



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 14th March 2017

Chairman: Councillor Mrs V Lynch
Councillors: Councillor Mr D Clements, Councillor Mr R Dimmock, Councillor Dr L Kennedy, Councillor Mrs M Lawrence and Councillor Mr N Rickard
Apologies: Councillor Mr M Bird and Councillor Mr A Coulson,
Clerk Mrs R Biley
Attendance: District Councillor Mr P Cooper and County Councillor Mrs N Glover
Parishioners 24

1. Apologies for absences

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Bird and Councillor Coulson. Councillor Rickard sent his apologies but hoped to be able to attend.

2. Disclosure of interest on items in agenda

Councillor Dimmock disclosed an interest in Item 10 which was noted by the Council and Clerk.

3. Comments from District Councillor, County Councillor and Police

Councillor Cooper discussed the Neighbourhood Plan in relation to the planning application to be considered that evening. It was advised that the recent decisions made by the Secretary of State gave neighbourhood plans real weight. Further information on the application can be found under item 5.1.

Councillor Glover advised that BCC was beginning to create a Freight Strategy for the area and the government had just awarded the county funding from the economic heartland fund. The full report can be found as an appendix.

4. Sign off of minutes

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The minutes were approved and signed by Chairman Councillor V Lynch.

5. Planning

**5.1 17/00468/AOP - Land Off Tring Road Wingrave Buckinghamshire
Outline application with access and layout to be considered and all other matters reserved for a development consisting of 48 dwelling houses, 12 dwelling apartments, 21 Extra Care apartments and a residential care home consisting of 100 bedrooms with ancillary facilities**

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Councillor Kennedy, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan working group prepared a report on why the council should object to the application. The key points being: the development was outside the village boundary and the area has the added protection of being categorised as an area of natural beauty. It was also concluded that the development was not sustainable from the perspective of transport links and ability to gain access to the village's amenities.

A question was raised by a parishioner over the possible issues with the Neighbourhood Plan boundary and whether it could be classed as a settlement but it was confirmed that for the above reasons this would not be the case.

A member of the Traffic Calming group also noted that the traffic data provided was averaged over 7 days rather than 5 which would have given more realistic data as to the movements of vehicles on this stretch of the Tring Road.

Councillor Lynch proposed that the council register an objection to this application, this motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Councillor Rickard joined the meeting.

5.2 17/00532/APP - 42 Nup End Lane Wingrave Buckinghamshire HP22 4PX Single storey rear extension and loft conversion with insertion of dormer windows.

This application was discussed and it was proposed that the council register no objection to this application. This was carried by unanimous vote.

6. Restoring Lost Paths Report

Reports were given by the volunteers of the group and it was requested that the council support the action to register two identified paths within the Parish with others requiring more investigation. The Council approved the action and the Clerk will support as necessary.

7. Traffic Calming

Councillor Lawrence gave her report on traffic calming which included information on the recent competition in conjunction with Wingrave CofE School and subsequent article which was to be published in the Bucks Herald. Councillor Lawrence advised that a Sentinel Speed Watch has been set for April, and a request for volunteers was voiced. It was also advised that discussions had been had with PCSO Frank Callaghan to enquire what the local law enforcement can do to assist. The full report is available as an appendix.

8. Proposal Fred Kirby

The Clerk gave an overview on the current status of the Fred Kirby bequest left to the Parish Council. It was advised that the original plan to establish a Trust had not been able to be completed and therefore a new plan had to be compiled as to how best deliver Mr Kirby's wishes.

It was noted by a parishioner that whilst the money had come from Mr Kirby, the money was equally from Mrs Kirby who was outlived by her husband. It was requested that going forward the fund be known on as the Kirby Fund to reflect Mrs Kirby's contribution. The council agreed to this amendment.

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The Clerk outlined the proposal that the spirit of the Trust should remain and that the money would be used to fund Wingrave Projects as set out in the wording of the Kirby Will. It was therefore proposed that the Council should provide a significant contribution to the Pavilion Improvement project given Mr Kirby's love of sports; that an upgrade of the village's street lighting should be financed as this benefits the village as a whole, but part of that money would be repaid to the fund by the council. It was suggested that a low interest board loan may be a better option, the Clerk would investigate and take the appropriate action.

The council would then open the fund for application from Wingrave residents, for Wingrave projects, for a set period of time with no maximum value specified.

The final stage will be to evaluate the remaining funds and establish a structure for grants from the fund which will ensure some longevity and to enable as many people as possible to benefit from the fund.

The council approved the proposal by unanimous vote.

9. Pavilion Improvement Project Update

Councillor Clements updated the Parish on the status of the project which included advising the drawing up of plans as well as the consultation with the main users of the facility. A more detailed report and proposal will be presented to the council at the next meeting.

