



Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 12th January 2016

MINUTES

Chairman: Councillor Mrs V Lynch
Councillors: Councillor Mr R Dimmock, Councillor Mr N Rickard, Councillor Mr A Coulson,
Councillor Mr D Neave, Councillor Dr L Kennedy, Councillor Mr M Bird,
Councillor Mrs A Sherwood Bruce
Apologies: District Councillor Mr P Cooper
Clerk: Mrs R Biley
In attendance: County Councillor Mrs N Glover

1. Election of Chairman

At the last meeting of the council Councillor Neave tendered his resignation as Chairman from 12th January 2016. Due to this, the first order of business was to elect a new Chairman. The clerk requested nominations to which Councillor Lynch was nominated by Councillors Neave and Coulson. No further candidates were nominated and Councillor Lynch was elected as chairman by unanimous vote.

2. Chairman's items and welcome

Councillor Lynch welcomed the council and parish and gave special thanks to Councillor Neave for his contribution during the duration of his chairmanship.

3. Apologies for absences

Apologies were given for District Councillor Mr P Cooper.

4. Disclosure of interest on items in agenda

No items disclosed

5. Parishioners comments (10 Mins)

Queries were raised over the Twelve Leys development to which it was advised that they could be addressed within the specified agenda item.

A parishioner raised questions relating to best practice to which Cllr Lynch gave a statement specifying that the council is committed to delivering best practice to the best of its ability and are working towards improving its position.

6. Receive comments from District and County Councillors and Police

Reports received from County Councillor Glover including details of recent livestock thefts. The full report is available from the Clerk.

7. Budget report and precept recommendation for 2016-17

Councillor Neave began with an overview of the current year's spend to date and advised that we will come in over budget but the amount would not be considerable. It was noted that part of the overspend had been as a result of tree maintenance that had been required and had been a recurring theme for the last couple of years. As a result of this, within the budget for 2016-17 a new provision has been made for tree maintenance.. Cllr Neave also advised that the council would be taking over devolved tasks from BCC to which a provision had also been made.

The proposed budget and breakdown were given and were unanimously agreed by the council. The budget and breakdown is available as an appendix.

The floor was opened up to questions.

A parishioner queried the reduction of the WWSAL grant and the comparison to it in reference to the grant issued to the WCA. Cllr Neave advised that the previous grant had included a one off payment to WWSAL and that additional funds were included in the capital costs section of the budget and accounted for in a sports maintenance fund.

8. Report on Recreation Pavilion renovation

Cllr Dimmock delivered a report by Richard Keighley and the Clerk asked how we can move the project forward. It was advised that quotes are now coming in and a further two companies have been approached to tender; delays had been occurring due to the presence of asbestos in the roof and the need for a more specific plan.

9. Road Safety report

Mrs Y White gave her report on Road safety which included potential re-siting of the MVAS brackets, the current position of the feasibility study which is now on hold and the results of the MVAS recorded data. Full details of the report are available as an appendix.

10. Stiles to gates proposal

Cllr Lynch thanked Jan Walmsley for her proposal. It was noted that permission from the land owners would need to be granted prior to any action being taken. It was agreed that no discussions would take place at this time in regards to footpaths located at Abbots Way and Baldways due to prospective development. It was agreed that Cllr Sherwood Bruce would work with Jan Walmsley to prepare a full proposal.

11. Proposal for upgrade of street lighting

The Clerk gave a report on the need for upgrading the current street lighting as well as the potential benefits. It was agreed that the topic requires a working group to be established and a full proposal be made to the council. The members would include Councillors Coulson, Lynch and Kennedy and the Clerk.

12. Confirmation of Submission of Neighbourhood Plan to AVDC

The clerk confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan had been delivered to AVDC's offices on the 24th December 2015.

Cllr Kennedy gave details of a meeting with AVDC and provided information on the amendments which had been recommended.

Questions were raised on the process of the consultation and it was confirmed that the consultation is run in its entirety by AVDC but the council would notify the parish of any information as and when it became available.

It was asked what outcomes came from the comments at the parish consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan to which Cllr Kennedy advised that the comments significantly shaped the current plan and whilst not everyone was content with the plan it had been a democratic process and the majority were in favour of the Plan in its current form.

The council was asked to confirm that even with a Neighbourhood Plan the parish does not have complete protection from additional development to which the council responded that there is a level of uncertainty until the Secretary of State had made his rulings on the applications currently called in.

