

Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council

Meeting on 11.11.14 Clerk's Report

Agenda items detail

- 7 Progress reports from working groups
-Traffic/Speed/Pedestrian Safety working group

Chris Stovold

Road Safety Task Group – Report to Parish Council – November 2014

- **Speedwatch**
The proposed September speedwatch was not held due to the equipment being under repair. No further speedwatch sessions are currently scheduled.
- **Speed Strips monitoring** – The speedstrips were installed in Leighton Road and Winslow Road to coincide with the deployment of the MVAS. The report on data from these has not yet been received for analysis and comparison with the MVAS data.
- **Sentinel Equipment** – We have asked the LAF when they expect the Sentinel trial to start but no response yet received.
- **E-PETITIONS - Status**
Petition 2 - To place bollards/railings on the pavement section opposite the Post Office –included in the TfB works list and progress to be made via regular liaison meetings between TfB and Parish Clerk.

Petitions 1 and 3 - To introduce a 20mph speed limit in part of Wingrave

To provide suitable physical traffic calming measures in Winslow Road and Leighton Road

Following the lack of response to these petitions at the last LAF meeting a complaint was raised with TfB/BCC and we were informed that a report and response would be received within 28 days. The 28 days has just expired and a further chase up e mail has been sent.

- **MVAS** – was sited in Wingrave from 17th October to 6th November. See speed strips item above.

The next session will commence on 19th December. We are still awaiting confirmation of receipt of the additional MVAS for our cluster from the LAF.

- **Future of the Road Safety Group** – I will host the next meeting (expected 19th November) but am awaiting confirmation of the appointment of a new chairman to continue the work.

-Parking/Road Repairs working group

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

Viv Lynch

I've reported four path issues via Transport for Bucks web site:

- FP15: This path was ploughed sometime over weekend of 27/28 September. It has been reseeded & the crop is now coming through. The footpath has not been re-instated. (Enquiry 479993)
- FP15: Damaged gate - A new kissing gate has recently been installed but the gate has been hung in such a way as it is not shutting. (Enquiry 479994)
- FP 1 : Damaged stile - Ground has fallen away on the field side. One of the stile ground posts is rotten. In wet weather there is a "small pond" in front of the stile. Can this stile be replaced with kissing gate? (Enquiry 480089)
- FP1 : Ploughing / cropping : This field was ploughed over the weekend of 27/28 Sept. It has been reseeded and the crop is starting to come through but the path has not been reinstated. (Enquiry 479995)

Using the Tracking option on T for B's site it seems the status for all four is *Complete*. The site gives no information as to what action(s) have been carried out so I called T for B today. Despite the best endeavours of the person I spoke to all, I can report is that land owners have been written too. No date was available as to when letters were sent, to whom or what happens next. This information was taken from an internal site.

I commented that a tracking system should include the date, what action(s) was taken and the next step. These comments were accepted and would be reported back.

I will take a walk round this weekend to see what has happened.

-Neighbourhood Planning

1. The Parish Council has agreed to appoint rCOH Ltd as consultants to help in the preparation of the Wingrave with Rowsham Neighbourhood Plan.
2. The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held a site assessment walk-about to familiarise and document key features of all the Wingrave Sites that owners put forwarded in response to the Call for sites questionnaire. (Rowsham Sites to be viewed in future.)
3. The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has held a meeting to review all prepared draft documents, information and data collected for the Parish Neighbourhood plan and has passed copies of all documents to Neil Homer of rCOH.
4. The first Neighbourhood Plan meeting with rCOH has been arranged for November 13th.

Les Kennedy

-Broadband

The Wing Exchange and Cabinets that serve Wingrave with Rowsham and are in Phase 4 of the Broadband upgrade project and the Superfast for Bucks and Herts Project reported on November 6th that; "Phase 4 is now underway with engineering surveys taking place to identify sites for the new fibre cabinets. Subject to these survey results, engineering upgrade work will follow and a new fibre cabinet will be installed near to the existing green cabinet." Phase 4 is scheduled to complete in June 2015.

Les Kennedy

-Wingrave to Bierton Cycle Route group

It has been agreed that the LAF will fund the feasibility study needed to make an application and this is due to be done in February, the group are to meet shortly to discuss other possible funding options for the project as it is likely that only 50% of a requested grant would be provided.

8 Updates from Councillors on areas of responsibility and/or meetings attended

Councillor Lynch attended the following;

ARLA AYLESBURY LIASION GROUP MEETING

Representing Wingrave with Rowsham PC I attended my first Arla Aylesbury Liaison Group meeting on Tuesday 16 September 2014.

