



"Making Life Better"

COLDHARBOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 8pm on Thursday 6th July 2023 Fairford Leys Centre, Hampden Square, Fairford Leys

Present: Cllrs Cole (Chairman), Walland, Poland-Goodyer, James, Baughan, Wadlow, Hritcan & Blandford.
K Gray (Clerk to the Council).

Mr Terry Pattinson & Mrs Sally Pattinson

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence notified to the Chairman or Clerk

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Andrew (work commitment) and Harvey (work commitment).

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest

To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

- Cllrs Baughan, James and Walland declared an interest in agenda item 6 Co-option of Councillors as they know the candidates.

3. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting

To accept and sign the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 1/6/23 as a true record.

RESOLVED: To receive, accept and sign the minutes of 1/6/23 as a true record.

4. Clerk's Report

To receive a report from the Clerk on matters dealt with and taking forward.

- The Clerk reported on matters relating to the maintenance of the playparks and made council aware that he may have to close some parks if he cannot spend on maintenance of equipment and replacement items as he is aware that council is discussing refurbishment, replacement or removal of playparks. However, if there is a H&S issue then he will close the park. Council approved and supported the Clerk's view and if the Clerk needs to remove equipment or close the park then he should do that.
- The Clerk also reported the continual vandalism of the main playpark surface. The maintenance team have repaired this several times and more surface has been ripped off. The Clerk will close the entire main play park basketball area if this continues to happen as it poses a risk to users.

The Chairman requested that item 10 – Coldharbour News / Editorial would be dealt with Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (Section 2)Part II regulations with no members of the public or press in place. Council agreed to this proposal.

RESOLVED: Chairman to suspend Standing Orders to allow questions from the public & any reports

5. Questions from the Public & Reports

- Presentation of a Parish Certificate of Appreciation
Cllr Cole presented a Certificate of Appreciation to ex-parish councillor Mrs Sally Pattinson. She also received some flowers and wine. The certificate was awarded with grateful thanks and appreciation from Coldharbour Parish Council, for the work, personal commitment and dedication to the council and community, in Sally's 18 years service as a Parish Councillor.
- Cllr Poland-Goodyer (Buckinghamshire Councillor report) reported that an application for a 5G mast had been made for the Rowland Way/Prebendal area. He also reported that the arranged Food Fair event for Prebendal has had to be postponed due to administrative failure by Buckinghamshire Council. He also reported on the current E'Bike project around Aylesbury and the proposal and consultation on the Chiltern Railways ticket office closures which will affect Aylesbury train station.
- Cllr James (Buckinghamshire Councillor report) stated she continues to support residents by way of case work as the local Ward Councillor for Fairford Leys. She also touched on the arrangements for this Saturday's Fair in the Square.
- Cllr Walland reported that the new bike rack, provided by government funding through Buckinghamshire Council, was now installed.

RESOLVED: Chairman to reconvene meeting under Standing Orders.

Cllrs Baughan, James and Walland left the Council Chamber at this point.

6. Co-option of Parish Councillor

Council to consider the following applicants for one vacancy as a co-opted Parish Councillor.

Mr Nik Wylde
Mrs Rona Eade

RESOLVED: Unanimously, that Mr Nik Wylde be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Cllrs Baughan, James and Walland returned to the Council Chamber at this point.

7. Decisions by the Resources & Personnel Committee and Leisure Committee Meetings

Council is asked to receive and approve the minutes & decisions of the above Standing Committees, if the committees have met.

To Note: Resources & Personnel Committee have met today at 7pm (minutes to follow).

RESOLVED: Noted, that the Resources & Personnel Committee met at 7pm and minutes of that committee meeting will be circulated to all councillors.

RESOLVED: That the Leisure Committee has arranged to meet at 7pm on 7/9/23 & 2/11/23.

8. Riverine Corridor Update

To receive an update and make such decisions, as necessary.

The Clerk has progressed chased this matter repeatedly and Cllr Poland-Goodyer will send a message to Mr Rowley at Buckinghamshire Council to instruct the solicitors to deal with the

final land transfer urgently. It has been reported that all the paperwork is ready and needs signing.

9. Hs2 / EKFB Update

Cllr Cole to report on a number of matter from the regular meetings the parish council has with Hs2 and EKFB representatives.

The following report was made by Cllr Cole from his attendance at the recent meeting with EKFB and Hs2 representatives.

A418: There are plans to trial abnormal loads along the A418 (I believe from the Stone end) overnight, there were no specific dates advised but would be after 8pm

Traffic lights: HS2 are still awaiting sign off on the temporary lights which will control vehicles exiting the main compound and turning right towards Aylesbury, although we had been told that traffic modelling had been done they could not provide us with all the figures which leads me to believe this has not been properly modelled. The lights will be in place from 7am to 7pm Mon - Fri and 7am to 2pm Saturdays, the figures we were advised about indicated that traffic would be held 6 - 7 times per hour peak time, the lights have sensors which is hoped will prevent excessive build up of traffic and we were advised that no driver should be held at 2 red lights. The lights will be operating between 18 - 24 months once in place.