13. Land off Baldways Development- Report on Corylus meeting

Cllr Neave discussed with Corylus the council's decision to object to the Baldways planning application and they agreed they would discuss parishioners concerns. As a result of this a meeting took place between Cllr Neave, District Cllr Cooper, parishioner Mr R Wyatt and Corylus representative Philip Duncan. It was concluded that Corylus would amend the numbers to reflect the issues raised. Full details of the report can be found on the website and as an appendix.

14. Land off Abbots Way- Bidwells Proposal

Cllr Neave provided details of a letter received from Bidwells in reference to the gifting of land at the Abbots Way site. The letter was read out to the council and the representative from Careys New Homes present at the meeting was acknowledged.

Cllr Neave proposed that no action be taken in relation to the offer which may work against the Neighbourhood Plan and that the council should await the outcome of the current application submitted by Bidwells / Careys New Homes. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Lynch.

Bidwells/Careys New Homes were asked to clarify that the land would become the property of the parish to which it was confirmed that it would. It was also stated that funds would be made available to manage the land going forward.

The council were asked to vote on Cllr Neave's proposal to which a unanimous vote was achieved.

15. Twelve Leys Development- Cala Homes meeting

Cllr Neave advised that an initial meeting had taken place with Cala Homes who are the representatives for the Twelve Leys site. The next step should be a public consultation and it was stressed that a collaborative relationship with the parish was paramount. The full report will be available on the website and as an appendix.

The floor was opened up to parishioners and the following points were noted:

The suggestion that a car park for use by existing residents would not be utilised, Cllr Neave confirmed that that would have to be the residents' choice.

A query over the volume of traffic movements in that area creating access problems was raised to which it was confirmed that no site had perfect access but that development would still need to happen regardless.

It was questioned why an increase from 90 houses to 100 houses was made to which Cllr Kennedy counselled that AVDC would not agree the plan should insufficient numbers be submitted.

16. Queens 90th Birthday- Jubilee Wood

Cllr Lynch gave a history of the wood and confirmed the protected status of the site. It was suggested that maintenance would potentially be a longer serving tribute than a one off celebration. It was asked whether the council owned the land and it was noted that they do not. A discussion took place around the potential options for any action taken to improve the wood but it was felt that this was not an avenue the council wished to explore in the context of the Queen's Birthday.

It was proposed by the Clerk that perhaps a street party whereby the whole parish could be involved may be a better option to celebrate. It was proposed that perhaps the Council, WCA and WWRSA could work together to create an inclusive celebration for the parish. The Clerk agreed she would reach out to both to discuss.

17. Sign off of minutes
14.1 Parish Council Meeting 15/12/2016

The minutes of the above meeting were accepted and signed.

18. Planning
18.1 15/04313/APP

- 21 Parsonage Farm Wingrave Buckinghamshire HP22 4RP
- Single storey rear extension

No objections were raised.

19. Finance- Payments since last meeting.

All payments were accepted by the Council

Date	Payee	Particulars of payment	Ex. VAT	VAT Rate	Inc. VAT	VAT
11/12/2015	EON	Lighting Charges	£ 199.71	20%	£ 239.65	£ 39.94
14/12/2015	Chiltern Lift Company	Lift Maintenance and service	£ 125.60	20%	£ 150.72	£ 25.12
14/12/2015	RICS (NPIERS)	NP Health Check	£ 1,125.00	20%	£ 1,350.00	£ 225.00
21/12/2015	ICO	Data Protection registration	£ 35.00	20%	£ 42.00	£ 7.00
21/12/2015	Rebecca Biley	Clerk wages & Expenses	£ 470.65	0%	£ 470.65	£ -
21/12/2015	avdc	Dog Waste Bin Empty	£ 678.00	20%	£ 813.60	£ 135.60
07/01/2016	Parish Church	Help with Burial Ground Maintenance	£ 250.00	0%	£ 250.00	£ -

Sum of Spend to Date	
Administration	£10,073
Capital Costs	£19,394
Community Groups	£5,963
Environment Committee	£4,593
Management	£3,208
Misc.	£130
Section One Three Seven	£18
Section One Zero Six	£0
Street lighting	£2,769
Subscriptions	£373
Grand Total	£46,522

20. Clerks Report

The clerk gave a report on various areas and the following actions were agreed.

The Play Around the Parish scheme would take place in the summer holidays and we would choose the standard option of 3 hours (no sports) at a time of 10.00am to 1.00pm.

A parishioner request for parish general maintenance would be addressed by Cllr Dimmock, working alongside the parish handymen.

Items for inclusion in the communique will include Fred Kirby Memorial Trust and the Budget recommendations.

Meeting Ended 10.00pm