10. Request for review of use of land at Recreation Ground by Rose & Crown

Councillor Dimmock was asked to leave for this item.

Councillor Lynch introduced the item and the Clerk advised of the current lease and rent between the two parties.

A parishioner had written to the council asking for a review to take place of the current agreement between the Parish Council and the current landlords of the Rose & Crown in relation to the strip of paved land used by the Rose & Crown. The council discussed the agreement and representation was made by Soo Dixon of the Rose & Crown.

It was proposed by Councillor Lynch that based on the comments from councillors that the current use is of more benefit to the Parish and that the agreement which has been in place since approximately the mid-1990s should remain unchanged. This proposal was approved by unanimous vote by all remaining councillors.

11. Finance

11.1. Payments since last meeting

All payments approved

11.2. Accounts reconciliation

Accounts reconciliation approved

11.3. Approval for contribution to Defibrillator- Community Centre

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This item was deferred until confirmation had been received from the WCA to its agreement.

12. Clerks Report

Clerks Report was discussed and its items noted.

Meeting Ended at 21.50

Appendix 1. Item 3 County Councillor Netta Glover Report

Buckinghamshire Freight Strategy:

We had a good attendance at the workshop a couple of weeks ago. I will forward a link to the full report to Ann-Marie but basically BCC is planning the best way to engage stakeholders in the development of the new Freight Strategy based on the results of this workshop. The work is considering who to consult, how, and when. It will then enable to build a clear picture of what the problems are, and shape a strategy which sets out how we can protect local communities from the impacts of freight while balancing the needs of our businesses.

Information about further consultation will be distributed via Parish Council clerks, County Councillors and Local Area Forums.

Funding boost for England's Economic Heartland as region starts shaping future transport priorities

Transport Minister Andrew Jones MP has announced £625,000 of government funding for England's Economic Heartland. As a word of explanation the economic heartland has developed a scale of economic success across our region. This success brings pressure on strategic infrastructure, not just transport but also digital and utilities. So is it good to know this success has been recognised by central government.

England's Economic Heartland Strategic Alliance brings together the nine Councils with transport responsibilities - Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Milton Keynes, Central Bedfordshire, Bedford Borough, Luton Borough, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough City, together with the three Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) - Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire Thames Valley, and South East Midlands.

The Strategic Transport Forum is a partnership established by the partners to provide leadership on strategic transport issues across England's Economic Heartland. It brings together:

Other partners - including Department for Transport, Highways England, Network Rail, bus operators, Oxfordshire Growth Board and the Civil Engineering Contractors Association

Appendix 2. Item 7 Councillor Mary Lawrence Report

TRAFFIC CALMING REPORT MARCH 2017

1. Road Safety Task Group Update

- I'm happy to report that I received an email from Hannah Gardner, a resident of Leighton Road who wants to volunteer, following reading the Group's last Communique article. She is keen to help enable a safer Leighton Road for the residents that live there with their families, who have grown increasingly concerned regarding increased traffic disregarding the speed limit along this road.
- The Group now has volunteers which live along the 3 main roads in Wingrave.
- The Group are planning a SENTINAL SPEED WATCH session in April after the Easter holidays. They will be needing as many helpers as possible for continued sessions during the loan period, along the 3 main roads.

- The Group wishes the PC to consider the Hamilton-Baillie approach to traffic calming and road environment design as a positive approach for Wingrave.
- The Group would like the lay-by in Leighton Road to be considered for a permanent speed camera position, as this location is used by the Police Speed Check Van.
- The Group wish to focus on the following positive message, "Making our village a better place to live and walk through by encouraging safe travel for both vehicular and pedestrian around our Parish." (Terms of Reference).
- The Group's next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th April 2017 at 7.30pm in the foyer of The Rose & Crown, which Roger very kindly let's the Group use.

3. Local Police

- After liaising with PC's Phillip Duthie and David Kutter at the last LAF meeting, I have been referred to PCSO 8104 Frank Callaghan stationed at Wing. We discussed the need for a Police presence regarding Traffic Calming and attending our Parish Council meetings when possible.
- PCSO Callaghan will look into the possibility of instigating another Speed Check Police Van along Leighton Road again, due to the marked increase in traffic flow and speeding.
- He cited a local example of traffic calming at Marsworth, Buckinghamshire, which works as the Police receive no traffic complaints. The village has 2 chicanes, one at each end of the village, and several speed bumps. Transport for Bucks supplied the funding a number of years ago, Dick Brake, Chairman of the Marsworth Parish Council informed me.
- PCSO Callaghan went on to say that Stoke Hammond missed their opportunity to have traffic calming installed from the By Pass funding. This was turned down as the parishioners didn't want to urbanise their village. Unfortunately, they are regretting this decision due to their increased traffic flow now.
- There are no statistical reports which shows the effectiveness of the Smiley Face or Slow Down units. However, the Police recognise that they make a valuable contribution to both educating and reminding drivers and vehicle occupants of the speed limit of a particular road they happen to be driving on.
- He will endeavour to come to our Parish Council meeting due on Tuesday 14th March 2017 and give a brief update. He is aware of our next Parish Council Open meeting due on Tuesday 11th April 2017.

