



# Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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Chairman: Councillor Mrs V Lynch  
Councillors: Councillor Mr M Bird, Councillor Mr D Clements, Councillor Mr A Coulson,  
Councillor Dr L Kennedy, Councillor Mrs M Lawrence and Councillor Mr N  
Rickard  
Apologies: No apologies for absence  
Clerk Mrs R Biley  
Attendance: Councillor Mr P Cooper and Councillor Mrs N Glover  
Parishioners 22

## 1. Apologies for absences

No apologies for absence.

## 2. Disclosure of interest on items in agenda

No items to disclose.

## 3. Comments from District Councillor, County Councillor and Police

The Clerk advised that Councillor Glover would be in attendance later in the evening. A record of her report is included within Item 3 and is included as an appendix.

Councillor Cooper gave his report which included notifying the Parish that the application for Tring Road (17/00468/AOP) had been refused under delegated authority. It was noted that the main reason for refusal was due to the Parish's made Neighbourhood Plan.

The AVDC Local Plan has been delayed again. The anticipated timescale for completion is now the end of this year (2017) and implementation April 2018. It is hoped that the number of required housing will be closer to 26K than 33k. Aylesbury as a Garden Town is looking at dates of 2033 and 2050 for completion and the Government's decision on Unitary Council has not been received to date.

A parishioner asked whether the cycle path plan had been shelved for the foreseeable future, Councillor Cooper advised that due to the creation of a new cycle path in Buckingham it has raised the matter again for him.

Councillor Glover delivered her report which included the requirements attached to the Waste King application which had been approved and confirmed that their routes would be closely monitored by their head office.

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Details were also given on LTN airport consultation and its implications and fly tippers who had been caught by police. The full report is available as an appendix.

#### **4. Sign off of minutes**

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Minutes approved and signed.

#### **5. Planning**

##### **5.1 17/02249/APP - 4 Mill Close Wingrave Buckinghamshire HP22 4QE Single storey side extension**

The application was discussed and the Council voted unanimously to register no objection.

#### **6. Road Safety Strategy Presentation (30 mins max)**

The Road Safety working group delivered its strategy which is included as an appendix. This included their Vision of pride and respect and their Mission which is to make the village safer. They confirmed their next actions would be to engage with the village, plan a special area which they would bring for approval at the next Parish Council meeting and to plan their first experiment.

Councillors discussed the proposal and its obstacles, namely Highways agreeing to any works but agreed that this was a sensible strategy to influence change where possible and to gather evidence in support and provide this to Highways.

Councillor Kennedy offered to speak to the developers to see if funding could be provided to purchase technology based deterrents, which was accepted by the working group.

Councillor Lynch confirmed it was a positive approach, looking at solutions rather than problems and asked the Council to vote on whether it supported the strategy. The Council voted unanimously in favour of support.

#### **7. Request for support for new netball court- Wingrave Park**

Councillor Lynch introduced the item and discussed a communication received by Chair of WWRSAL, John Nixon, which requested the Council's support for a new netball court at Wingrave Park as requirement had now surpassed the facilities provision. Councillor Lynch confirmed that it was important to support sporting activities in the village but noted that the Kirby bequest was to be used for all Wingrave projects not just sport. This project must be driven by WWRSAL and liaised with the Council, it must meet the long term needs of the clubs and that Pratts charity must be kept informed and permissions sought. It must also be noted that as this would be a Council asset, final say on the project must be given to the council.

John Nixon advised that it has become an immediate need and requires the Council to offer capital investment but that they would look to cover financial maintenance responsibilities themselves in the long term. Completion would be for next summer.

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Councillor Kennedy asked whether they were looking for 100% capital investment or just a significant amount. It was agreed that it would be a significant amount but not all of it. It should be noted that no amount was agreed at this time.

Councillor Cooper clarified that the funds held by the Council, called Sports Facilities Maintenance fund were not attributed to any specific club and were for the maintenance of all major sporting assets.

The Council advised that the working group must seek outside financial support in the form of grants etc to meet part of the costs and that provision must be made in the plans for car parking.

The Clerk asked for confirmation that the clubs supported the court as a priority over the pavilion project, which was confirmed to be the case.

The council voted on supporting the proposal, which was approved unanimously.

