



# COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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<b>MEETING:</b>	Full Council
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	Thursday 22 October 2020
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Horseshoe Field</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM No.</b>	20/21 – Item 66e
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	Lisa Chaplin – Clerk/RFO

<b>For Information?</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>For Action?</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>For Discussion?</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>For Resolution</b>	<b>X</b>
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## 1. WHAT IS THIS REPORT ABOUT?

At the Parish Council held on 23 July Council requested the Clerk investigated the purchase costs of the land reportedly thought to be around £5-£10,000. This report was due to be discussed at the September Finance & Governance meeting but was delayed due to workload and a Freedom of Information request on the same subject.

## 2. BACKGROUND

The land on south side of 12 Oaklands Lane (known locally as Horseshoe Field or Three Horseshoes Field) title reference HD519567 was first registered by Lands Registry to Punch Taverns on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012. The title was transferred to Colney Heath Parish Council, 83 High Street AL4 0NS noted by Council during a Parish Council meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

## 3. RESEARCH OF COSTS

Council requested to know the total costs in the acquisition of the land, and these are noted below: A full search of all costs was carried out as part of the research for the Freedom of Information request. The costs in this case were incurred between 11<sup>th</sup> August 2011 with the final invoice having been paid 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

- Legal costs to solicitors £14,288.73
- Purchase of land from Punch Taverns £ 5,000.00
- Payment of costs for Punch Taverns £ 3,334.90
- Payment to occupier £ 3,000.00
- Surveys £ 520.05

The total of legal invoices and all costs in this matter were £29,056.28 with VAT deducted of £2,912.60 makes the total spent by Colney Heath Parish Council in the acquisition and registration of the title for HD519567 as **£26,143.68**.

The full freedom of information response and appendices can be viewed by clicking on the links below:

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