



Parish Council Meeting

08/14
Held on Tuesday 13th January 2015

MINUTES

Chairman: Councillor Mr D Neave
Councillors: Councillor Lynch, Councillor Stovold, Councillor Rickard, Councillor Dr L Kennedy, Councillor Dimmock, Councillor G Hammond
Apologies: Councillor A Coulson, County Councillor Netta Glover,
By invitation: District Councillor Peter Cooper
In attendance: 6 Parishioners
Clerk: Mrs Deborah Martin

- 1 Chairman's items and welcomes
- 2 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor Coulson and accepted by Council.

- 3 Disclosure of interest on items in agenda

Councillor Hammond disclosed a pecuniary interest on Planning Application 14/03611/AOP Land Adj to Bates Barn Bennetts Lane Rowsham. Chair confirmed that he would need to leave the room when item was discussed. Councillor Neave also expressed an interest in the same application as good friends and neighbours of applicant. However, Councillors agreed there was no pecuniary interest and they were happy for Councillor Neave to take part in any discussion. Councillor Dr Kennedy declared an interest in item 8 for grants and payments to Parish Church as currently he is also the Parish Church Warden.

- 4 Parishioners Questions (10 minutes)

Chairman clarified that the Meeting of the Parish Council is not a Parish meeting. At meetings of the PC the PC considers matters. Parishioners are always welcome to attend but legally the PC does not have to allow individuals to comment. However, as a general rule Parishioners can comment on agenda items at the beginning of a meeting. Chairman confirmed a new approach was going to be trialled, if any parishioner had a comment about an item on the agenda, comments would be taken at the start of the relevant agenda item. The second initiative introduced was Parishioners Questions, this is to allow Parishioners to raise any item with the PC that they feel appropriate. The PC would not be required to comment at that time and the matter may need to be discussed at a future meeting.

-Parishioner raised faulty low level street light to the entrance of Parsonage Farm, clerk confirmed that it would be reported to lighting contractor.

5 Receive comments from District and County Councillors and Police
No police representative in attendance.

County Councillor Glover was unable to attend the meeting but provided a report which will be held in the minute file.

District Councillor Peter Cooper confirmed;

-Superfast broadband work underway, hoped to be live in May 2015. Wingrave should see an improvement to 24mb, Rowsham is likely to be less but should still have a noticeable impact.

-Unitary option is being put forward to Council in February 2015. Initially AVDC alone although expected BCC will follow. Potential savings of £20m, process likely to start after elections.

-Neighbourhood Planning, Cheddington Plan ready for submission.

-Cycleway, Councillor Cooper to chase Councillor Glover to ensure feasibility study actioned.

Chairman thanked Councillor Cooper and Councillor Kennedy for their efforts on improving broadband speeds for the Parish.

Councillor Lynch raised concerns with Councillor Cooper on the reliability of AVDC planning website.

6 Sign off minutes of - Parish Meeting of Tuesday 11th November 2014

Councillors resolved to sign off the above numbered minutes.

7 Planning:

7.1 Note recent planning decisions

Noted in Clerks report.

7.2 To discuss planning applications;

14/03471/APP 123A Winslow Road, Wingrave. Two storey rear extension.

Discussed, no objections.

14/03472/APP 123 Winslow Road, Wingrave. Two Storey and single storey rear extension.

Discussed, no objections.

14/03554/ALB 4/5 Recreation Ground, Wingrave. Internal alterations comprising replacement of rear kitchen door with casement window, removal of existing kitchen window, enlargement of opening to floor level, installation of a pair of casement door and sidelight and enlargement of existing arched door opening between lobby and kitchen.

Discussed, no objections.

CM/78/14 Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Plant/Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) together with associated plan and landscaping. Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Plant and Materials Recycling Facility, Samian Way, Aston Clinton. Details under. www.buckscc.gov.uk/planningapplications

Councillor resolved that comments should be made regarding Road Safety. It was not clear from the application the likely increased traffic volumes or traffic routes. Clerk to comment requesting traffic not to go through Wingrave due to a number of road safety concerns.

14/03611/AOP Land Adj To Bates Barn Bennetts Lane 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.

Councillor Hammond left the room while discussions took part.
Councillors regretted that the application did not form part of the Neighbourhood Plan. The applicant confirmed that he appreciated the planning process and the work the NP group was doing, however, he did not want to postpone his development plans as he was unclear what changes potentially government could put in place.