## **8. Pavilion Plan Approval**

David Neave, Chair of Pavilion Improvement working group gave an overview of the project which included that the project had been ongoing for the last 4 to 5 years and that they were ready to sign off the final plans which included the Council's requirement to include disabled access. It was confirmed that whilst the building was sound, the interior was in a state of disrepair. The cost of the refurbishment would be in the region of £100 to £120k and that the Pavilion building was owned by the council and therefore the Council's responsibility.

Mr Neave confirmed that the provision of netball facilities was important but a modest refurbishment would still be required which would include assessment of the roof due to harmful asbestos and cosmetic enhancements internally. It was asked what planning permissions may be needed to which it was noted that there would be no requirement for cosmetic changes but any roof work would.

Councillor Kennedy advised that the Recreation Ground was registered as a Fields in Trust (FiT) and was therefore subject to further requirements for permissions from FiT.

Councillor Clements proposed that the plans should still be approved as the project should only be delayed, as the Council remained committed to a Pavilion project as soon as finances allowed. The council voted to approve the plans presented but also agreed to a modest improvement should it be required. This was by unanimous vote.

## **9. Maintenance Quotes**

The Clerk gave details of the proposed works included in the quote which included the following:

- Cutting back of all trees and shrubs at the Green car park
- Elder removal at the Green / Church Street
- Elder removal at Dark Lane
- Elder obstructing street light at Mill Lane
- Removal of distorted tree at Twelve Leys Green

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The cost of this works, including removal is £680 +vat. This cost was approved by the council by unanimous vote.

## **10. Unitary Engagement Update**

Councillor Lawrence attended a meeting in May which confirmed Bucks CC's preference for a unitary council and provided some information on the proposal.

## **11. Parish Lighting Update**

Councillor Coulson advised the Council that the plan was in place for the Street lighting upgrade, works would begin in Rowsham as these were the most in need. The works would be completed by October and the contractor would notify UK Power Networks who would reduce our estimated power consumption tariff.

## **12. Finance**

### **12.1. Payments since last meeting**

All payments approved.

### **12.2. Accounts reconciliation**

Deferred until next meeting due to technical issues with reporting formulas.

## **13. Clerks Report**

The Clerk delivered her report which covered tree works which needed to be tendered out for, these were all approved. The Clerk also requested that the purchase of a third bench for the Green be considered to allow for replacement of the existing bench and the decommissioned unit and addition of one in memory of the Kirbys; this was approved by unanimous vote.

The Clerk advised that difficulties were still being experienced getting work completed by TfB but would continue to liaise with them.

**Meeting ended 21.50**

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### Item 3 Appendix- Councillor Netta Glover

#### Childrens Early Help

There are plans to consult with residents on a proposal for a new approach to Early Help Early Help services supporting children and families in Buckinghamshire, which will be launched later this week.

The idea is to provide services to support children and families in the early days when a problem begins so that families get the right support at the right time.

The sorts of problems a family might face and need help with range from parenting worries, behavioural issues with their children, money worries, relationship breakdowns and being out of work.

There has been a steady increase in the number of children and families needing support from Council services in the last few years. This, along with less money in the public purse, means that the Council needs to look at how to deliver services better to help children and families who need it the most.

Currently most early help services focus on a particular age group or a single issue. Feedback from children and families, as well as local and national research, has consistently shown that this is not the best approach to improving the lives of our children and families and building their resilience for the future.

The proposal for a new service focuses on taking a whole family approach, dealing with all the issues they are facing and working together to find solutions.

Changes proposed would involve bringing services together and a new focus on family workers who would be based in the community where families who most need this support live.

Supporting children and families better in this way will mean fewer families needing more intrusive and often unwelcome services in the future; in turn reducing the demand on more complex and costly children's services.

#### Luton Airport

Is consulting on changes to its flight paths. It is early days yet but I just wanted to let residents know that the consultation is taking place. From my reading of the options Whitchurch has nothing to worry about. If you want to delve deeper everything is on the website. <http://www.london-luton.co.uk/CMSPages/GetFile.aspx?guid=83b0b109-389a-4169-9619-2c448ced61e3>

**Quarrendon: Lost Village.** Is now open to the public thanks to strenuous efforts by the Trust and its volunteers. Something for people to explore over the summer holidays. I visited it on Sunday. The only remains are from the old church. Fascinating history on how it was developed in the middle ages by a yeoman farmer who became very wealthy on the back of the wool trade. He built a manor house and installed huge water features which are now dried out but the outlines are still visible. Good local history for children as well as a good opportunity for walks in open countryside. Access is off Martin Dalby Way link road between the Buckingham Park Roundabout and the A41. Do a google for more information.

