



Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting

04/14

Held on Tuesday 8th July 2014

MINUTES

Chairman: Councillor Mr D Neave
Councillors: Councillor Lynch, Councillor Stovold, Councillor Dimmock, Councillor Rickard, Councillor G Hammond
Apologies: Councillor Dr L Kennedy
By invitation: County Councillor Netta Glover, District Councillor Peter Cooper, PCSO Hobson.
In attendance: 3 Parishioners
Clerk: Mrs Deborah Martin

1 Chairman's items and welcomes

Chairman welcomed back Councillor Rickard after a recent absence.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillors Dr Kennedy, Cooper and Glover and accepted by Councillors

3 Disclosure of interest on items in agenda

Councillor Rickard disclosed a potential interest under agenda items 10 and 11 due to his involvement with the bowls club, however, there was no declarable interest.

4 Parishioners comments

A Parishioner provided some additional background information on agenda items 10 and 11 and was asked to make comment when these items were discussed.

5 Receive comments from District and County Councillors and Police

County Councillor Netta Glover had provided a report before the meeting which will be held in the minute file.

PCSO Tina Hobson attended the meeting to warn people of thefts of motor vehicle parts in particular from Vauxhalls. Clerk raised if Police presence could be provided in the vicinity of the school near drop off and pick up times after recent reports of inappropriate driving and parking. PCSO Hobson agreed to see if this could be done.

6 Sign off minutes of - Extraordinary Meeting 10th June 2014

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Signed by
Chairman

Councillors resolved to agree to sign off the above mentioned minutes.

7 Progress reports from working groups

-Traffic/Speed/Pedestrian Safety working group

Report provided by Councillor Stovold and included within Clerk report. Councillor Stovold confirmed that he would be able to attend the LAF meeting in September.

-Parking/Road Repairs working group, including additional signage request Nup End Lane

Councillors resolved to agree to cost of £274.58 for new signage in Nup End Lane Wingrave as per quotation from AVDC. Clerk to arrange erection of post in Nup End Lane for 2 of the signs.

-Cycle routes/Country footpaths/ Bridleways / Cross country cycle paths working group

No further updates

-Neighbourhood Planning, including recent mailing

Report provided by Councillor Dr Kennedy and included in Clerks report. All Councillors asked to attend one of the public events to be held shortly. Councillors agreed that Councillor Neave would draft a letter to Mr Muir in response to his email.

-Broadband

No further updates

-Wingrave to Berton Cycle Route group

Clerk confirmed that working group had been formed and led by District Councillor Peter Cooper. The group had managed to achieve support from Berton and Aston Abbots Parish Council along with rambling groups, cycle groups and local Bucks County Councillors. It would be necessary for a feasibility study to be carried out. Councillor Cooper was trying to achieve funding, £4000, as the project cannot continue without it. Council resolved that it would be willing to contribute a maximum of £1,500 and would like Aston Abbots Parish Council and also Berton Parish Council to make a contribution. Clerk to liaise with Councillor Cooper on engaging other parishes.

8 Bucks County Council Devolution of services

Councillor Neave provided an update which was included in Clerks report. Councillors resolved that Councillor's Neave, Lynch and the Clerk should meet with Bucks County Council to establish more information and report back to Councillors.

9 Pratts Charity request re additional parking area at Wingrave Park

Councillors resolved to agree to Pratts Charity request. Authority still needed to be gained from WWRSAL, Yvonne White from WWRSAL agreed to chase this for parish council. Update to be made to WWRSAL agreement to ensure parking area regularly checked and any defects reported to the Parish Council within 7 days.

10 Drainage from Bowls Club

Parishioner raised concerns with drainage outlined in document to be held in minute file. Bowls club representatives were able to confirm that no drainage led to the particular point mentioned and the water storage tank and sprinkler system showed no signs of leaking. They confirmed that

all water was turned off from October through to April. They were currently liaising with their Water Company to establish if there were any leaks although this seemed unlikely from bills received to date. Councillor Dimmock suggested that this was probably the natural drainage route for the bank. The Bowls club to confirm findings from water company to clerk. Clerk will then contact Bucks CC with the findings and establish if they require Parish Council to take any additional action.

11 Request for two trees to be felled on bank near bowls club

Parishioner outlined the problems 2 trees were causing in a report to be filed in minute file. The Bowls club enquired if the removal of trees could cause movement on the bank and would the Council be willing to provide further planting in order to protect the privacy and security of the Bowls Club. Councillors requested that trees should be looked at by tree surgeons to gain sufficient understanding if the removal of the tree could cause future problems with the stability of the bank and ask for recommendations for future appropriate planting. Clerk to arrange and report back to Councillors.

12 Agree Risk Register

Councillors resolved to agree content of Risk register. Councillors also agreed that WWRSAL insurance should be reviewed by Councillors on an annual basis. Clerk to contact WWRSAL.

13 Problem tree growth in Parishioners garden

Councillors were extremely disappointed with the way Bucks County Council had dealt with the situation. It was confirmed that the issue was not the responsibility of the Parish Council but Bucks County Council but clerk would continue to chase Bucks CC to ensure the matter was rectified. Councillor Cooper had also contacted Bucks CC to ensure a solution was found. Councillors agreed when tree surgeons provide advice on trees on bank near bowls club advice on the problem should be taken.

14 15 MW solar park at Folly Farm, north west of Long Marston

Company had forwarded more detail on expected traffic movements and a preferred route through Wingrave for construction traffic. Clerk to establish whether a formal planning application had been submitted to Herts County Council. Councillors resolved that once an application had been put in Clerk and Councillor Stovold to draft a letter detailing Councillors concerns over road safety with Wingrave being used as a route for construction traffic. Councillors also resolved to add a note onto the village postie to make people aware once an application had been put in so people could raise individual concerns if they wished to do so.

15 Additional handyman and current duties

Councillors resolved to agree to tasks detailed in Clerks report. Councillors agreed that an additional Handyman should be sought. Clerk to advertise position and Clerk and Councillor Rickard to interview interested parties. Councillors resolved to an increase in salary for current and newly appointed Handyman to £11 per hour. Position would be self employed, no fixed hours and the holder must have appropriate public liability insurance.

16 Finances
16.1 review payments since last meeting
Spreadsheet provided by Clerk, no queries.
16.2 update on spending against budget
Spreadsheet provided by Clerk, no queries.
16.3 general accounts overview
Update provided in Clerks report

17 Planning:
17.1 Note recent planning decisions

No recent decisions

17.2 To discuss application:

14/01821/ATC Recreation Ground and Wingrave Green, Church Street, Wingrave. Works on trees.

No objections

18 Clerks Report

Content agreed.

Items for next communiqué article;

-Road Safety

-Advert for Councillor

-Advert for Handyman

-Receipt of payment from Late Fred Kirby Estate and gratitude

-Details of proposed Solar Farm in Long Marston if dates appropriate

-Provisional date for resurfacing Tring Road

Councillors discussed quotation provided for new Play Chip for play area. Councillors queried use of loader and dumper and why this could not be delivered directly by crane to site. Clerk to raise with contractor. Councillors also requested further quotes. Councillors resolved that in order for decision to be made time efficiently final contractor to be agreed by Councillors by email.

Meeting ended 9.45pm