



Minutes of Parish Council Open Meeting

Held on Tuesday 11th April 2017

Chairman: Councillor Mrs V Lynch
Councillors: Councillor Mr M Bird, Councillor Mr A Coulson, Councillor Mr R Dimmock,
Councillor Dr L Kennedy,
Apologies: Councillor Mr D Clements, Councillor Mrs M Lawrence and Councillor Mr N
Rickard
Clerk Mrs R Biley
Attendance: PCSO F Callaghan, District Councillor Mr P Cooper and County Councillor
Mrs N Glover
Parishioners 4

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were given and accepted from Councillors Clements, Lawrence and Rickard.

2. Report from Thames Valley Police, District and County Councillors

- i. Councillor Glover delivered Bucks County Council's annual report which included updates on the Council's three strategic aims: Safeguarding the vulnerable, Creating opportunities and building self-reliance and keeping Buckinghamshire thriving and attractive.

The full report is available as an appendix (2.1)

- ii. Councillor Cooper gave AVDC's annual report this focused on the continued decrease in central government funding which has forced the District to take on a greater commercial based approach to how it operates. Examples of this include the District striving to go paperless and the broadening of employees' remits within their job roles. Councillor Cooper noted that for those who are not IT literate and may struggle with the digital route AVDC is taking, they are able to contact the main switchboard and will be able to deal with a trained member of staff.

The development of Waterside North was underway and would consist of shops, restaurants and accommodation.

HS2 routes had now been agreed and the A418 has been selected, this will cause a considerable impact and will likely result in an increase of up to 1,000 additional traffic movements.

AVDC's local plan has been delayed by approximately 3 months and is now looking for completion by the beginning of next year.

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Councillor Coulson asked if the Neighbourhood Plan would affect any past applications, Councillor Cooper advised that if permissions had been granted these would not be reversed.

A parishioner asked what the impact of Aylesbury becoming a Garden Town would be, Councillor Cooper stated that the only impact would be some additional funding and the amount of green space in the District.

A parishioner asked if traffic movements due to the HS2 updates would be subject to restrictions such as those imposed on Arla, Councillor Cooper suggested that it would be similar but most likely would only relate to the routes vehicles are permitted to take.

- iii. PCSO Callaghan gave a report on crime within the Parish, full details of which are available as an appendix (2.2). It was noted that £500,000 in power tools have been recovered which a very positive outcome.

Parishioner asked for more presence within the Parish, PCSO Callaghan agreed to be here as much as possible but his area is quite large.

Councillor Coulson asked what can be done for issues such as parking at school times and speeding cars. PCSO Callaghan stated that these areas are not a priority for Thames Valley but that he would speak to persistent offenders if registration details were provided.

3. Annual Report from the Parish Council

Councillor Lynch introduced the Parish reports portion.

- i. Councillor Coulson, Treasurer, reported that the Parish finances last year saw some unexpected expenditure but overall have come in within budget. The council's main objective when setting the new budget was to ensure no increase this financial year which we were able to achieve.
- ii. Councillor Kennedy reported on the Neighbourhood Plan and the current status of the proposed developments within the Parish. A full report is available as an appendix (3.1).

A parishioner asked if any contact has been had with the developers of Abbots Way / Bell Corner. Councillor Kennedy advised that no contact had been made since before the submission and subsequent approval of outline planning permissions.

A parishioner asked what the effect of the developments would have on Wingrave C of E School would be. They were advised that the school is currently running 6 / 7% under roll.

- iii. Councillor Lynch delivered a report on Traffic Calming which is available as an appendix (3.2) in particular that the working group now has members from all major roads within the Parish and the completion of a project in conjunction with Wingrave School.

- iv. Councillor Lynch reported that many parishioners had been dissatisfied with the level of grass cutting provided by BCC and this had prompted the Council's agreement to take on Devolution. Councillor Coulson commended the services provided by the contractor appointed and that considerable positive feedback had been received from parishioners.

Councillor Lynch gave thanks to those who had taken the time to voice their objections for the proposed developments of both Tring Road and Lower End and at last count 84 and 64 objections had been logged, respectively.

Councillor Lynch also noted that the Council had agreed the plan to upgrade street lighting within the Parish, so this would be a project that will be taking place in the current financial year.

Thanks was given by Councillor Lynch to the Council members for its continued contribution and to the parishioners for their input and concern for the community.

- v. The Clerk gave her report which included updates of works completed and to be completed by Transport for Bucks (TfB), the success of devolution and the completion of the styles to gates project.