Councillors discussed and had No Objections to application. It was noted that if approved the road was unlikely to be adopted by AVDC meaning it would be a private road.

8 Finances

8.1 review payments since last meeting

Spreadsheet provided, to be filed within minute folder. Councillors resolved to agree to all payments highlighted.

8.2 update on spending against budget

Spreadsheet provided, to be filed within minute folder, no queries from Councillors.

8.3 general accounts overview

Clerk confirmed all payments were up to date.

8.4 set budget and precept for 2015/16 financial year

Budget working group had met previously and put together a draft budget for Councillors to consider. The content was reviewed and agreed. . Precept set at £40,317.00 an average 2.88% increase based on Band D.

8.5 Review fund monies and re-allocate as necessary

Councillors resolved not to alter any funds.

8.6 S106 allocations

Councillors noted dates in which money to be spent. Further discussions required on appropriate spending suggestions.

8.7 Appoint internal auditor

Councillors resolved to appoint Christine Jenson, Clerk to Halton as internal auditor.

8.8. Grant applications

4 grant applications had been received, detailed in clerks report. Grants of £600 to Wingrave with Rowsham Heritage Group (WWRHG) to cover costs for using the community centre had already been agreed within the budget setting, as was an additional £250 towards the up keep of the graveyard requested by Wingrave with Rowsham Parochial Church Council and that of £4000 to WCA. WWRHG had also requested a further £200 toward the running costs of the group, however, Councillors resolved not to provide the grant as it felt that costs should be met by member's subscriptions. Mr Caspersz had requested £2000 to improve accessibility of footpaths between Rowsham and Wingrave. Councillors agreed in principle to the suggestion, however, more investigative work was required which Councillor Lynch agreed to look into and report back to Council hopefully by the next meeting.

8.9. Data Protection registration

It was recommended by BALC that the Parish Council should register under Data Protection, annual fee of £35. Councillors resolved to agree to the registration.

9 Devolution

Councillors agreed that before a final decision could be made further information was still required. Agreed that Councillors, Lynch, Rickard, Neave and the Parish Clerk would visit both Wingrave and Rowsham and measure amount of hedgerow and grass cutting that needed to be done to then compare that with the information provided by Bucks County Council to decide whether it would be a viable option for the Parish Council to take on the tasks.

10 Progress reports from working groups

-Traffic/Speed/Pedestrian Safety working group including Chairmanship and further sharing of MVAS, 20 mph speed limit in Wingrave and working group recommendations

Updates provided within Clerks report. Both Yvonne and Tony White had kindly agreed to take on the role of Chair. Councillor Stovold is arranging handover. Councillor Stovold suggested an additional bollard on Winslow Road as there was evidence of vehicles mounting the curb, no objections to suggestion. Handyman support moving MVAS was requested and agreed by Councillors. Parish Council had been approached about sharing the MVAS with another village, however, Councillors agreed that it needed to be in the Parish more not less.

-Parking/Road Repairs working group

No items to report, Nup End Lane signage being chased.

-Neighbourhood Planning, including leaflets and mailings

Report provided by Councillor Kennedy included in Clerks report. Councillors agreed that wording of mailing to all interested developers could be formalised by the working group and then Clerk to issue along with flyers communicating forth coming Community events.

-Broadband

Update provided within Clerks report.

-Wingrave to Bierton Cycle Route group

No further updates still awaiting on feasibility study by Bucks County Council.

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

Councillor Neave had attended a recent meeting on the proposed Crematorium at Cane End Lane. There was still concern over road safety with an increase in traffic pulling out onto the A418. Councillors agreed for letter to be sent outlining the concerns to see if improvements to the junction could be made.

12 Dog Fouling

Councillors agreed to sign up to Keep Britain Tidy new dog fouling initiative by ordering 10 posters in all. Clerk and WWRSAL rep to agree where best to place once received. Clerk

also suggested having bags available at dog waste bins so there was no excuse for not clearing up. There were concerns that it could cause litter, however, Councillors agreed to trial on 2 dog waste bins. Clerk confirmed that she would pick up any bags littered.

13 Clerks Report

Content approved.

Commuque articles agreed as;

- Update on precept/budget request
- Broadband update
- Details of NP meetings
- Change to Chair of road safety group
- Dog fouling campaign