

## Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council

### Meeting on 10.2.15 Clerk's Report

#### Agenda items detail

#### **6 Planning**

##### *Decisions*

14/03611/AOP Land Adjacent To Bates Barn Aylesbury Road Rowsham. Outline planning permission with means of access and layout to be determined and all other matters reserved for residential development for 7 no. dwellings.

Status: *Application Withdrawn*

#### **7 Finances**

7.1 review payments since last meeting

Spreadsheet provided separately

7.2 update on spending against budget

Spreadsheet provided separately

#### **8 Devolution – Decision to proceed with offer from Bucks County Council**

Councillors, Neave, Rickard and Lynch and the Clerk met to review hedge cutting and grass cutting requirements both in Wingrave and Rowsham and compare with the measurements provided by Bucks County Council. Councillor Lynch is planning to report findings at meeting. At present we have said to BCC that the PC may be interested in devolution.

Findings were:

Grass x 6 cuts 19884 metres	£2511
Hedge-cutting 800metres	£222
Siding out say	£200
Total	£2933.

Bucks. budget allowed 2015/2016 £3254 (2016/2017 £2178)

#### **9 Neighbourhood Planning update and presentation from working group**

*The working group will present to the Parish Council an update on NP and also information on preferred development sites from their investigations*

*Councillor Neave will also provide an update on Rowsham.*

*In addition - Items raised with Clerk and items for consideration*

-Events planned on same week in school holidays some people unable to attend are more events being planned?

-Can all the information shared at the events be added to the Parish Website for all to see?

-Can people vote online?

- When will those who have shown interest in development know if their land has a strong possibility of being developed? And those who are not successful how are they going to be communicated with?

## **10 Road Safety update inc. request for feasibility study**

I, the new Chairs of working group and another group member met with Transport for Bucks on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The purpose of the meeting was to engage TFB in possible permanent traffic calming measures for Wingrave. They are able to produce a feasibility study which will outline what could be considered and appropriate costs for the main problem areas in Wingrave. These have been identified as entering and exiting Wingrave via Winslow Road and Leighton Road, area near shop on Winslow Road and junction at the pond. Dark lane was also raised but because of the width of the road and bends it was unlikely that traffic calming measure would work and this area it was driver behaviour that needed to improve. It is possible that the LAF would be able to fund the study and this is being proposed at the next LAF meeting providing Councillors have no objections. If funding is then approved the study could take up to a year to complete. The group members have been left quite disheartened by this timescale as this was not something that had realised and if so a study would have been requested much earlier.

**REPORT:** In the time period midnight 23/12/14 to 09.15 on 30/1/15.

Winslow Road at the Twelve Leys site - vehicles outgoing towards the A418  
14% over 30 mph  
1% over 40 mph

Winslow Road at Chiltern Road site - incoming from A418  
48% over 30 mph  
16% over 40 mph

Winslow Road by the shop - vehicles travelling towards the church  
6.5% over 30 mph  
0.5% over 40 mph

Tring Road - incoming  
53% over 30 mph  
21% over 40 mph

The vast majority of vehicles travelling over 50 mph were on Winslow Road at the Chiltern Road site entering the village from the direction of the A418.

Typically on Winslow Road, vehicle movements over a 24hr week day were one per minute, approximately three times that on the Tring Road.

Again, lower vehicle numbers were recorded at weekends.

The additional MVAS to be shared with Wing and Mentmore is now available and we expect will have its Wingrave debut in March when we will have the MVAS sited on the Leighton Road in both directions and also monitor the reverse directions on some of the sites mentioned above.

## **11 Updates from Councillors on areas of responsibility and/or meetings attended**

No updates provided other than those already included under separate agenda items at time of producing report.

## **12 Fred Kirby Estate monies - further process clarity,**

At the Parish Meeting in November the following was agreed:

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.*

Councillors resolved that there was to be no restriction on who could apply for funds providing it was for the benefit of Wingrave.

More discussions were then had on whether to spend from capital or interest. Interest amounts would not be significant but Councillors were keen to protect capital. Resolved that Councillors, Lynch and Coulson would look into possibilities of loaning money to various projects and report back. (report of February 2015 produced by Councillor Lynch sent separately)

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

Still remains outstanding.

The following had already been agreed at September 2014 meeting

Councillor Neave had provided suggestions within Clerk's report of 9 September 2014.

1. Councillors agreed that any future project would need to be agreed by Councillors and would be for the benefit of Wingrave as a whole.

2. Councillors resolved the name of the fund would be "The Fred Kirby Bequest" as funds had been left to the Parish Council as part of the late Fred Kirby's estate.

4 and 5, Councillors agreed to revisit these items at a future meeting.

