

COLESHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 21st March 2022 at 7.00 pm, held at
Village Hall, Barrack Hill, Coleshill

Parish Councillors: Tony Treacy (AT) Chair
Nigel Suttie (NS)

Jonathan Herbert (JH)
Andrew Davis (AD) from 19:05

Louise Templeton (LT) until 19:45

Parish Clerk: Lynda Jackson (LJ)

County Councillors: Cllr. Tim Butcher (TB)

Members of Public: 2

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Cadman, Daly, Rowse (BC) Jackson (BC)
2. **Minutes of previous meetings:** It was moved by AT and **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th January 2022 be signed as a true record of the meeting.
3. **Declaration of Interest:** None
4. **Matters Arising: Damage to vegetation by Ipsom/UKPN on Common and Highway triangle off Magpie Lane.** Emails had been received from John Conway & Sally Pool regarding the recent work undertaken by Ipsom on behalf of UKPN. This work was to connect underground cables from properties on Chalk Hill to the main network thus eliminating overhead cabling. No permission request to work on the Common had been requested by either Ipsom or UKPN. After a history of flooding on Chalk Hill corner, the problem was rectified by new drainage installed by Buckinghamshire Council a few years ago and new planting was completed by the CMC. John Conway claims this recent work has resulted in clay being used to top fill that means water no longer drains away and all the native plants have been removed in the process. Mr Conway has met with a representative from Ipsom to get commitment that they will make good the area correctly and compensate for the new plants that will be required. JH thought the work Ipsom had completed was actually on the verge margin and not the actual Common. It was **agreed** that Rosie Tunnard should be contacted to identify who gave permission for the work to go ahead and who should therefore follow through on making good the area.

Meeting Closed: 19:10

DEMOCRATIC PERIOD-

- Sally Pool regarding a Platinum Jubilee street party. Mrs Pool informed the Council she and other volunteers were organising a street party for the whole village, everyone welcome. She said it would be good to get everyone together to create a sense of community. She would be applying for a road closure. Mrs Pool asked Council if they would consider granting some funds to cover costs that could not be met by volunteers. Mrs Pool had sent in a list of items which included chair hire, paper tableware and some large food items. The plan was to cater for 150. The Village Hall have agreed to lend tables and the school will lend some chairs but more were needed. If the weather is wet then the event will still go ahead but in the Village Hall. Funds would be needed next month to cover orders.
- Stuart Watson regarding the partnership with Coleshill Cricket Club. Mr Watson gave an update on the extensive talks held with Coleshill Cricket Club over the winter which has resulted in an agreement for Chesham CC to use the facilities throughout the 2022 season. Mr Watson thanked the Council for permitting the partnership and asked for any

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questions. Chesham CC has lots of links to Coleshill and love playing at the Jack Adams Field. AT said there had been concern raised by walkers about the exterior housekeeping of the facilities as there had been problems in the past. Mr Watson advised Council that they had signed a strict do's and don'ts that had been issued by Coleshill CC. AT asked how many players would be using the facilities. Mr Watson advised up to 140 on a Saturday. Chesham has women's and girl's sections and wants to cater for anyone who wants to play. Mr Watson confirmed that the bar at the Club would not be used by Chesham CC. Mr Watson requested that Council got in touch if there were any issues at all.

- Penny Ware by email regarding an old beech tree at Coleshill House in which she asked was there plans to remove it? AD advised he was aware of the tree and that residents said it looked dead and dangerous and that they had applied to get it cut. JH informed the meeting it had received poor tree surgery in the past. AT asked could the Council see the report on the dead tree. AD **agreed** to ask for a copy of the report.

Meeting re-opened: 19:25

Items 7 on the agenda were discussed next as LT had to leave early

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.

ii) Annual Play inspections & Action plan – LT advised the meeting that both inspections were very similar to last year with either equipment marked low or very low risk. By completing the monthly inspections she would monitor and keep an eye on concerns raised. It was **agreed** that more bark should be purchased to bring it up to the required safety level.