Meeting ended at 21.15

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Appendix 2.1 Report from Bucks County Council- N Glover

Buckinghamshire County Council report 2016/17

In the past 12 months we have been working on a range of priorities and projects with our partners, investing resources and commitment into achieving our vision for Buckinghamshire which is set out in our three strategic aims:

- Safeguarding Our Vulnerable
- Creating Opportunities and Building Self Reliance
- Keeping Buckinghamshire Thriving and Attractive

Here is an overview of some of this work:

- We are helping more older and vulnerable people stay independent for longer via our ground-breaking Prevention Matters programme. Council grants have enabled local communities to develop a range of new services and initiatives including a community bus for disabled residents in Haddenham and a new scheme to support elderly carers in Aylesbury.
- Latest figures show that schools in Buckinghamshire are amongst some of the best in the country with 93% being classed by Ofsted as either good or outstanding. There are also many reasons to be positive about our children's services. In a recent visit Ofsted recognised the progress which has been made. They acknowledged that social work practice has improved and social workers often see children more frequently than required by national guidance. Inspectors found there has been "significant" improvement in the timeliness and quality of health assessments for looked after children and that there is evidence of proactive work to tackle the evil of child sexual exploitation.
- We continue to invest our resources into protecting vulnerable children. £39m was invested in 2013/14 and this rose to nearly £60m last year. This has enabled us to invest in our workforce and IT systems to ensure we have the right skills and capacity available to protect those most in need. We have more than doubled the size of our First Response team so referrals are dealt with even more swiftly and effectively.
- Our Families First project is a great example of partnership working and was recently praised by the Department for Communities and Local Government. Since 2012 we have helped over 3,000 family's access the right services at the right time, helping them to build resilience so they are able to deal with problems that arise and know where to go.
- In the past year we have helped many individual communities around the county to pursue initiatives and projects of their own via funding from our Local Area Forums. Residents in Buckingham were given the chance to vote on how a pot of over £9,000 was spent in their local community in our first ever ballot – Buckingham Decides. Other areas have benefitted in different ways from providing important medical cards

to all households in Winslow to new sports and fitness equipment for local clubs in Waddesdon.

- Communities across Buckinghamshire have been benefitting from our Active Bucks programme, taking part in physical activities that they have chosen to suit the needs of their local population. At the end of December, over 1,800 Bucks residents had taken part in an activity – with around 80% of them previously having not done enough exercise. The activities range from the traditional like yoga and jogging to LARPing – Live Action Role Play, Quidditch, photography walks and dog agility courses.
- There are numerous examples of other initiatives happening across the county to benefit local communities. Our Chesham wellbeing project is a really community-focussed scheme which brings together different organisations to provide extra support to those residents who need it and in Southcourt - one of our most deprived estates - our youth workers have reduced the scourge of anti-social behaviour by more than 50%.
- As most residents will know we have been working hard for several years in opposition to HS2. In recent months our focus has been on securing adequate mitigation measures for our communities and countryside that will be affected by the development. We have been successful in achieving a package of measures for Great Missenden which will bring road improvements and improved safety.
- This year we've worked hard on protecting our residents from the elements. Residents in Great Horwood, Princes Risborough, Marlow, Seer Green and Wooburn Moor (among many others) can now sleep a little easier thanks to the new drainage we've installed to prevent flooding and more communities including Burnham, Gerrards Cross and Cuddington are set to benefit during 2017.
- We continue to seek ways to streamline our services and save money using innovative means. By joining forces with Surrey County Council to provide a joint Buckinghamshire and Surrey Trading Standards Service, residents and businesses have benefitted from our pooled resources and expertise. In addition to saving money, last year the team received national acclaim for its work in the form of two awards in the Improvement and Efficiency Social Enterprise Awards 2016. We are also in the process of merging our HR services with the London Borough of Harrow which will give us opportunities to share knowledge, generate new business and find more efficient ways of working. The agreement has already saved Bucks £80,000 in management costs. It will save a further £315,000 in 2017, with a cumulative saving of around £600,000 after the third year. It will also enable us to sell HR services to other local authorities, bringing in extra income to the council.

- Our Energy from Waste plant at Greatmoor was officially opened in October by His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester. The innovative facility is revolutionising the way we deal with waste by turning all unrecyclable waste into electricity rather than dumping it into landfill. It will treat up to 300,000 tonnes of waste each year and will generate 22 megawatts of electricity – powering up to 36,000 homes – that’s Aylesbury and Buckingham combined.
The scheme is forecast to save £150m over the next 30 years by reducing the amount we pay in landfill charges and the income raised from the energy that is produced.
- In the past 12 months we have continued to invest in improving our roads. Last year we spent more than £16m in our ongoing programme of repairs and improvements, bringing the total spent since 2011 to more than £110m. This year a further £15.9m will be spent on surfacing and improvement work on over 50 miles of roads and pavements across the county. In the last financial year we fixed around 17,000 dangerous potholes, identified by our highway inspectors and the public. In addition we have continued to fix street lights, gritted roads and we clear around 150 gullies every day.
- Our zero tolerance approach has reduced fly-tipping in the county by 90%. During 2016 we have continued to build on our success in previous years of catching more criminals in the act and bringing them to justice. The culprits caught last year were ordered to pay a total of £133,000 in fines and costs, beating the previous best of £85,000 set in 2012. That’s an average of over £2,500 per week. During 2016 we’ve invested in more portable hidden cameras which can be moved from layby to layby – fly-tippers will never know when and where we’ll be watching.

This year the County Council has made £71 million from its commercial activities.

Appendix 2.2 Crime Figures- PCSO Callaghan

2016

Apr Burglary- Dwelling- Attempted
23-Jun Nuisance Calls
04-Aug Burglary- Non Dwelling
06-Sep burglary- Dwelling
05-Sep Assault
21-Sep Theft
02-Sep Attempted Theft- From Vehicle
01-Oct Criminal Damage- Vehicle
24-Oct Assault
15-Nov Nuisance Calls
18-Nov Assault
22-Nov Criminal Damage- Vehicle
27-Nov Burglary- Non Dwelling
28-Dec Nuisance Calls

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05-Jan Criminal Damage- Vehicle
08-Jan Theft
08-Feb Burglary- Non Dwelling
18-Feb Burglary- Dwelling
20-Feb Theft- From Vehicle
24-Feb Theft- From Vehicle
24-Feb Theft- From Vehicle
24-Feb Burglary- Non Dwelling
24-Feb Theft- From Vehicle
24-Feb Criminal Damage- Vehicle
25-Feb Burglary- Non Dwelling
10-Mar Theft- Courier packages
Mar Burglary- Dwelling

Appendix 3.1 Council Report- Councillor Kennedy

Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Report April 2017

Background

The Parish Council commenced the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan in late 2012 when it was realised that the 2011 AVDC Vale of Aylesbury Plan would not necessarily protect the Parish or reflect the wishes of Parishioners as expressed in the consultations for the Parish Community Plan of 2011. Further the Governments “National Planning Policy Framework” (NPPF) which has a presumption of Planning Approval being granted if a proposed development can demonstrate “sustainability” had significant risk for Wingrave. Much land around Wingrave could be used for “sustainable” development. The authorising body AVDC gave approval for the Parish Council to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan on the 14th December 2012. The Neighbourhood Plan if successful would become AVDC Planning Policy for Wingrave with Rowsham for the period 2013 to 2033. The Parish Council formed a Working Group of volunteers to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan. This involved attendance at training events on Neighbourhood Plans, Planning legislation and practice, meetings with AVDC Planners, many Neighbourhood Plan meetings and consultations in the Parish. The Working Group raised Grant funding to retain a professional Planning Consultant. The Parish Council retained the services of RCOH Ltd and their advice was very helpful in the preparation of the submitted plan. Twice in its preparation the Plan was subject to independent review to ensure it had been prepared correctly.

To be successful the Parish Neighbourhood Plan must be compliant with the local District Plan. In 2014 AVDC withdrew their draft Plan as the Government inspector advised that it would fail, as it did not take properly into account the unmet housing needs of adjacent districts. As a consequence, the Parish Council was advised that if the Neighbourhood Plan were to succeed it should plan for 100 new dwellings in the Parish. This was an increase from the previous advice to plan for 40 to 50 new dwellings. AVDC published their new Draft Local Plan in the summer of 2016. This Plan required Wingrave to have 134 new dwellings. The Parish Council had objected to an Outline Planning Application for 30 dwellings to the rear of Abbots Way, which AVDC approved in 2015 this, plus six other approved Planning Applications granted since 2013 together with those proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan exceed the required total number of dwellings required to be compliant with the AVDC plan. In July 2016 the Plan was submitted for approval by a Government appointed inspector and passed for final consultation under the auspices of AVDC. After this consultation it was passed to proceed to a Parish referendum. On 30th September 2016 it was agreed to ‘make’ the Wingrave with Rowsham Neighbourhood Plan, following a referendum where more than half of those voting voted in favour of the Plan. The Wingrave with Rowsham Neighbourhood Plan is now part of AVDC’s Development Plan. This is reinforced by guidance issued by The Department for Communities and Local Government in December 2016, District Councils cannot approve Planning Applications that are not compliant with “made” Neighbourhood Plans.

Current Position

Baldways Site

An Outline Planning Application for this site for 40 dwellings prepared by Corylus Ltd has been approved by AVDC. The site is currently up for sale and Corylus report that there is a preferred bidder for its purchase. On purchase the new owner will have to prepare a detailed Planning Application for the site. It will be in the interests of the purchaser to work with the Parish Council to ensure that the development meets the objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan.

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South side of Leighton Road Site

The Neighbourhood Plan designates this site for the construction of “approximately” 30 dwellings. The developer Rectory Homes of Haddenham has engaged with the Parish Council Working Group of residents, prior to submitting a Planning Application to AVDC. This engagement has been constructive and the currently proposed development is an improvement on their initial concepts. There are still some issues and contentions that need to be resolved. Rectory Homes are proposing a development of 29 dwellings.

Twelve Leys Site

The Neighbourhood Plan designates this site for the construction of “approximately” 30 dwellings. The developer Cala Homes submitted a Planning Application to AVDC for 35 dwellings. Parish Council Working Group of residents reviewed the Application and found a number of inconsistencies with the Neighbourhood Plan, 35 dwellings are not approximately 30, and there are issues of visual impact. Plus there are matters to do with the sewerage and drainage which need improvement and some layout and future responsibilities for maintenance that need to be detailed. As a result the Parish Council objected to the Application and AVDC have told Cala Homes that they need to prepare a revised plan. Subsequently the Parish Council Working Group has requested that Cala Homes meet to discuss their revisions and have yet to have a response.

Other Planning Applications and Development Proposals

The Parish Council has had three approaches for developments that are not compliant with the Neighbourhood. One for a development off Winslow Road at the back of the Allotments and linking into Abbots Way has not been proceeded with. The Parish Council has objected to the large development off Tring Road for 100 dwellings and for the smaller development between Lower End and Moat Lane. All three sites are outside the Neighbourhood Plan designated Wingrave Settlement Boundary and are contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan policy of developments that affect the rural setting of Wingrave.

Appendix 3.2 Council Report- Traffic Calming

Activities achieved 2016/2017:

Membership:

- The Task Group has reconvened, is now chaired by Cllr Mary Lawrence and holds bi-monthly meetings as a minimum
- Membership now includes residents from all three major routes through Wingrave and Rowsham

Education and Community engagement:

- A Road Safety competition was organised in partnership with Wingrave C of E Primary School with all entries being highly commended. Three posters will be created to display on the three main routes into Wingrave, with other entries being displayed periodically e.g. Parish Notice Boards, Communique cover
- A representative young person (Youth Concern) has fed back the views of young people who expressed concern over road safety issues and delivered a presentation to the Task Group
- Regular road safety articles are provided for the Communique

Liaison with Local Authorities (LA)/Transport for Bucks (TfB):

- TfB produced a report assessing traffic calming options for Wingrave, however, the majority of these would not be eligible for funding and are too expensive for the Parish to consider
- However, the Local Area Forum (LAF) has agreed part funding towards road markings at the pond junction to improve road safety and for a Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) solely for the use of the Parish – negotiation is still ongoing and requires PC approval
- Cllr Lawrence has also liaised with local PCSOs

Data and Traffic/speed monitoring:

- The MVAS (i.e. the flashing 30mph signs) continues to be deployed around the five approved sites in Wingrave
- Traffic continues to be recorded travelling at up to 75mph (and even up to 45mph past the shop), with highest levels of vehicle numbers travelling along Winslow Road although there has been a 20% increase in traffic entering Wingrave via Tring Road/Dark Lane equalling the density of traffic on Leighton Road
- Many residents have expressed concern over the increase in HGV traffic through Wingrave, and in particular, entering via Tring Road
- It is planned to undertake speed watch sessions using Sentinel video equipment during 2017

Key issues:

- **Many residents express concern over road safety issues within the Parish, however, the Group has a very limited number of members and repeated pleas for further volunteers have not been successful. Activities such as Speed Watch, which can act as a deterrent to speeding, educate drivers and residents, and provide information and evidence on the speeding issue to the Authorities e.g. the Police. Without support, these activities cannot take place.**
- **The Group supports the Hamilton-Baillie approach to traffic calming and road environment design as a positive option for Wingrave enhancing its rural and village character**

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