6. Councillors agreed that requests for funds should be dealt with as per the Councils Grant Awarding Policy, reminder of this policy to be detailed in next communiqué article.

#### **-possible investment options**

To be discussed.

#### **-pavilion project suggestion**

Parishioners Suggestion

*With regard to the Fred Kirby Legacy a number of us would like to see some of this money spent on a lasting memory to Fred. Fred was a great sportsman for Wingrave both at football and cricket. He played with my father during the late 40's and 50's and was considered the best centre forward in local football and averaged 50 to 60 goals a season helping Wingrave win many trophies. Playing both of these sports Fred would have used the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground and we think it would be a fitting tribute if some of the Legacy went towards the refurbishment of this building. Along with the rest of the Football Club of that time he would have been involved in the fund raising towards the Pavilion. The Pavilion is on the Recreation Ground which as you know is a beautiful area in the village and we don't want to see the Pavilion spoiling it. We certainly want to keep the Pavilion and therefore it needs refurbishing and at a minimum an external facelift including new windows and doors - it would be great if the inside could be refurbished as well! I am surprised that WWRSAAL have not considered this, they are responsible for the management of the Recreation Ground and not just the Park - when a member of WWRSAAL including being Chairman I always considered both areas and all sports. I wouldn't want to see any of Fred's money spent on the Park or the Club ahead of the Pavilion. The Pavilion is used most Saturdays throughout the football season so it does provide an income towards WWRSAAL. WWRSAAL may even be able to find additional money from sport lotteries that could be used together with Fred's money. We really think this would be a fitting tribute to one of best sportsman Wingrave has ever had. I know this*

*is too late for the next Parish Council meeting but I would like this proposal to be presented to the Council at some time.*

*Further Parishioner Comments*

**Another issue!!!!!!**

Several of us were not happy about the initial discussion the PC had about Fred Kirby's money. None of us thought the idea of using the "interest" from the money to be very clever. As I understand it you, the PC, will be having further discussions about the matter. We felt that it would be a great opportunity to spend the money on a village project that was worthwhile.

The old Pavilion is going to need a large amount of money spent on it, in the very near future. [ Tiled Roof?, new showers, new kitchen, new windows, new outer grills??? cost £50k to £100K?] The Pavilion belongs to the PC and the Village, I assume it won't be left to fall in to a ruin, so at some point the PC is going to have to pay for a refurb. Bearing in mind Fred's probable involvement with my Mum and others when the Pavilion was built, it would be a fitting outlet for some of the fund to modernise and secure the future of this iconic village asset.

*Response from Clerk*

With regards to Kirby funds, no decisions have yet been made and is still very much at discussion stage i.e. interest v capital possibly lending out all being looked into. The pavilion has already been raised and further discussions will be had by councillors on Tuesday. The council understands just how important these funds are and wants to fully consider all options.

Thank you for your suggestions and I will ensure I pass onto councillors in prep for meeting.

### **13 Environment - Possible tidying/clearance work to area of Twelve Leys Green.**

When Councillors did their walkabout for the Devolution project it was noted that a area of the Twelve Leys Green has become quite overgrown with brambles and was encroaching on the grassed area. It was suggested this area should be cleared, I have obtained a quote for this work,

£175. Decision required on whether to proceed.

- New bin for Bus Shelter, Wingrave Crossroads

There is currently no bin at the Bus Stop at Wingrave Crossroads, this is an area that is frequently littered and a bin may help to ease the problem. The cost of a new litter bin would be £48.83 plus VAT if fitted to an existing post. If a new post is required the cost of installing would be £72.00 plus VAT (by AVDC) AVDC have confirmed there would not be any charges for emptying as on a main road.

- **New bin for Bus Shelter, Wingrave Crossroads**

Currently there is not a bin located at the bus stop at Wingrave Crossroads. Litter of often dropped within the area. The cost of a new litter bin would be £48.83 plus VAT if fitted to an existing post. If a new post is required the cost of installing would be £72.00 plus VAT. There

would be no charge by AVDC for emptying as within an adopted area. Is this something the PC would like to consider to try and reduce litter problems?

- **Road side hedge, adjacent to 2-6 Coblers Wick**

**I would be obliged if you could convey to the Parish Council my comments relating to the state of the roadside hedge adjacent to 2-6 Coblers Wick.**

**As resident of 7 Coblers Wick for approaching 30 years I am familiar with the history of this area of the village. The hedge itself does not affect my property, nor do I overlook it but for the general appearance of the village it should have received more careful consideration in the measures undertaken to ensure safety than has been the case. The hedge has a history of controversy in that there are those that believed it was part of Coblers Wick development as it had clearly been part of Home Farm. It was expected by a former Parish Council that the residents held responsibility for upkeep and the owners of the adjacent properties at the time were asked to maintain their hedge. Were this to be the case one wonders why two parallel footpaths two metres apart were necessary. One owner in particular was adamant that it was not their responsibility. The party was not willing to provide their Deeds to verify ownership or not. These owners are long since departed, as are the Councillors. The hedge has been virtually neglected since Coblers Wick was developed in 1978/9 and time has taken its effect on what was at best scrub elder with dying elm and a later planting of silver birch. There are some self seeded ash whips. The hedge was bound to fail as strong ivy growth took over, suffocated the trees and increased the top weight such that the wind felled the decaying trees and opened up the others to greater forces. I am informed that the Parish Council has accepted responsibility for the hedge and as such commissioned works to be carried out to make the area safe after storm damage. Whether the contractors were required to provide a neat and tidy finish or even landscape the area is unknown but the resultant of the intervention to date is unacceptable. Doubtless the contract was governed by cost and as such a cheap and not very cheerful result has been the outcome. Have the Council consider the likely state of the hedgerow once re-growth occurs in the Spring? The ivy problem has not been eradicated and will continue to blight any future growth. I hesitate to make any suggestions, unless asked, as I feel the residents most affected should be consulted but as a previous tree warden I would recommend that the Council considers the importance of this central location and commissions more sympathetic landscaping to enhance the character of the Village.**

**Roy Bradbury  
7 Coblers Wick**

The hedge/growth had been cut back as there was a concern that more would fall onto the pavement. Having previously looked at the deeds for the properties mentioned, this does not form part of their land. Transport For Bucks had confirmed they would not do any other clearing work unless it fell onto the path. Residents were approached before work completed.

**14 Play Around Parish Event, Parish support requested and Roald Dahl workshop request**

AVDC are once again holding Play Around Parish events and are asking for Parish Council support with funding towards this. To hold a morning or afternoon session with Activities suitable for 1-11 year olds would be £200. These events in previous years have been well supported.

Roald Dahl workshop – The 14<sup>th</sup> Roald Dahl Festival takes place on 4<sup>th</sup> July. As part of this AVDC are offering family workshops to produce artwork for the event. Workshops will be For 4 hours and would cost £350 and can be run between 9<sup>th</sup> April and 21 June further details will be provided at meeting, would the PC like to sponsor an event?

**15 Request received for Textile Bin to be located in Wingrave**

*Dear Deborah*

*I work for Aylesbury Children's Charity CHAT (Children, Health and Therapy) We are based at the Sue Nicholls Centre and raise money for families in Buckinghamshire with children who have ongoing complex health needs.*

*Fundraising is difficult for charities at the moment and we are looking at ways to continue to raise money so that we are able to continue helping the families who so desperately need our support.*

*Would we be able to put a textile recycling bin within your parish.... at the recreational ground maybe?*

*This can be on a trial period and if it doesn't work for you we will have it removed. The bins are emptied on a two week period so there will be cause for mess.*

*And the best bit... for each tonne of items collected we will receive £400 which we will be happy to split.... so you will be able to raise funds for your community with not having to do any work!!*

*Please consider supporting us .. we really do need your help . It is important for the charity to continue to raise funds to continue providing much needed respite care.*

*I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you. Thank you for your consideration.*

*Kind regards*

*Anthea Cass*

*Charity Fundraiser*

*[www.chat-charity.org.uk](http://www.chat-charity.org.uk)*

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**General Update**

**Items for Councillors to Consider**

-Communiqué article, items to be included ?

**Information/Leaflets provided at meeting**

The Clerk Magazine Jan 2015

### Ongoing items

- 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
- 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 WWRSAL
- Reps reviewing WWRSAL agreement May 2014
- Devolution of BCC services.
- AVDC, parking area to rear of Parsonage Farm, resident has requested signage for visitor parking and no parking sign in turning area. Request put to AVDC Feb 2015.
- Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust-Tree reported causing problems to house near no 9 AbbotsWay also tree at bottom right hand side of Abbots Way. Feb 2015

### BCC issues

- New signage for Nup End Lane, Wingrave making better reference to no through road Chased again December order has been put into AVDC, TFB will then be able to action within 2 weeks once this is authorised. COMPLETED JAN 2015
- 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, chased January
- 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. Chased again Jan 2015, this should be added to works for next financial year unlikely to be completed this year.
- 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
- 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

-Road/Path Leighton Road by the Walnuts dip in new surface causing puddles- TFB have confirmed they will be taking no action at this time

-**Sunken manhole cover reported near Pub, Wingrave. Jan 2015**