

CHORLEYWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber,
South Lodge, Rickmansworth Road, Chorleywood, on Tuesday 1st December 2009.

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Chairman:

*** Mrs J Worrall**

Councillors:

A Barton

*** P Kemp**

R Booth

*** R Kipps**

*** Dr N O Eve**

*** G Liley**

*** Mrs B Green**

*** K Morris**

*** M. Green**

Mrs P Mytom-Hart

*** Mrs M Hampton**

*** Mrs L Smith**

*** Mrs A Hayward**

*** Mrs S Stibbs**

*** Mrs M Jarrett**

*** S Watkins**

*Denotes Member present.

The Chairman opened the meeting by advising that the Clerk was still on sick leave and unlikely to return until the New Year which was longer than had been anticipated. She took the opportunity to thank the three office personnel who were putting in a great deal of effort to keep everything on track.

09/44 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

09/45 REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Written representation was received from County Councillor Hayward at the meeting. Members noted with interest the item relating to Clement Danes School and Chenies Road but expressed concern that there appeared to be more focus on the sixth form parking problems than safe crossing near the school. The meeting was advised that crossing options were still under consideration. It was agreed that this should be taken under the planning agenda. The report was noted.

Cllr Mrs Green gave a verbal report to the meeting advising that changes to recycling collections were under consideration with a view to encouraging more recycling by residents.

09/46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Booth and Mrs Mytom-Hart.

09/47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

09/48 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

09/40 Report from the informal meeting of the Parish Council on 1st September 2009. Clarification would be sought on the appropriateness of reporting on the informal meetings of Parish Councillors. Members unanimously agreed to strike the entry from the minutes

The Council
RESOLVED

To approve the minutes of the meeting dated 29th September 2009

The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

09/49 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

09/43 To consider the recent resignation of a member of the Planning Committee and to fill the current vacancy. Members questioned whether a letter had yet been sent to the Standards Committee and were advised by the Chairman that due to the Clerk's absence on sick leave it was not appropriate for the office to progress and that this matter would await the Clerk's return in the New Year.

09/41 Request from BT to adopt the Phone kiosk opposite the Gate Public House. Members noted that clarification of the legal responsibility for the upkeep of the Kiosk given its listed structure status was still needed.

09/36 Committee Reports Policy & Resources 8th September 2009 Christmas lights. Clarification on the details of the contract that had been placed for the Christmas lights would be reported back to Councillors.

09/50 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised that she had attended the Royal Masonic School Photo exhibition. The photographs were good but the exhibition had been poorly attended. The Chairman thanked those who had attended the Poppy Service. Members were reminded of the informal meeting of Parish Councillors which was to take place the following week confirming attendance as 11.

09/51 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 9

There were no questions under Standing Order 9.

09/52 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Open Spaces 10th November 2009

09/52 Matters arising from Allotments meeting Interest was expressed in the idea of keeping Bees on the allotments which would be investigated by the Allotments Administrator. Cllr Kipps advised that the Horticultural Society were organising a meeting on the 17th January 2010 on the subject of Bee Keeping. He would pass the information to the Office for inclusion in an Information Bulletin.

Policy & Resources 17th November 2009 The previously circulated minutes had been updated to correct some details and copies were circulated at the meeting.

09/24 Financial Comparison Statement 2009/10 The Chairman explained that although the minute was correct, it should have been reported as "to advise that due to long term sickness the balance of the salaries is **higher** than in previous years, but that there would be a levelling out".

09/27 Budget Strategy The Chairman clarified the position regarding the increase in the precept should

be revised as a nil increase on last year's original figure. It was up to each Committee to identify savings, increase in revenue or identify if an increase was required. Members were reminded that the next Full Council would vote on the Precept and that the Committees would therefore have one meeting to agree their proposals prior to that.

09/28 HALIFAX Guaranteed Reserve The decision had been taken at the Extra Ordinary Policy & Resources meeting immediately prior to the Full Council meeting that the capital plus the interest earned would be re-invested for 2 years with the Halifax and would not be moved. Discussion on whether capital only should be re-invested was therefore not appropriate as the decision had been made by the Policy & Resources Committee. The issue of the safety of such savings was still being followed up. The Policy & Resources Committee will review Parish reserves for best placement in 2011.

09/53 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The question of the difference between two entries on the Village Halls Accounts for Chubb Fire Limited would be investigated.

The Council
RESOLVED
To authorise the schedule of payments.

	£
Parish Council Accounts	52,076.85
Village Halls Trust	10,720.77
Co-Op Bank Credit Card	0.00

CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting having commenced at 8.00pm closed at 8.48 pm.

These minutes have been checked by the Chairman.

Signed Dated.....

These minutes have been agreed at Full Council and signed by the Chairman.

Signed Dated.....