

LONDON COLNEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, MORRIS
PLAYING FIELD, ON FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2015, COMMENCING AT 7.00pm

MINUTE NO.	DETAIL	ACTION
	<p>PRESENT Councillors M. MacMillan (in the Chair), K Gardner, D Gordon, J Hopkins, A Osborne, H Pakenham, N Mahony</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE Mrs I Casper Parish Clerk</p> <p>Mr L Casling – Grounds Maintenance Manager. (LCPC)</p> <p>with 5 members of the public</p>	
208/15	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>No declarations were made.</p>	
209/15	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors C Flynn and J Quagliozi (personal)</p>	
210/15	<p>MINUTES.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 2 October 2015 which had been previously circulated were taken as read and it was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.</p>	
211/15	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>a) Update from SADC on the Parish and District Ward Boundary Discrepancy</p> <p>The Clerk had received the following response from SADC on the Parish and District Ward Boundary Discrepancy (previously circulated by email)</p> <p>The District Council’s Licensing and Regulatory Committee considered a report at its meeting on 22 October concerning four properties that had erroneously been included in London Colney District Ward and Parish Council on the electoral register since the 1980s.</p>	

	<p>The Committee agreed to amend the boundary of the polling district in this area on the electoral register with the effect that these properties will be included in Cunningham District Ward with effect from 1 December 2015.</p> <p>b) Update on a Meeting between Parish Councillors MacMillan, Gordon and SADC officers regarding a 'Neighbourhood Plan'</p> <p>Councillor Gordon gave a verbal report on the meeting. It was a very interesting meeting, having a Neighbourhood Plan involves a huge amount of time and expense. An officer would have to be engaged to deliver the plan. The Council will have to weigh up the benefits of a Plan for London Colney against costs. London Colney is not in the same position as other parishes as it has not been targeted for huge development.</p> <p>There will be a detailed local plan in situ and this council has its own Environmental Action Plan, which is in the process of being updated and funds have been allocated for this.</p> <p>It was agreed that Councillors MacMillan and Gordon will have another meeting with SADC officers and report back.</p>	
<p>212/15</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted receipt from HCC - Hertfordshire Transport Vision 2050 - Stakeholder Engagement 2. Noted receipt from Agrivert September 15 odour reports 3. Noted receipt from HCC TRO8576 Temporary Closing and Temporary Waiting Restrictions in Various Roads in London Colney, Colney Heath, St Albans, St Albans, Elstree and Harpenden 4. Noted receipt from SADC details of Civic Service - Sunday 18th October 2015 5. Noted receipt from HCC - DisabledGo 6. Noted receipt from CVS E-inform October 2015 7. Noted receipt from SADC Tree Wardens trip to RHS Wisley 8. Noted receipt from HCC details of Community Green Space funding scheme 9. Noted receipt from SADC details of High Sheriff's Service - Sunday 15th November 2015 	

	<p>10. Noted receipt from SADC details of Remembrance Sunday - 8th November 2015</p> <p>11. Noted from SADC information on Change of Polling Place - London Colney Ward</p> <p>12. Noted receipt from HCC Invitation - Hertfordshire Public Health Conference</p> <p>13. Noted receipt from Agrivert October 15 odour reports</p> <p>14. Noted receipt from HCC details of Launch of Carers Strategy - press release and case studies information</p> <p>15. Noted receipt from CVS - 2050 Herts Transport Strategy</p> <p>16. Noted receipt of a letter regarding St Peter's Churchyard. It was agreed that the Clerk writes and requests that a grant form is submitted, which the Council will then consider.</p> <p>17. Noted that complaints are still being received regarding the Cotlandswick Leisure Centre. It was agreed to invite Mr Shwe to the next parish council meeting to inform members of actions taken by SADC to alleviate the problems.</p>	
213/15	<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT</p> <p>No officers were free to attend this meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Police Inspector requesting that someone attends the next meeting.</p>	CLERK
214/15	<p>QUESTION TIME</p> <p>The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and invited members of the public to ask questions.</p> <p>Residents of Richardson Close South informed members of the difficulties they were experiencing in this road. Non-residents park there during the day, lorries use it as a turning circle.</p> <p>The road is covered in pot holes and is due to be resurfaced. HCC have been promising to do these works for months, 6 times residents have been informed that works will take place and advised to move their cars, to date nothing has been done.</p> <p>Resurfacing works are now due to start on Monday 9 November and the residents are very concerned that once</p>	