iii) CMC update – NS advised the Council that 2 grass-cuts of the centre of the Common had been booked in for 14.4.22 & 9.9.22. The CMC are waiting for The Conservation volunteers to come back with dates for extending the Wheatsheaf path. The Wildlife Explorer Day meeting had to be postponed due to illness. AT raised the issue of the Pond and clearing the overgrown weed-beds, the work recently carried out was more physical than expected and what was the plan for future years which also must include the clearing of the material taken out of the pond. NS **agreed** to go back to CMC and raise the question also ensuring money is set aside in the CMC budget to cover the annual activity. CMC are contributing £50 towards a picnic bench which received a grant from the Amersham Community Board.

iv) Platinum jubilee request – as per Sally Pools request at Democratic period and her email requesting funding towards the street party, Council **approved** a grant of £500.

v) PROW update – LT advised that as per her report a number of path clearances have been reported after Storm Eunice with one tree part cleared. The issue, due to a sick horse, at Luckings farm has been reported to the landowner with a suggestion that better signage would make it easier for walkers. LT **confirmed** she had completed, on behalf of Council, the government consultation on the Glover Landscapes review. A Duke of Edinburgh scheme is underway for a more detailed description of the footpaths around Coleshill.

vi) Platinum Jubilee Bench for Coleshill – Amersham Community Board are donating jubilee benches for each member of their parishes. It was **agreed**, after CMC's suggestion, that a wooden bench should be sited next to the new picnic bench in the picnic area off the Village Road area of the Common.

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5. Clerk's Report: -

2021 pay award – The Council **approved unanimously** the recommended NALC pay award backdated to 1st April 2021.

Bollards replacement on Tower Rd – Lizzie Wright committed to escalate this outstanding repair to TFB.

Schemes of delegation outside Parish Council meetings – It was **agreed** that Cllrs Cadman & Daly would submit to the Clerk responses to planning applications where meetings fell outside the 3 week consultation period. It was also **agreed** that schemes of delegation can also be applied outside Council meetings by email when speedy responses are required and do not fall under the scope of calling of an extraordinary meeting.

CPC Health & Safety policy – Council **approved** the adoption of the small parish Health & Safety policy circulated before the meeting to members.

Amersham United Charities nomination – Council **approved** unanimously and retrospectively that Dumpy Swerling should be their Trustee representative at the Charity.

6. Report from Planning & Bucks updates:

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| i) Ref. No: PL/22/0185/VRC Greenstead Magpie Lane Coleshill | NO OBJECTION |
| Ref. No: PL/22/0302/SA Romany Cottage, Village Road Coleshill | NO OBJECTION |
| Ref.No: PL/22/0365/FA Flat 8 Coleshill House, Tower Road, Coleshill | NO OBJECTION |
| Ref.No: PL/22/0366/HB Flat 8 Coleshill House, Tower Road, Coleshill | NO OBJECTION |

ii) APP/X0415/D/21/3282668 Notice of appeal 2 Rushymead Cottages - Noted

APP/X0415/W/21/3285706 Notice of appeal Land at Magpie Lane - Noted

iii) **Bucks update**- TB advised the meeting that in 2021 he was contacted regarding a speed change to the A355 by Bucks. Consultation had shown mixed opinion. Since then various Councils have been involved resulting that from April/ May the speed limit on the A355 from Gore Hill will reduce to 50 mph. Signage should go up within the next 2 months. TB suggested that once the speed change is in place that Thames Valley police be contacted to arrange speed traps until drivers take on the change. AT thanked TB for his support on getting this change made which will be beneficial to Coleshill residents if only for the reduction in surface noise. AT also commented that Bucks used the A355 national speed limit as a refusal factor for reducing the speed on Magpie Lane to 30mph that may not be the case now.

TB informed the meeting that the Electoral review is recommending that Coleshill stays within Chalfont St Giles but that the number of members allocated to the Ward will reduce from 3 to 2. This will take effect after the next election.

TB gave an update on the County's situation regarding Ukrainian refugees. School places and housing will need to be found. Bucks are currently talking to the Ministry of Defence about housing. County are also looking at what land could be used, if required, for Portakabin style accommodation. Those hosting refugees will need to undergo DBS checks along with home visits, this applies to everyone in the household offering support.

iii) **Transport report** – JH advised the meeting that the Community Board would be funding speed tubes in Magpie Lane. It was **agreed** that this should be allowed to run its course to identify number of vehicles and speeds before progressing further. It was **agreed** that a Freedom of Information request be made to Bucks to ascertain how many speed reduction schemes they had received in the last 5 years and how many had been successful. JH also gave an update on the TFB meeting he attended and that the gully programme was now on the Parish portal. If there were any problems finding it then we should contact Dave Roberts at Bucks.

