

Chesham Bois Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Glebe Way, Chesham Bois at 8.00pm on Monday 9th October 2023

PRESENT: Cllr L Winrow (Chair), Cllr J Harris, Cllr P Eckersall, Cllr S Staite, Cllr D Buckingham, Cllr V Yadav, Cllr D King, Cllr J Bailey

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms A Dealey (Clerk)

93.1 Questions and Comments from the Public - None received

93.2 Apologies for Absence – None received. Cllr Yadav left the meeting at 8.30 pm.

93.3 To Receive Declarations of Interest or Dispensations Relating to this Meeting
None received

93.4 Presentation from Amersham Community Board

Mark Dormer (Chair) and Lizzie Wright (Board Manager) provided a presentation about the work of the Community Board with a view to a working co-operation with the PC in the future for promotion of events and funding.

Action: Clerk

93.5 To approve the Minutes of the 25th September Council Meeting
Minutes were approved

93.6 Chair's Report
The Chair's report was noted.

93.7 Clerk's Report

i) Council to consider planting an oak tree on the common in the winter months in commemoration of the Coronation.

ii) Clerk to refer to LAT regarding resident's complaint of flooding on Bois Moor Road.

Action: Clerk

iii) Introduction to CiLCA training for Clerk was approved.

93.8 Finance

i) Finance reports were approved.

ii) Payments were approved.

iii) Year-end budget forecast will be reported at next Council Meeting.

93.9 To Receive Reports from Working Groups

a) Burial Grounds Management WG Chair's Report

The Chair's report was noted

i) The proposed scope of work for creating an area for arisings was deferred to next financial year.

ii) Budget plan deferred to next Council Meeting

b) Common and Woodlands WG Chair's Report:

The Chair's report was noted

- i) Quotation obtained for repairs to Jacobs Ladder in the sum of £600 was approved. Clerk to advise contractor. Funding request to be submitted to Community Board.

Action: Clerk

- ii) The quotation in the sum of £2,450.50 plus VAT for works to the pond was approved. Clerk to advise contractor.

Action: Clerk

- iii) Further to a resident's request, a notice was received from HM Land Registry to register an easement across the Common. It was resolved to respond to HM Land Registry to confirm the Council has no objection to this registration.

Action: Clerk

c) Transport WG Chair's Report:

The Chair's report was noted

- i) It was resolved the PC would write to Buckinghamshire Council representing residents' views on the current poor condition of roads in the Parish.

Action: TWG/Clerk

d) Environment Working Group Chair's Report

- i) The Chair's report was noted

- ii) It was resolved that spring bulbs would be planted at various sites throughout the village over the next two weeks. Local groups to be contacted to assist with planting.

Action: Clerk

- iii) A budget of £300 was approved for the clearing and recycling of scrub in the Thomas Harding Meadow. Clerk to advise contractors.

Action: Clerk

e) Village Community

The Common Clear-up on 7th October was successful. Remembrance Day Service will be held on 12th November.

93.10 Planning Committee

- i) Minutes of 25th September Planning Committee Meeting were noted

It was unanimously resolved that under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they include the likely disclosure of exempt information, stated to be confidential.

- 93.11** It was resolved that the Agreement between the PC and the Chalfonts Beekeepers Society would be renewed with an additional annual cost as a contribution to the increased electricity charge for the Burial Ground. Clerk to send new Agreement to Chalfonts Beekeepers Society. **Action: Clerk**

- 93.12** It was resolved that the gate to the Thomas Harding Meadow would be welded shut. A budget of £300 was agreed. Clerk to advise contractor. HR advice to be taken for consideration at the next Council Meeting. **Action: Clerk**

- 93.13** It was resolved that the PC would await receipt of written advice from Counsel and then respond to solicitors in relation to office lease. **Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 10.09 pm