**Grenfell Tower.** No BCC buildings are affected. BCC held a two minutes silence in sympathy with the victims.

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**Fly Tipping:** Another nasty piece of work fined £5,000 – even better one caught on concealed camera fined £10,000 plus a suspended prison sentence for dumping asbestos. Would have been cheaper to have paid the fee!

**Roofing Scams:** Nasty piece of work who scammed an elderly resident out of up to £35,000 to do unnecessary work have been sent to prison. Relatives reported the scam to Trading Standards who were waiting for them when they turned up. If you become aware of anyone you suspect of being scammed report it on [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk)

## Item 6 Appendix- Road Strategy

### Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council Road Safety Task Group – Strategy and Planning Sub-Group

The Road Safety Strategy Sub Group came together because we feel passionate about keeping the village a village and are tired of the increasing traffic and lorries thundering through the village at speed and the continuous setbacks to aid improvements.

We have heard of desires to have 20 MPH speed limits, speed humps, no humps, pedestrian crossings, chicanes, smiley face signs, roundabouts, red brick areas, licences for local lorries and other ideas and are unsure which, if any, will achieve a desirable solution.

The Sub-group is set up to put structure around what it is we want to achieve, how we can go about it and by when.

We want our planning to include the voices of all members of our community and hence have created the following initial statements to prompt discussion and gather consensus.

When you sit down and think about a village, you dream of idyllic setting, calm environment and sunshine. Where people are calm and have interest in their surroundings, they are no longer focused on just arriving at their destination and react differently, hopefully by driving more considerately and safely.

Far from rushing along to achieve deadlines, with the pressure of loads of controlling signs to read, we want people to realise where they are.

We cannot tell drivers how to behave and penalize those that do not match our expectations. We have to create an environment in which people, drivers in particular, recognise they are expected to react in the way we would like.

The words for the Vision we put forward are:

## THE VISION:

***Respect and pride in our villages within a calm and safe rural setting.***

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## THE MISSION:

*Having determined a clear vision for our group, the next step was our mission statement: what we were going to do and why:*

***To make Wingrave with Rowsham Parish a safer place for all.***

***To minimise the impact on our quality of life from speeding traffic and HGVs travelling through Wingrave.***

***To make our Parish a better place to live, and walk through***

## OUR OBJECTIVES:

*Now we need to get even more specific about what we would accomplish and set measurable and timed objectives That are realistic if challenging.*

1. Engage with the Village: Has to be what the majority want:  
By 11/07/2018 to gain support from more that 60% of village
2. Quality – traditional and historic rural setting  
By DD/MM/YY, to make a return to a more traditional and historic ‘road scape’ within the Parish and to enhance key places within the village such as Wingrave Village Green and pond area, school drop off points, entry points to Wingrave, Wingrave village shop. To engage drivers with the environment outside the car and make it more obvious they are within a rural populated area which the residents are proud of.
3. Safety – don’t wait for first serious injury  
Improve parishioners perception of being safe whilst walking/cycling through the Parish, though better visibility, awareness and thought.
4. Slow - lower average speed  
By DD/MM/YY, to achieve
  - i) an average speed of 30 mph or less through the village and
  - ii) an average speed of 20mph or less by the Schools, Shop and Dark lane.
5. Reduce - lorries to use the bigger roads  
By DD/MM/YY, to have less that X lorries passing through village in a day.
6. Forever - self-sustained calming  
By DD/MM/YY, to have a self-sustaining process of continuous improvement
  - i. Funding sources
  - ii. Methods to review and initiate improvements
  - iii. Support from the parishioners

## OUR STRATEGIES:

a. *Of course, the next question (them know we have started*

*Village, schools for ourselves and our stakeholders) is, "Your objectives look great - so how are you going to reach them?"*