PRA: The level crossing at Marsh Lane (Bishopstone) will be closed from the 18th Aug until early 2024, this is to allow the realignment of the Princess Risborough line to the HS2 over bridge, initial works will be by HS2 and then from September Network Rail will continue the work in to the new year.

Blockade: From August there will blockade placed around Booker Park School, during the school holidays work will continue during the day but when the school returns in September works will switch to the evening as the noise is likely to disrupt the school day.

Staffing: Due to the increase in works and lack of staff EKFB will not be able to attend Fair in the Square and they will need to put of any community cleaning or painting until later in the year.

Site Visit: It was agreed that the next site visit will be either Oct or Nov this will mean the majority of the PRA over bridge work will be completed and we can inspect the works to the south of the A418 as well as to the north.

10. Parish Charter

Council to consider the consultation on the Buckinghamshire Council Parish Charter.

As part of Buckinghamshire Council's commitment to work together to serve the people of Buckinghamshire, they want to better understand what is currently working well, and not so well, for parish and town councils, 3 years since the launch of Buckinghamshire Council.

Buckinghamshire Council have adopted a Town and Parish Charter to articulate and demonstrate their commitment to work together to serve the people of Buckinghamshire and have developed an action plan to help embed the charter, and its aims across the council. To

help ensure that its delivery is monitored, and any arising issues addressed, it is important for them to hear from Parish and Town Councils.

Before completing the survey please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the Town and Parish Charter:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/parish-town-and-boundary-information/town-and-parish-charter/>

The survey is live as of today **Monday 22nd May 2023**. Please tell us your views by midnight on **Sunday 16th July 2023**.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman and Clerk complete the form with all councillors contributing and agree the final wording before issuing to Buckinghamshire Council.

11. Finances and Orders for Payment

RESOLVED: To agree and authorise the following orders and retrospective orders for payment:

• Spaldings Ltd	Maintenance	£199.20	3675
• Briants of Risborough	Maintenance	£57.29	3676
• Fairford Leys Centre	2 nd part Grant	£17,500.00	3677
• PA Turney Ltd	Maintenance	£42.23	3678
• County Pumps	Maintenance	£234.00	3679
• <i>Cheque destroyed</i>			3680
• Turney Group	Maintenance	£924.10	3681
• Window Flowers	Summer Bedding	£3,213.60	3682
<i>Cross to BPPC, who will pay CPC £1,440.00 for plants</i>			
• Rentokil Initial	Hazardous Waste	£242.30	3683
• Helpful Hirings	Maintenance	£449.04	3684

RESOLVED: To receive, note and agree/accept the Councils Financial statements, income and expenditure report. Emailed to all councillors.

12. Playgrounds Refurbishment

To receive an update on progress of works, grants, proposals and make any necessary decisions.

RESOLVED: That the Council will urgently decide what decisions need to be made for the current playgrounds/parks.

13. Aylesbury Community Board Grant

Council to note the decision of the board to make a grant of up to £991.96 to the parish council for the purchase of an outside BBQ. The Clerk and Cllr Poland-Goodyer to supply the relevant paperwork for the grant to be made.

Council to consider where this equipment will be stored.

The Clerk reported that the BBQ and equipment had been purchased and received today for use at the Fair in the Square on Saturday 8th July. The paperwork and relevant information had been sent to the Community Board as requested.

14. Gardenway & Aylesbury Garden Town

To receive any updates and to make any necessary decisions in relation to parish council engagement and or actions required.

Clarification has been made that there is no government funding for this project and the Steering Group Board meeting, due to meet in July, for this and other projects has been cancelled again.

15. Planning Applications

To receive, comment and to either object, support or oppose the following planning Applications.

To consider late applications presented by the Clerk.

To consider Ernest Cook Trust Permission on all planning applications.

To note and formally agree decision/comments made under delegated authority.

No applications received.

ERNEST COOK TRUST COVENANTS

Permission is sought from the following residents regarding their properties:

No requests have been received.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (Section 2), the press and members of the public are asked to leave the meeting for the next item on the agenda on the grounds that it involves disclosure of exempt information.

RESOLVED: That the public and press be asked to leave the meeting.

Coldharbour News Editorial Role

Council to consider the production of the Coldharbour Newsletter and the appointment of an Editor for the oversight of the newsletter.

Council discussed the current arrangements, costs and work required for the editing and printing of the magazine, Coldharbour News.

RESOLVED: That the current arrangements would stop and no printed copies be distributed.

RESOLVED: That The Leisure Committee take responsibility for news items for the community and these items/publicity/statements etc would now be placed on the council's and communities social media sites as well as better use of the parish notice board.

Individual notices for major events could be published in the same way or by separate flyers.

RESOLVED: That a TV/Equipment could be considered for tele news items and statements and could be installed in the window of the community centre.

RESOLVED: That the Leisure Committee oversee all of the above.

There being no further business of Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____