



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 6 February 2018

Chairman: Councillor Mrs V Lynch
Councillors: Councillor Mr M Bird, Councillor Mr D Clements, Councillor Dr L Kennedy,
Councillor Mrs M Lawrence and Councillor Mr N Rickard
Apologies: Councillor Coulson
Clerk Mrs R Biley
Attendance: District Councillor Mr P Cooper and County Councillor Mrs N Glover
Parishioners 13

1. Apologies for absences

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Coulson

2. Disclosure of interest on items in agenda

There were no items to disclose.

3. Comments from District Councillor, County Councillor and Police

Councillor Glover gave her County report to the Council which included confirmation that Bucks is unaffected with China's decision to stop taking plastic waste as it holds a contract within the UK. It was confirmed that despite heavy rainfall the reservoirs remain dry and that Bucks County Council had received an inadequate rating from Ofsted for its services, it was however committed to improving those services. The full report is available as an appendix.

Councillor Cooper advised that Councillor Glover and he would be meeting the Headteacher at Wingrave C of E School to develop their relationship. It was also advised that the Twelve Leys application was still under discussion due to the lack of evidence to prove the existing sewage system was able to accommodate the proposed additional Homes. The land off Leighton Road application had stalled due to an error with a map line supplied by AVDC and that it was awaiting a legal ruling. The land off Baldways application was moving forward with a few issues to agree but it looked promising.

4. Sign off of minutes

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The minutes were approved and signed as a true representation of the Parish Council Meeting on 16th January 2018.

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5. Planning

- 17/04559/ALB1 - Mount Tabor House Leighton Road Wingrave Buckinghamshire
HP22 4EW
Restoration of front door. Reglazing of windows.

Councillor Lynch introduced the application and representation was made by the applicant who confirmed that they were restoring the windows to their original style.

Councillors confirmed by unanimous vote to register no objections to this application.

Councillor Cooper requested that applicant pass on to neighbours that if the emergency services were called to the site that gates were opened to allow access.

- 16/04085/APP - Land Off Twelve Leys Wingrave Buckinghamshire
Development of 35 residential dwellings with associated access, parking, and landscaping

The council discussed the application and confirmed that whilst it was happy with the development itself, it was not content that Thames Water had reasonably proved that the sewage system could cope with the additional homes. This was evidenced by the issues already experienced by residents of both Nup End and Twelve Leys. The Council confirmed that it had written to Thames Water and Cala Homes and supplied them with the survey of current issues but as yet, had received no response other than to confirm receipt. It was proposed that the Council had no recourse other than to object until this issue was resolved satisfactorily, at which point the Council would retract its objection. Please note that the notice issued by AVDC stated the incorrect amount of houses, it was raised with AVDC and clarified that the correct number of the application was indeed 31 (as stated within the documents).

This was approved by unanimous vote.

6. Neighbourhood Plan Review

This item was deferred until the next meeting as no information was available.

7. Road Safety Update

- Approval of Bus Shelter purchase

Mike Greaves of the Road Safety Group delivered an update on its activities. A formal request for planning permission was also submitted for the bus shelter at the Green. This was approved by unanimous vote.

Details were given of the village sign options currently being investigated and the results of the SID trial. The Council were asked for money to be allocated from the Road Safety fund for its purchase. This was approved by unanimous vote.

8. Finance

8.1. Payments since last meeting

All payments were approved by the Council.

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9. Clerks Report

The Clerk gave her report which included updates on the Post Box at Church Street / the Green and the cycling time trial that will be coming through Wingrave in April.

Terry Bracey- Wright, Chair of WWRSASC, contacted the Clerk to gauge interest on installing water fountains and electric car points at the Park. The Council confirmed that both ideas had merit but that the fountain installation should form part of the wider plan to upgrade the heating system and that electric charging points would need to be looked at after the Councils current projects at the Park had been completed.

The Clerk presented the received quote from UK Power Networks to replace the light column at the junction of Mill Lane / Dark Lane. The Council approved this spend £396 plus the required works to be completed by the Council's Technician in preparation for the UKPN works.

The Clerk confirmed that AVDC were not currently installing any new dog waste bins until a full audit of the service was complete. The Clerk were unable to give timescales on this, however the council opted to wait until further information was available from them.