	<p>again nothing will be done. The footway has been resurfaced recently and Councillor Gordon, who paid for this work from her Highways Locality Budget, was thanked for arranging for this to be done.</p> <p>Councillor MacMillan informed the residents that the parish council has no direct involvement with road works but acts as a lobby agency. The council is aware of the terrible state of the road.</p> <p>Proposed and resolved that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Clerk will check on Monday that the works are going ahead, if not she will write to the portfolio holder to arrange a site meeting with residents, Councillors, the County Councillor and HCC officers. ii) The Council will investigate ways of preventing parking by non-residents, possibly by introducing parking permits. Councillor Gordon will look into the surveying of residents on this matter. <p>Standing Orders were re-instated.</p> <p><i>3 residents left the meeting</i></p>	
<p>215/15</p>	<p>It was agreed to take the grounds Maintenance Manager's Report as the next item</p> <p>GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE MANAGER'S REPORT</p> <p>Mr Casling presented his report which had been previously circulated.</p> <p>The schedule of works is on target.</p> <p>Councillor Gardner asked Mr Casling about the electric supply to the Morris Way pavilion, which is a bit erratic.</p> <p>Mr Casling - The actual supply cannot be changed, the kilowatt usage of electrical items should be monitored before being used in the pavilion. Members agreed that the small profit from providing food at the fireworks event should be looked at against costs to upgrade the system.</p> <p>Councillor Hopkins reported that the area he was stewarding was very dark and after the fireworks people were leaving the field in darkness, would it be possible to invest in the purchase of a generator to enable the field to be lit up. It was agreed that Mr Casling with obtain quotations to upgrade the electric supply and the purchase price of a generator.</p> <p>It was agreed that this item will go before the Events and Community Committee then the Finance Committee.</p>	

	<p>Councillor Gardner thanked all the ground staff for their work on the Fireworks Event.</p> <p>Bluett Road – the green space is being churned up. It was agreed that this item will go before the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee and Mr Casling will obtain quotations for a post and rail fence.</p> <p>Councillor Pakenham noted that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Tree works at Coopers Wood had been completed. b) Thanked the ground staff for their efficiency in the filling in of the holes in the car park by St Peter's Church c) A report on the Village Sign will be given to the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee. <p>The report was noted</p> <p><i>Mr Casling and members of the public left the meeting (7.37hr)</i></p>	
<p>216/15</p>	<p>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT .</p> <p>In the Community Development Manager's absence the Chairman presented a written report from the Assistant to the Community Events Manager (previously circulated) and spreadsheet giving details of the October events. (Hard copies circulated round the table).</p> <p>IT was noted that attendance at the Open Mic Night was less than expected. It was noted that figures for the Tuesday Lunch Club has picked up.</p> <p>The Hallowe'en Party had been a great success, although one party game had produced a lot of litter. It was agreed that if this game is played next year it is at the end of the evening. Councillor Hopkins had taken photographs of the evening which will go on the PC web site.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Councillors Gardner and Osborne for attending and helping on the evening.</p> <p>Forthcoming Events are: Remembrance Sunday parade and service Children's Christmas Party Christmas Lunch Clubs Christmas Dinner Dance.</p> <p>The Fireworks Event had been a success, people had given very generously to the bucket collection which had raised</p>	

	<p>£1800.00. It was agreed that the Chairman, the Chairmen of the Finance and Events committees and the Clerk will meet and allocate £1000.00 to local organisations.</p> <p>It was agreed to widely publicise the Lunch Club on Tuesday 22 December.</p> <p>The report and October finances were noted</p>	
217/15	<p>GRANTS</p> <p>Councillor Hopkins appraised members of a possible grant and it was agreed that Councillor Hopkins obtains more information and a grant form is submitted to the December PC meeting.</p> <p><i>Councillor Mahony left 8.08hr</i></p>	
218/15	<p>Land Adjacent to the Glebe Allotment Field</p> <p>Members reviewed a letter from the St Albans Diocesan Boards of Finances land agents regarding overgrown land adjacent to the allotment at Glebe Field.</p> <p>Proposed and resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) To send a press release to local newspapers ii) To write again to the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance with a copy to the land agents. 	
219/15	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>a)To receive and approve expenditure since the last Council meeting.</p> <p>Members reviewed the expenditure since the last Council meeting item by item. Members asked for clarification on amounts that had a minus sign in front of them and the allocation of the Napsbury fund.</p> <p>Proposed and resolved that the expenditure since the last Council meeting is approved.</p> <p>b) To review the Year to date Income and Expenditure against budget.</p> <p>Members reviewed the year to date Income and Expenditure against budget.</p> <p>Proposed and resolved that the Year to date Income and</p>	CLERK/BOOKEPER

