23.10.21 will host a Community Day for all residents and will be run by BBWOT and Chiltern Rangers. The tree work survey is still being assessed but it is likely some work be required that will need a tree surgeon. There are funds in the budget for the work to be completed this financial year.

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 30.09.21**– the previously circulated documents were approved.

ii) **2022-23 draft budget v2**– the RFO had provided an updated draft of a budget for the next financial year which included Councillor amendments. It was agreed that Bioblitz should be funded by Bucks or through a grant from the Community Hub. AT suggested that rather than setting up a new laptop fund that £800 should be included in the budget and purchased at the start of the financial year. Councillors agreed that a grant application should be submitted to Amersham Community Hub for a new noticeboard as there were not enough funds to cover the expense without a high increase in Council tax, the amount could be put into the contingency line if at the end of the year there are funds available and the grant is unsuccessful. Council approved unanimously this suggestion and amount. The amended budget spreadsheet will be sent to Councillors for them to check each line and send any changes by 19th November. The final budget will need to be approved before the precept figure is set at December's meeting.

iii) **2021-23 2nd Qtr. Review Budget vs. Actual** – There were no major overspends other than the legal bill for interpreting the JAF deed of gift covenant. Training was also overspent due to new councillor training.

iv) **Cricket Club rent review** - The RFO had reviewed and adjusted the annual rent based on the RPI formula. Council approved the new annual rent so that an invoice could be sent.

9. Items for payment:

The payments CB21-53-through to CB21-57 for October totalling £896.79 (Inc. VAT) were approved.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER 2021					
CB No.	NAME	ITEM	TOTAL	VAT	NET
CB21-53	L Jackson	September pay	326.58	0.00	326.58
CB21-54	L Jackson	phone top-up, ionos fee, poppy wreath	43.97	5.67	38.30

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CB21-55	HMRC	2nd qtr. tax & ni	257.80	0.00	257.80
CB21-56	A Treacy	newsletter postage	53.44	0.00	53.44
CB21-57	R Amarasinghe	aug/sept grass cutting	215.00	0.00	215.00
	TOTAL		896.79	5.67	891.12

10. Councillors reports for areas of responsibility:

Cricket Club update – NC gave an update obtained from Andrew Aylett on `The Plan` to change how the Club and ground is run to prevent closure and the end of Coleshill cricket. NC had suggested to Andrew that a full Committee meeting must be held to get agreement to `The Plan` in principle. It was agreed that Council would wait for future communication from the Club as to what they will request as a change to their lease and update to the boundary map.

Parish Liaison meeting 13.10.21- LD attended the meeting and sent a summary to Councillors prior to tonight's meeting.

TB had 1 further update. He had requested a refresh of the Barrack Hill triangle white lines.

11. Next Meeting date: Monday 13th December at 7pm in the Village Hall.

20:50pm.Meeting Closed.

Signed Date