- Phase 1 is now fully utilised; minor tweaks still need to be made
- Phase 2 is being commissioned. This will run the "Cravendale" brand.
- Q2/16 : site will be at full capacity; currently no plans for more expansion

This is the largest milk processing plant in the UK and runs 24/7 (two 12-hour shifts). Currently producing 450million litres of milk per year this will increase to 1 billion at full capacity. There are 323 employees on site of which 88-90% have been recruited locally. Over the next 12 months this will increase to 500 and at full capacity 700. Arla want to employ as many people as possible from the local area.

Discussions at the meeting centred round snagging issues on/at the site – replacement of dead bushes etc on the boundary slops; vehicle movements on site; perceived vehicle noise from wash bays adjacent to boundary with adjoining village (Buckland).

The issue of vehicles in the surrounding area and in particular some villages was raised. Arla use a system called ISOTRACK which provides information on where vehicles are: date, time, location, speed. The area around the site is geo fenced, if a vehicle enters this area it will be reported back the next morning. This will then be investigated and action taken; some farms/deliveries are inside this geo fenced area so no action would be taken against these vehicles unless they were at a time outside of scheduled delivery/collection.

As part of all new drivers' induction programme they are made aware of this and are provided with a map and risk assessment for all farms to be visited.

I mentioned the concerns Wingrave residents have with vehicle size and the route via Dark Lane and I'm meeting with one of the logistics managers in the next couple of weeks to look at this.

Next Liaison meeting is 3 February 2015

23 Oct 2014 - Meeting with Shaun Carroll

Transport Team Leader, Aylesbury logistics, Arla Foods Limited

At my request this meeting took place in Wingrave to enable Arla Foods to better understand our concerns relating to vehicle size and routing to Thistlebrook Farm.

We started our walk at the junction of Lower End/Dark Lane back to the green. Stopping on route to enable Shaun to take pictures at Moat Lane/Mill Lane, Moat Lane/Tring Road, from both directions; these would be used to update the driver's route risk assessment. I also pointed out the risk of road icing across Moat Lane/Mill Lane in winter.

Shaun expressed surprise that the articulated vehicle was now being used as the route initially had been designated for the smaller, non-articulated vehicle and would investigate this on his return to the office with a view to this vehicle being re-assigned.

He did however, say there are only three of these vehicles and it may be that if one is off the road for maintenance then the articulated vehicle would be used.

There is one collection per day through the village to Thistlebrook farm; currently 13:00 – 15:00. Collection times are reviewed throughout the year with changes being made to take account of seasonal milk yields.

It was fortuitous that this meeting took place on this date as it was the second day of resurfacing work by T for B. When I asked Shaun what impact this would have for Arla he advised they had not been notified of this work. This resulted in Shaun having to divert the tanker, reschedule another tanker and visit the farmer to see if he had the capacity to hold a third milking in the silos as collection would be late (after 8pm).

Question for Netta/Peter Cooper: Are Transport for Bucks advising Arla of road works? Shaun said this was not the first time they had encountered road closures for resurfacing work.

Next meeting: Arla Aylesbury liaison group meeting on Monday 17 November to discuss the road map to carbon zero.

9 Fred Kirby Bequest, establishing process

Points 4 and 5 were not covered at meeting of 9 September 2014

4. What sort of projects should PC consider? And how does PC go about doing this. Any which we think richly deserve funding and would benefit the Wingrave community as a whole? Rowsham projects are not eligible.

5 How to keep Fred Kirby's name associated with each project and how to involve his family in some way.

10 Devolution

I had hoped to provide further details as myself, David, Viv and Norman were due to be attending a further meeting, however, this was cancelled and has not yet been rescheduled so I have no further updates.

11 WWRSAL management agreement and receipt of accounts

A meeting date needs to be agreed for PC reps and WWRSAL to meet to review agreement. Copy of accounts sent separately.

12 Chairmanship of Road Safety Group

Councillor Stovold is regrettably unable to continue with this role, it is imperative that a new Chair is put in place asap to ensure a full handover can be done and that the positive work to date continues and does not lose momentum.

13 To discuss the possibility of changing stiles to gates within the Parish

I have been contacted by a parishioner who is a keen rambler and has also recently carried out a report into the footpaths in and around the parish. A number of people have mentioned to her that they would like to see more gates as opposed to stiles like those on the route over to Rowsham and would like to seek the Parish Council views on this. She is hoping to come to the meeting to discuss in more detail.

14 WWSAL/WWRSSC-catering matters

It had been reported to the Chairman that the kitchen at Wingrave Park was in a poor state of cleanliness. I have checked with AVDC, it is registered with AVDC environmental health under the name of Wingrave Sport and Social Club, with an existing rating of 5 and last inspected 2006.

15 2015/16 Budget meeting preparation

The annual budget meeting is fast approaching, in previous years we have had a small working group to put together a draft budget before the official meeting. Do you want to continue with this approach again this year? If so who would like to be involved.