	Expenditure against budget is approved.	
220/15	<p>TOWN PLANNING MATTERS <i>Councillors K Gardner and D Gordon declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 219/15 both being District Councillors who sit on the planning committee.</i></p> <p>Current applications The following decisions will be forwarded to SADC Planning Dept.</p> <p>5/2015/2442 - Single storey side extension at 1 Willowside London Colney Hertfordshire AL2 1DP Proposed and resolved – No Comment</p> <p>5/2015/2731 - Single storey front, two storey side and rear extensions and loft conversion with front and rear rooflights at 15 Collingwood Drive London Colney Hertfordshire AL2 1LE Proposed and resolved – No Comment</p> <p>5/2015/2764 - Front porch, part single, part two storey rear extensions and front and rear rooflights (resubmission following invalid application 5/2015/2331) at 80 St Anne’s Road London Colney Hertfordshire AL2 1NY Proposed and resolved – refusal Overdevelopment of the site in a tight place, insufficient parking</p> <p>5/2015/2765 - Two bedroom terrace house (resubmission following invalid application 5/2015/2332) at 80 St Anne’s Road London Colney Hertfordshire AL2 1NY Proposed and resolved – refusal Overdevelopment of the site</p> <p>5/2015/2777 - Garage conversion, single storey rear extension with rooflights and alterations to openings at 50 Perham Way London Colney Hertfordshire AL2 1LB Proposed and resolved – Objection – concerned about the loss of parking space</p> <p>5/2015/2622 - Extension to existing crossover at 9 White Horse Lane London Colney Hertfordshire AL2 1JS Proposed and resolved – No Comment</p> <p>5/2015/2882 - Two, three bedroom semi-detached dwellings with associated landscaping and parking following demolition of existing buildings at The Old Stable 122 St Anne’s Road London Colney Hertfordshire AL2 1NX Proposed and resolved – No Comment</p>	CLERK

221/15	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the H. R. Committee of 19 October 2015 were received and noted</p>	
222/15	<p>MEMBER ITEMS</p> <p>a)Community Right to Bid – Perham Way Leisure World</p> <p>Members gave consideration to agreeing to submit an application to list the former Leisure world at Perham Way as a community asset.</p> <p>Proposed and resolved that a Community Right to Bid application for the former Leisure World at Perham Way is submitted to St Albans District Council</p> <p>b)Crossing at St Anne’s Road</p> <p>Councillor Mahony reported that several complaints have been received about the poor state of the zebra crossing in St Anne’s Road, the white lines are worn away. There was an accident there recently and it is important that the crossing is made visible.</p> <p>Councillor Gordon advised people to report highways items through the highways fault reporting system. She has had a site meeting recently with an HCC officer regarding the resurfacing of the footways in this area and the re painting of the crossing was mentioned.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk will report this matter on Monday.</p>	
223/15	<p>Reports from local Councillors on other local authorities.</p> <p>Councillor Gardner reported on a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Internal Performance Committee (SADC). A survey of social housing is taking place. Thames Water is going to be an item on the next agenda and they will be invited to attend as there are significant drainage problems in the village, especially at Thamesdale and Watersplash Court. When the new hotel comes on line maters will only deteriorate.</p> <p>Councillor Gordon reported on voter registrations and the fact that many people may not be registered under the new</p>	

	<p>system</p> <p>Councillor Gardner will ask what SADC is doing to ensure as many people as possible are registered at a meeting in January.</p> <p>Councillor Gardner has reported on the fly tipping that is a continuing problem at the recycling banks in Haseldine Road and asked that people report this matter to SADC as soon as they see this.</p> <p>Councillor Gordon reported that a highways officer had measured St Anne's Road from the crossing up to Barnet Road to be resurfaced also Caledon Road on the odd side to Collyer Road. Resurfacing works have been completed at Collyer Road and white Horse Lane</p> <p>At full Council on Tuesday (County) the editor of the Herts Advertiser will submit a petition signed by 1100 people asking HCC not to sell the land for the Railfreight.</p> <p>To tackle the obesity crisis the government has advised that there should be no fast food takeaways near schools and playgrounds.</p> <p>The verbal reports were noted.</p>	
224/15	<p>EXTERNAL MEETINGS</p> <p>None attended.</p>	
225/15	<p>IT WAS RESOLVED TO EXCLUDE the Press and the public from the following item in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.</p> <p>Staffing Members discussed staffing matters.</p>	
226/15	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meetings of the Council will take place on Friday 4 December 2015 at the Morris Pavilion, White Horse Lane, London Colney. The evening will start at 6.30pm with refreshments and the Parish Council meeting will start at 7pm.</p> <p>It was agreed that the January 2016 Parish Council meeting</p>	

	<p>will take place on Friday 8 January, 7pm.</p> <p>There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.17pm.</p>	
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