

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th January 2024 at 7.00 pm, held at the Village Hall, Barrack Hill, Coleshill

Parish Councillors:	Tony Treacy (AT) Chair Louise Templeton (LT)	Jon Herbert (JH) Nigel Suttie (NS)
Parish Clerk:	Lynda Jackson (LJ)	
County Councillors:	Simon Rowse (SR)	
Members of Public:	4	

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Tim Butcher, Carl Jackson (Bucks) Cllr. Ben Morgan (CPC)
- 2. Minutes of previous meetings:** It was moved by AT and **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th December 2023 be signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 3. Declaration of Interest:** None
- 4. Councillor vacancy – 1**
- 5. Matters arising:** - Cherry Tree farm development suggestion raised by resident – It was **agreed** that the owner be written to politely to consider the openness of the village when deciding on permanent fencing or hedging for the perimeter of the site. --
- UKPN usage of Common raised by resident – Since the last meeting Councillors had considered all the questions raised by Mr Conway and written a response which all Councillors agreed on. Council agreed to send a letter to Mr Conway addressing his questions and concerns and provide him with a copy of the map of UKPN cabling and apparatus on the Common supplied recently to Council by UKPN.

Meeting Closed: 19:26

DÉMOCRATIC PERIOD- Those speaking did not object to their names being recorded.

- John Conway regarding the proposed reduction of the speed limit on Magpie Lane. Mr Conway asked how much the speed was likely to be reduced once implemented. JH advised that although he did not have the data with him, he believed it to be between 2 & 3 miles per hr on average.
- Sally Pool informed the meeting that she had witnessed speeds of 50 mph which were very concerning.
JH advised that in the past Council asked for volunteers so that a Speed watch group could be set up but unfortunately no-one came forward. If high speeds were identified, then Thames Valley police could be contacted although the police believe that pedestrians are unable to accurately judge speeds. JH also informed Mr Conway that individuals could purchase speed monitoring guns through Amazon which were quite accurate.
- Mr Conway requested the name of the Monitoring Officer which Cllr. Rowse supplied verbally.

Meeting re-opened: 19:33

6. Clerk's Report: - Nothing to report.

7. Report from Planning, BC updates:

i) Ref. No: PL/23/4056/CONDA | Larkins Green, Magpie Lane Coleshill - Noted

Ref. No: PL/23/4078/CONDA | Larkins Green, Magpie Lane Coleshill e HP7 0LUB - Noted

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ii) Bucks update – SR advised the meeting that the flooding at the village school and delays to the remedial work had been escalated over the weekend. The delayed return of contractors to resurface the village roads to the required standard has been scheduled for March/April. AT asked that before works are started that the roads are inspected for dips and hollows that were formed after the last resurfacing work failed. These areas are collecting water that will not drain off and need levelling before work starts. SR agreed that was a sensible request and would speak to someone at Highways. JH informed SR about 3 drains he has found that do not get cleaned as they are not on the asset list. SR advised he would get the list of drains that have been cleaned in Coleshill which would help identify where drains are missed off the maps.

iii) Transport report – JH had circulated his report prior to the meeting. Ongoing issues JH is liaising with DJ Wills the LAT to get them dealt with.

iv) Amersham Community Board engagement - JH **agreed** to attend the Boards meeting on 15th February if he was available. Council **agreed** that it was important to be involved in Priority setting.

v) Biodiversity Model template & notes – AT explained that he felt that the Model template issued could be adapted using the Articles of Association set up for the Common Management Committee. NS was keen not to create undue extra work. It was **agreed** that AT would amalgamate information from the template with the information already held for the CMC and submit to Council for adoption which would incorporate other areas the Council own.

vi) Speed limit change for Magpie Lane update – A letter had been received from Bucks that they had received Council's instruction and that funding had been secured. All but 2 pledges have been received. The project will take between 9 & 18 months to complete.

vii) Bucks Devolution policy & contact from Zoe Ford – Council **agreed** to send an Expression of Interest in devolved services for Highways in the parish to get more information of what was involved and the funding available to deliver.

viii) Village emergency plan & Community resilience booklet – As Cllr. Morgan was unable to attend the meeting it was decided to hold this item until the March meeting. Council believed a simple plan was a good idea especially identifying vulnerable residents.

8. Report from Open Spaces: NS & LT had provided reports that were circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

i) Monthly Play inspections & PROW report – LT had completed her reports there were no new issues other than the outstanding concern over the swings and multiplay at Hill Meadow. LT had reported 2 blocked PROWs due to fallen trees.

ii) Annual inspection reports & action plan – LT advised Council of the current situation with end-of-life equipment at Hill Meadow. Although some felt the site was not used frequently enough to warrant further expenditure it was noted that the original agreement states it must be maintained as a play area. Just removing the old equipment and reinstating the ground will be beyond CPC's financial means. It was **agreed** to find out how many children use the play area now and had done in the past. It was also **agreed** to communicate with parents of young children to find out whether they would use it if refurbished. A village survey might need to be considered. In the meantime, it was **agreed** that LT & AT could investigate funding streams.

iii) CMC report & quote for tree work on Common – NS had circulated a short report on recent work by volunteers on the Common. Council approved the quote from Ridgeway Woodlands for 2 half day sessions dealing with the trees identified on the recent tree survey.

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

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- i) **Cashbook, Bank balances and reconciliation as at 29.12.23** – the previously circulated documents were **agreed and signed**, there were no outstanding issues.
- ii) **2023-2024 3rd qtr. Review budget vs. actual expenditure & receipts**- LJ had circulated of report of receipts and expenditure up to the 31.12.23 there were no concerns.
- iii) **Standing payments 2024** – Council **approved** the continuation of the current regular payments by trusted suppliers and contractors.
- iv) **Annual risk assessment review 2024** – Council **approved** the small changes to the risk assessment that referred to IT support.

10. Items for payment:

The payments CB23-162-through to CB23-166, for January totalling £729.39 were **approved**.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR JANUARY 2024

CB No.	NAME	ITEM	TOTAL	VAT	NET
CB23-162	L Jackson	January pay	620.24	0.00	620.24
CB23-163	L Jackson	Ionos fee, top up & IONOS My website now	44.80	5.80	39.00
CB23-164	A Davis	editor software for newsletter	19.97	3.33	16.64
CB23-165	IKON ICT	office subscription	10.30	0	10.30
CB23-166	Amersham Business Services	stationery & ink cassettes	34.08	5.68	28.40
	TOTAL		729.39	14.81	714.58

11. Councillors reports for areas of responsibility:

Cricket Club AGM – AT had circulated a report on the AGM he had attended. The Club have now ceased their relationship with Future Legends. Chesham CC will play a larger role with Coleshill cricket. The Club will approach Council for permission to cut outside the boundary to improve the condition of the ground.

12. Next Meeting date: Monday 18th March 2024 7.00 pm at Coleshill Village Hall

20: 31pm.Meeting Closed.

Signed Date