16 Finances

16.1 review payments since last meeting

Spreadsheet sent through separately

16.2 update on spending against budget

Spreadsheet sent through separately

16.3 general accounts overview

No further comments to add

17 Planning:

17.1 Note recent planning decisions

No decisions made since the last meeting. However after concerns raised that building work was taking place at Hollie Barn, Wingrave. The following update has been received.

> **We had made contact with the owner of hollie Barn and have been pursuing him to arrange an inspection. If this continues to be unachievable we will need to consider serving a planning contravention notice to obtain the information required.**

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> **We will let you know as soon as possible what course of action we intend to pursue.**

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> **Regards**

- > Gary Dunne
- > Planning Enforcement Officer
- > Contact: 01296 585279
- > The Gateway
- > Gatehouse Road
- > Aylesbury
- > HP19 8FF

General Update

Items for Councillors to Consider

-Communiqué article, items to be included ?

Information/Leaflets provided at meeting

- Clerks and Councils Direct November 2014
- War Memorials Trust November 2014
- Clerk Magazine November 2014

Ongoing items

- Protection of Twelve Leys Green – **Complete**
- License Perriwigs, resident seeking legal advice
- Reviewing interest rates on reserve account, initially when this was reviewed last year the only way of securing to better rate was to enter into a long term account, however, this was not pursued as expenditure expected on Balcony Store Project and also from working groups. **Review as part of Fred Kirby bequest**
- Improvements to Parish Website, initial expenditure agreed. **I attended a training session October 2014. Some improvements are being made to site, I will then be able to add documents.**
- request sent to Macintyre to help with parking issue when events are on Jan 2014
- request to church for parking only zone, wording of notice to be approved by council. Feb 2014
- additional parking on Wingrave park, Pratts charity notified, all quotes now in agreed Total Garden Care as preferred contractor. Approval from PRATTs and WWSAL requested June 2014, approval gained from PRATTs and I have chased WWSAL. Further change, work has now been completed by volunteers as per previous meeting. **Complete**
- Monies left to Parish by Fred Kirby estate
- ensure level of public liability for person doing grass cutting on greens is obtained
- Speed strips, approval given by Council, working group taking forward June 14
- Schedule of works from WWSAL
- Reps reviewing WWSAL agreement May 2014
- Devolution of BCC services.

BCC issues

- New signage for Nup End Lane, Wingrave making better reference to no through road **Chased November 2014 hope this should be completed within the next couple of weeks**

- Problem tree growth Black Gutter corner, Wingrave. Tree has been felled although young trees coming up everywhere. Some work done 2013 however re growth happening reported again July 2014. **Have chased BCC as they should have been poisoning roots and this is still yet to happen Oct 14**
- Ditches hedges leading down to Wingrave Crossroads, **now partly completed Sep 14, BCC have confirmed at Oct 2014 meeting that clearing the hedge to clear the ditch took much longer than expected so there was insufficient time to go down to the X-roads. We've had our ration at least for the moment. I will keep chasing to ensure it is not forgotten about.**
- Hedgerow leading down dark lane, Wingrave also blocking MVAS from being used. BCC confirmed at Oct 2014 meeting that Dark lane hedge is down to be done shortly **Complete.**
- Hedgerow on Black gutter corner, Wingrave – some clearing work now done, have made bcc aware that this does not go far enough still too much weight left in top. **BCC have confirmed Oct 14 that they have done all they're going to do. The hedge is the responsibility of the householders. Bucks. will write to them to tell them so. After that, it's down to us. (when I looked into previously the hedge row does not form part of their properties)**
- PC are due to take control of 2 street lights at crossroads although BCC are yet to confirm when, however, not being actively chased
- Entrance to Brewhouse lane, Rowsham road surface
- duck warning sign by pond requested May 2014 chased Oct 14 they are on order. **Complete.**
- Potholes Dark Lane, some have been done but to a very poor standard, to be resurfaced shortly Oct 14. **Complete**
- Missing Road Signs, Dark Lane reported June 2014, chased Oct 14 they are on order. **Complete**
- Footpath across fields towards Thistlebrook farm, blocked by electric fence
- Footpath towards Rowsham across fields, not reinstated after ploughing FP15 and FP1 reported Oct 2014
- Rowsham blocked drains are to be jetted through, new drain covers installed on A418 and further hedge cutting on the A418 towards the Aylesbury-end de-restriction sign will happen. BUT, once the drain in Manor Road has been cleared, residents will be told that it's a private road and their responsibility.
- Bollards to be put in place, Winslow Road, Wingrave opposite Shop

Response to E Petitions

Petition 1: proposed 20mph Speed Limit Zone within the village of Wingrave (May 2014 – 279 signatures)

Petition 2: installation of permanent physical traffic calming measures such as road humps/chicanes, along Winslow Road and Leighton Road in Wingrave (September 2014 – 190 signatures) Chased Nov 2014