Chesham Bois Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Parish Office, Glebe Way, Chesham Bois at 8.00pm on Monday 14th April 2025

PRESENT: Cllr L Winrow (Chair), Cllr P Eckersall, Cllr S Staite, Cllr K Keen, Cllr M Yeomans, Cllr J Bailey, Cllr C Mellor, Cllr D King, Cllr J Harris, Cllr V Yadav, Ms A Dealey (Clerk)

115.1 Questions and Comments from the Public

None received

115.2 Apologies for Absence - Cllr D Buckingham

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

115.4 To approve the Minutes of 10th and 17th March Council Meetings

Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record

115.5 Chair's Report

- i) The Chair's report was noted. The Chair expressed thanks to Cllr V Yadav who will be standing down from his role as Councillor at the end of April 2025.
- ii) Following the recent successful community litter pick an action was taken for the Village Community Working Group to consider organising community litter picks on a quarterly basis.

Action: VCWG

115.6 Clerk's Report

- i) The Standing Orders updated in line with NALC requirements were approved
- ii) The Financial Regulations updated in line with NALC requirements were approved

115.7 Finance

- i) The Chair's report was noted
- ii) 2024/25 Finance reports were approved. Reserve movements were approved £25,000 to be transferred from the Burial Ground reserve, divided as follows. £10,000 to Neighbourhood Plan reserve, £10,000 to new Legal Advice reserve, £2,000 to MVAS and £3,000 to General Fund.
- iii) Payments were approved to 31st March 2025
- iv) Invoices received 1st 9th April 2025 were approved

115.8 To Receive Reports from Working Groups

- a) Burial Grounds Management WG Chair's Report
 - The Chair's report was noted.
 - ii) It was resolved to accept the quotation for the restoration of the war grave in the Original Formal Burial Ground. Clerk to advise contractor. Action: Clerk

b) Common and Woodland WG Chair's Report:

- i) It was resolved to accept the quotation to mark the boundary of the Common on Glebe Way. Clerk to advise contractor. Action: Clerk It was resolved to obtain an updated quotation from a specialist land surveyor to complete the marking of the Common boundary. Quotation to be brought to next Council meeting for review. Action: Clerk
- ii) The request by a resident to install a bund on the boundary of their property was considered. Resident will be advised to submit a proposal following further advice from a Highways Engineer. Clerk to contact resident.

 Action: Clerk
- iii) Easement requests from two residents were considered. Cllr S Staite to draft letters of response to include CBPC Deed of Grant template. Action: Cllr S Staite/Clerk

c) Transport WG Chair's Report:

i) The Chair's report was noted.

Devolved Services Agreement has been agreed. Grass cutting areas to be checked and corrected if necessary.

Action: TWG

MVAS has been moved from outside Heatherton School to the junction of Woodside

Avenue and Green Lane to obtain improved speed data.

d) Communications Working Group

- i) Two speakers have been arranged for the Annual Parish Meeting on 19th May 2025
- ii) Councillors to note the deadline of 17th April for submitting WG reports for the inclusion in the Annual Report 2024/25.

e) Environment Working Group

- i) The Chair's report was noted. 'Toad crossing' signs to be replaced for next year.
- ii) The quotation for removal of the fallen tree in the Meadow was approved. Clerk to advise contractor. Action: Clerk

f) Village Community Working Group

i) The Chair's report was noted. The Chair thanked all who took part in the successful Common Clear Up on 5th April. Similar large advertising boards to be used for the Annual Picnic on 19th July. Beating the Bounds to take place on 25th May – VCWG meeting to be held prior to the event.

115.9 Planning Committee

i) Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 24th March were noted.

115.10 Neighbourhood Plan Update

i) The Chair's report was noted. The pre-submission has been sent to the consultant. Following the consultant's feedback the project will move to the consultation stage.

115.11 Planning Appeal PL/22/4074/FA

Legal advice considered and noted. A meeting with local residents' group will be arranged. A short article will be drafted to update residents. Complaints to the Local Planning Authority and Planning Inspectorate to be drafted.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm