



Parish Council Meeting

10/14
Held on Tuesday 10th March 2015

MINUTES

Chairman: Councillor Mr D Neave
Councillors: Councillor Lynch, Councillor Dr L Kennedy, Councillor Rickard, Councillor A Coulson,
Apologies: Councillor Stovold, Councillor Dimmock, Councillor G Hammond
By invitation: County Councillor Netta Glover and District Councillor Peter Cooper
In attendance: 43 Parishioners
Clerk: Mrs Deborah Martin

1 Chairman's items and welcomes

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillors Stovold, Dimmock and Hammond and accepted by Councillors.

3 Disclosure of interest on items in agenda

None disclosed.

4 Parishioners Questions (10 minutes)

No questions raised.

5 Receive comments from District and County Councillors and Police

County Councillor Netta Glover provided a report, copy to be held in minute file.

District Councillor Peter Cooper covered the following items

-Elections will be in May 2015, General, District and potentially Parish if enough people come forward. Wingrave Ward has changed, losing Cublington but gaining Slapton.

-AVDC was investigating the possibilities of becoming a unitary authority.

-Cycleway from Wingrave to Bierton, Bucks County Council Highways to commence with feasibility study shortly which will be funded by the LAF. The project is hoped to be funded by New Homes Bonus.

Councillor Lynch asked for an update on alledged unauthorised development at Hollie Barn, Tring Road. Councillor Cooper confirmed that AVDC enforcement team were continuing to investigate and that a document is likely to be sent shortly to the owners.

6 Sign off minutes of – Parish Meeting 10th February 2015

Council resolved to approve the above minutes.

7 Grant request from Wingrave School/PTFA for assistance in funding for an all weather, multi-use games area (MUGA)

Wingrave School/PTFA had completed a grant application form, copy to be held in minute file. The co Chairs, Deputy Head and PTFA members were in attendance. They confirmed that the facility was much needed in order to improve and enhance the outside space at the school bringing it on par with other schools. The facility would allow for zoned area and increase participation in sport. Chair of WWRSAL reminded members that the village already had such an asset at the new park, however, the PTFA were able to confirm that this would not be appropriate for the use of school children for the purpose they intended as it would not be feasible to take children to the park on lunch periods and other breaks a like. Councillors agreed that before they could make a final decision they would like additional information and to also make a site visit. Councillors resolved to appoint Councillors Lynch, Kennedy and Rickard to take on this task and report back to Council at the next appropriate meeting.

8 Progress reports from working groups

-Traffic/Speed/Pedestrian Safety working group

Chairs of working group had provided a report which was included in clerks report. Mrs White was also in attendance at the meeting and in addition confirmed that:

- recent problems with the sensitivity of the MVAS had been rectified, the MVAS would remain in existing position for a further week in light of issues.
- likely that Speedwatch equipment would only be available to Parish for 3-4 days in the summer.
- past members of the working group had been contacted and all are still keen to be involved.
- new sentinel equipment may be available soon which the group will report on in the future.

-Neighbourhood Planning inc process for dealing with concerns/complaints and general communication

Councillor Neave provided an update on Rowsham Neighbourhood plans detailed in Clerks report. Councillor Neave spoke about a possible community development, there was a number of people still interested in smaller scale development. Councillor Neave proposed a sub committee to look at the individual needs of Rowsham such as obtaining a green space for a childrens play area, ways to acquire more housing and local housekeeping. The group would then put proposals forward to the parish council. Councillors agreed and to review in 18months time.

District Councillor Peter Cooper put the importance of Neighbourhood planning into context. The independent inspector rejected the draft new Aylesbury Vale Plan one of the effects of which was to remove the protections in planning matters which the old Plan had provided. As a result planning applications now fall to be decided under the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which established a presumption in favour of sustainable development. Developers were taking advantage of this to get consents which previously would have been refused. A number of developers were looking at the possibility of seeking consents in respect of sites in Wingrave. The potential housing capacity of all the Wingrave sites offered for development as part of the NDP exercise was in excess of 1000 houses.

An approved NDP would provide protection against this and even a pre-submission consultative draft Plan which it was hoped could be submitted to the Council shortly could provide 80% protection.

Councillor Dr Kennedy provided a report on Neighbourhood Planning which is included in the Clerks report. It was explained that the recommendation for sites was based on the least bad options. Councillor Dr Kennedy confirmed that no group members had any vested interest in development of any land. When potential land was looked at that could impact on members homes they did not take part in discussions.

Parishioners were given the opportunity to ask questions. Concerns were raised in how quickly the next stage of planning was happening. Council explained the urgency of getting plan approved to protect Wingrave.

Concerns were also raised regarding the appropriateness of the various sites chosen. It was confirmed much work had gone into looking at potential sites ruling in and out various sites for a number of reasons, the evidence of these investigations would form part of case when putting the final plan to AVDC.

A number of Parishioners questioned why no houses were being considered on an area of land off Winslow Road to the back of Abbotts Way. Due to the site being noted on an old AVDC plan there was a risk that if the site was identified as being suitable for some development this could potentially mean developers could build on all of the site and parishioners had noted many times in previous events they wanted to avoid large scale development. It also failed to meet the NDP site selection criteria.

Council agreed that , in accordance with the vote at the consultation held on 20 and 21 February, the three sites comprising Cluster A be approved for inclusion in the pre-submission consultation Neighbourhood Plan as the sites suitable for residential development.

-Broadband
Update provided in Clerks report.

-Wingrave to Bierton Cycle Route group
Update provided in Clerks report.

-Fred Kirby Estate group
Update provided in Clerks report.

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

Only meeting attended was by Councillors Rickard and Hammond, items covered under agenda item 10.

10 WWRSL
-Replacement Sewage Pump at Wingrave Park
Councillors resolved to agree the replacement of the failed sewage pump, funds to be taken from the sports facility maintenance fund.
-Management agreement
Councillors reviewed the recommendations made and agreed that Councillors Rickard and Hammond should discuss the updates further with WWRSL to ensure clear for all parties and then final sign off of the management agreement at the next parish council meeting.

-Proposed Rec Pavilion Renovation Project

Councillors agreed in principal to the work required on the Recreation Ground Pavilion. It was suggested a working group should be formed consisting of representatives from the Parish Council, WWRSA and regular users such as football and croquet to look at exactly what is required and then for a formal proposal to be put forward to the Parish Council. Councillors Rickard and Dimmock to represent parish council on group.

-Request for increase in management fee

Councillors resolved to increase the fee for 2015/16 to £2500.

-Byelaws

Councillors understood the issues highlighted, however, it was agreed there was little the parish council could do to enforce byelaws. Councillors agreed to highlight the issue in the next communiqué article asking parishioners to ensure dogs were kept under control.

11 Best kept village competition

Council resolved not to take part in the competition due to priority of Neighbourhood Planning.

12 Process for appointing new Clerk and timescales

Councillors agreed that initially Councillors Lynch, Kennedy and existing Clerk would meet interested parties and put recommendations to the Councillors. A separate private meeting may then be convened in order to make final decision.

13 Planning:

13.1 Note recent planning decisions

None received

13.2 To discuss planning applications;

15/00671/APP - 3 Mill Close Wingrave. Single storey & first floor front extension
Discussed, no objections.

15/00670/APP - 3 Mill Close Wingrave .Erection of detached garage
Discussed, no objections.

15/00528/APP - 31 Church Street Wingrave. Removal of existing outbuilding and erection of replacement single storey side extension.

Discussed, no objections.

14 Finances

14.1 review payments since last meeting

Spreadsheet provided by Clerk, Councillors agreed payments notes.

14.2 update on spending against budget

Spreadsheet provided by Clerk, no queries raised.

15 Clerks Report

Content approved. Councillors agreed that Communiqué article should include NP update, reminder re Byelaws and inviting people to stand for Council.

Devolution – Councillors agreed that as quote process had not commenced it was not feasible to opt for devolution from 2015 and to delay until 2016.