4. Road Safety Drawing Competition Winners at Wingrave CE Combined School

* The first 3 winners are: Charlie, Kieran and Jude all in Yr 4. Deva and Nithy Thevatheepan, owners of the Wingrave Store & Post Office donated £10 for each winner. See attached photograph.

* The 4 runners up are: Freya Yr 3, Kristyna Yr 6, Owen Reception and Yasmin Yr 4. Tony White, Chris and Olwen Stovold members of the Road Safety Task Group donated £5 for each winner.

* The 8 commended entries are: Addison Yr 1, Anthony C Yr 4, Elise Yr 6, Gracie Yr 1, Madeline Yr 3, Ruby Yr 4, Samuel Yr 3 and Sorrel Yr 3. No cash prizes were given. All the children received a personal certificate. See attached photograph with all the children, Deva

Thevathepan, Road SafetyTaskGroup members Tony White, Jan Walmsley, Chris and Olwen Stovold, David Clements and myself.

5. Transport for Bucks

- Again like the Police, there are no statistical reports which shows the effectiveness of the Smiley Face or Slow Down units. However, the Bucks County Council hire out the Smiley Face units to interested Parish Councils for £100 a week for educational purposes.
- As you may all be aware, Bierton have their own Slow Down unit, which is moved around the village. The unit is currently situated on the A418 Aylesbury Road on the LHS opposite The Bell Pub. This unit is cheaper than the MVAS unit, as previously outlined, and more portable for use in other locations.
- The company supplying these units is Thermotor, a UK based company. (www.thermotor.co.uk).

6. LAF Website Information

- If you type in wingrave-with-rowsham.com, click the top option WWR Home Page, click Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Plan, click Traffic. This makes very interesting reading with photographic evidence regarding Road Safety in Wingrave with necessary solutions. Also press the right forward arrow at the top of the page to read about Vehicle Parking in Wingrave. They are all associated problems.

Appendix 3. Item 9 Councillor Dave Clements Report

SPORTS PAVILLION UPGRADE PROGRESS REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCIL 14TH MARCH 2017

The Parish Council and WRSSAL are committed to a major upgrade of the sports pavilion on the recreation ground. Following development work by the WRSSAL Sub-group a working party was set up by the Parish Council in the autumn of 2016 to move the project forward.

Several site meetings were held in December and January with the appointed architect, David Rowe, from which building plans and a schedule of work were produced. These included: -

- A complete refurbishment of the interior including the communal area;
- New shower and changing facilities;
- New kitchen;
- Upgrades to the heating and electrical systems;
- Replacement of roof;
- New and more secure doors and windows;
- New access to rear of building.

Consultation with the main users, i.e. football and croquet clubs took place in February and the plans were also reviewed against FA guidelines. The users suggested several changes, most of which were agreed, and will be incorporated in the final plans. The most important is the removal of the of the security grills at the front of the building in keeping with best practice elsewhere. It was also decided to introduce a disabled toilet.

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Chairman

Some suggestions either muted in the development phase or proposed by the users were considered but rejected. The key ones were; -

- (a) Extension to building to house heritage documents;
- (b) Construction of all-weather pathway from Church Street to pavilion;
- (c) Tea Room facility.

The cost of (a) and (b) was considered prohibitive and outweighed the value to the village. It was also felt inappropriate to put a path across a conservation area. As for (c) there is the capability to run a Tea Room at the new facility on an ad hoc basis. That said it must not compromise the primary use of the pavilion.

The Parish Council has now made a financial commitment to the project. Funding will come from three sources; -

- Fred Kirby donation;
- 106 monies;
- Possibly external grants.

A small delay to the production of the final plans has occurred this month due to the unavailability of the architect. That said plans should be ready for approval by the Parish Council on the 28th March.

The next steps will be to; -

- (a) Share plans with WRSSAL for information;
- (b) Seek planning permission from AVDC;
- (c) Seek tenders for contractors including some in village. It should be stressed here that as we are responsible for the public money we are legally obliged to follow a rigorous tender process. This cannot be short-circuited.
- (d) Ask WRSSAL to review the use of the pavilion by the Fitness Club and report back to the Parish Council.

A precise date for completion of the building work cannot be given at this stage. There remain several variable factors. The aim however is to have the new facility available by the start of the 2017/2018 football season.

David Clements