1. Reach out to community to empower, engage and encourage participation. Let them know:
  - a. *who:*
    1. *As many as possible, especially those living directly on main roads*
    2. *Village, schools, clubs*
    3. *Parish Council*
    4. *LAF/Highways/Bucks*
    5. *Farmers and local businesses*
    6. *Community Police & emergency services*
    7. *Those raising concern about roads, paths, traffic through parish council, postie or facebook*
  - b. *How: via Materials, media (postie, communiqué, posters, leaflets) and visits at various times and places*
  - c. *To gain appreciation of their concerns and establish contact and feedback channels*
    - i. *Notice boards, community hall space, mail box*
    - ii. *Banners, posters and leaflets, stalls*
  - d. *To enlist support in the form of email support, ideas, participation in meetings and active involvement in calming events.*
  - e. *To identify resources and skills available to help e.g. printing/laminating, facebook and tweeters, presenting, PR, road planning, fund raisers etc*
  - f. *To re-validate the previous e-surveys, opinions, expressed concerns*
  - g. *To go back to ratify options, approaches, implementations as they are planned.*
2. Characterise places through Wingrave to select appropriate and perhaps differing approaches:
  - a. *The first entrance to Wingrave*
    - i. *From A41*
    - ii. *Tring Road*
    - iii. *Winslow Road*
  - b. *Around key areas such as*
    - i. *Dark lane*
    - ii. *Village square/memorial*
    - iii. *Duck pond*
    - iv. *Shop*
    - v. *School entrance*
3. Collect, compile and consolidate evidentiary data into information, messages and presentation.
  - a. *Pictures of behaviours and places*

- b. *Traffic patterns, directions, speeds and quantities*
    - i. *Statistical evidence that helps us to get buy into the mission statement. eg amount of vehicles through the village, the average speed through the village, will of the people.*
  - c. *Companies using the roads (sign written vans trucks, HGV)*
4. *Conduct Research to explore available options and approaches.*
- a. *Existing signage and road furniture that works or hinders*
  - b. *What works well elsewhere*
  - c. *Practical options and ideas*
  - d. *Options from the traffic feasibility study of May 2016*
  - e. *What do Highways and AVDC think about roads*
  - f. *Alternative solutions e.g. Hamilton Baillie*
  - g. *Assess actual examples – successes/impact*
  - h. *How do companies route vans/lorries and which SATNAV services are used.*
  - i. *What's happening with developers around parish*
5. *Test planned options/approach through experimentation - 'try before buy'*
- a. *Create a 'space' through volunteer work*
  - b. *Create awareness*
  - c. *Use of cones, parked cars, plant pots to represent traffic calming features (after parish approvals, publishing intent and consultation with community police)*
  - d. *Compare traffic before and after over significant period e.g. 3 weeks)*
6. *Define actions, estimate impacts, timescales, look for funding and come up with a long-term plan with progress steps and milestones.*
- a. *Multiple components aimed at different funding sources*
  - b. *What parishioners can do themselves*
  - c. *What can be done with PC's limited funds*
  - d. *What needs political support to gain Highways agreement*
  - e. *What needs political lobbying*
  - f. *Any other areas of support such as National Lottery*
7. *Implementation and progress*
- a. *Small steps even though we have a long way to go!*
  - b. *Options (those we can do ourselves)*
    - i. *'making spaces'*
    - ii. *Voluntary 20mph notice, behaviour*
    - iii. *Community speed watch demonstration (publicised date/time for people to come and support)*
    - iv. *Strategic car parking*
  - c. *Those that need the Parish Council to pay for*
  - d. *Those that need funds raised by:*
    - i. *Events*
    - ii. *Applications to highways/LAF/....*

- iii. Kirby money for parish green and roadside furniture
- iv. Partitions
- v. Sponsorships
- vi. Crowdfunding
- vii. Phased over years

**OUR ACTIONS:**

Obviously we cannot do everything at once and the time needed will depend on the quantity of volunteers making time and focusing on the tasks in hand;

What	Who	When	Dependencies
<b>Complete this document</b>			
<b>Make presentation to Parish Council</b>			
<b>1. Seek out volunteers</b>			
<b>2. Plan the first 'Space'</b>			
<b>3. Evaluate feasibility of mobile traffic calmer</b>			
<b>4 Plan the next 4 actions</b>			
<b>Present back to the PC</b>			

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Chairman