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iv) Buckinghamshire Council new Licensing policy – Noted

v) Electoral review briefing 2nd & 9th March and consultation response – See Bucks update above.

vi) Noticeboard application & update – Amersham Community Board have agreed funding for a new community noticeboard providing CPC make a contribution. CPC **agreed** to contribute £200 towards the cost.

vii) Waggoners Bits planning & enforcement outcome – the recent correspondence explaining why Chiltern DC & Buckinghamshire Council planning dept. and enforcement dept. failed to act within the 10yr statute of limitation on a planning application submitted by Waggoners Bits stables and the complaints to enforcement were discussed. It was **agreed** that a formal complaint be made to the Monitoring Officer.

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 28.02.22– the previously circulated documents were **approved**. The RFO informed Council that an unauthorised direct debit had been taken out of the account for a subscription to the New Scientist. The bank had been contacted and a refund made.

ii) 2022-23 Budget omissions – The RFO reported that 2 lines had been omitted from the final copy of the budget resulting in £215 being missed off the final total of the budget that had been approved. This was for the annual internal audit fee and the office phone monthly top-ups. Council **agreed** that this would be reported as overspends on the 2 lines which are standing items.

9. Items for payment for March

The payments CB21-113 to 117, CB21-120- 123 & CB21-126 March totalling £2102.54 (Inc. VAT) were **approved**.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR MARCH 2022 (INTERIM)

| CB No. | NAME | ITEM | TOTAL | VAT | NET |
|----------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| CB21-113 | L Jackson | phone top-up, ionos fee, | 21.99 | 2.00 | 19.99 |
| CB21-114 | L Jackson | February pay | 339.63 | 0.00 | 339.63 |
| CB21-115 | Buckinghamshire Council | dog bin emptying 20/21,21/22 | 774.56 | 129.09 | 645.47 |
| CB21-116 | Coleshill Village Hall | Bioblitz event | 140.00 | 0.00 | 140.00 |
| CB21-117 | N Suttie | Bioblitz meeting costs | 11.00 | 0.00 | 11.00 |
| CB21-120 | L Jackson | March pay | 253.49 | 0.00 | 253.49 |
| CB21-121 | HMRC | 4th qtr. tax & ni | 251.40 | 0.00 | 251.40 |
| CB21-122 | Play inspection co | annual play inspections | 166.80 | 27.80 | 139.00 |
| CB21-123 | L Jackson | phone top-up, ionos fee, | 21.99 | 2.00 | |
| CB21-126 | C Wege | CMC reimbursement for tools | 121.68 | 20.28 | 101.40 |

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| | TOTAL | | 2102.54 | 181.17 | 1901.38 |
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10. Councillors reports for areas of responsibility:

Community Board meeting 12.2.22– JH gave an update. Wild verges was discussed and it was stated that to work on the verges a risk assessment was required as well as LAT agreement. JH met with PC Darren Walsh and discussed speed watch, at present only 3 volunteers have come forward. JH took the opportunity to speak to Martin Tett, leader of Bucks. It was suggested by TB that 30mph stickers on wheelie bins might help raise the awareness of driving safely. LJ was asked to contact Jordans village as they have stickers on their bins.

Parish Liaison meeting 19.1.22 – LD had sent details of the meeting she attended prior to the meeting.

Planning & Environment Service update 26.1.22 – no-one was available to attend

Wild verges briefing 17.3.22– LD had sent details of the meeting she attended prior to the meeting.

Newsletter – AD advised the newsletter was due to be delivered at the end of the month. AD informed the meeting that there would be a bonfire/beacon in Friars Vane paddock, Barrack Hill at 9.45pm whatever the weather. Richard Valentine was looking for volunteers to help with the event. Also part of the Jubilee celebrations there will a `Crowning Glory` flower festival at the Church between 2nd & 5th June.

Grant a Green scheme – NC reported by email that both the Cricket Club & Tennis Club had no objections to the Jack Adams Field being registered under the Grant a Green scheme. He also reported that the Cricket Club were aware of their license restrictions and will be using a Temporary Event Notice application when needed.

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

20:35pm.Meeting Closed.

Signed Date