Meeting ended 20.45

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Appendix 1- County Councillor Glover Report

Early Help: Was discussed at cabinet and also at the Budget Select Committee on 10th January. It is worth watching the webcast. The new strategy focuses on intervening early to improve the life outcomes of young people rather than reactively waiting until problems are being experienced. It should also enable us to reach a far higher percentage of those in genuine need and importantly they will have to tell their story just once – at the moment families can be involved with several people.

There has been extensive consultation on the proposed changes which has shown 50% support. A lot of concerns are about closing Children’s Centres. No decision has been taken yet – what was agreed is the work to be done on Early Help. A decision on the future of the centres will be taken later this year.

The matter was challenged by some members so a special committee met late last week. Where the decision was discussed for over two hours, mostly around the process the Council took when consulting people on their early help plans. This means the plans will now go ahead, but with some recommendations to change things slightly. Link to the call in session: <https://buckscc.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

Plastic Waste: You will have seen the reports that China is no longer accepting plastic waste. Fortunately Buckinghamshire’s waste is dealt with by a British firm to do the same thing as the Chinese did. The cost is protected by our contract with them but there will almost certainly be a glut on the market so watch this space.

Number Plate Theft

There has been an increase in these thefts which are used on other cars. Police recommend that we use anti-theft screws . These can be bought from places like B&Q or from Thames Valley Police.

Gigaclear to acquire Aylesbury Vale Broadband’s Network

Aylesbury Vale Broadband Ltd (AVB) announced that it has agreed to sell the assets of its business to Gigaclear, the leading provider of full fibre broadband in rural locations. The acquisition will enable Gigaclear to serve the seven villages connected through AVB, as well as expand the ultrafast fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) network further across Aylesbury Vale.

The intention is to make this process as seamless as possible for existing customers, as well as expand our offering so more of the local community can connect to our network quickly and experience the very best broadband technology.

Gigaclear has purchased the assets of the business, rather than the AVB company itself, which means that existing customers will be invited to migrate onto the Gigaclear network

Water Supply

The water companies are telling us that despite the recent rain there has not been enough to reach the acquifiers.

To keep up to date with the latest water resource position, please visit www.affinitywater.co.uk/resources

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Link to Salt Bins information:

<https://t.co/o1fOkcc1pC>

Ofsted Judgment

Cabinet member for Children's Services, Warren Whyte said: "Today OFSTED published its re-inspection report on the arrangements for children's services in Buckinghamshire where the overall findings remain 'inadequate'.

I am extremely disappointed and concerned with the outcome, and the council fully accepts the findings of the report.

It is clear that some of our services are still not good enough yet and the pace of improvement in some key areas has been too slow. It is our collective responsibility to make sure that we put this right.

It is important that we do not lose sight of the strengths inspectors highlight and the improvements we have already delivered, and our continued commitment to improve. For example, our adoption services in Buckinghamshire which are judged to be Good. In addition they recognised our efforts to recruit social workers and improvements in our multi-agency safeguarding hub.

Above all else, my message to the children and families we support is that we remain resolute and determined to improve.

We are very fortunate in Buckinghamshire to have a committed workforce who understand what we need to do to improve our services and one of our immediate priorities is to guide and support them to improve the services that we offer.

Appendix 2- Road Safety Reports



Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council Road Safety Task Group

Update 6th February 2018

First update for 2018.

Action 1 – To engage the village and seek volunteers

There has been an increase in traffic issues on the Postie and discussed in the Village concerning the width darkness and concealed entrances on Dark Lane, Damage to parked cars in Leighton Road and the affects of road works on traffic volumes.

We have followed up with the interested parties and so far we have one extra volunteer to help with research and planning. Progress with activities continue to be hampered by lack of willing volunteers and we will be continue to look at ways of increasing awareness and obtaining help.

Action 2 – Special Place ‘Village Green’

a) Bus Shelter - With the budget allocated we are in final stages of discussion with supplier on the installation of the bus shelter. The outstanding actions

- i) Planning consent- PC 6th Feb
- ii) BT Phone Box removal
- iii) UK Power’s permission to work under power cables and maps of cables in the area.
- iv) Further underground searches if supplier requires them
- v) Consultation with locals regarding the position.
- vi) Site survey by the supplier.
- vii) Action the manufacture and plan the installation

b) Wingrave Village Sign – Planning work has commenced on setting the scope for the design and materials to be used. Looking into the solid carved sign (Similar to Cublington), high post painted designs (e.g. Wing) and high post wrought iron (Bourton).

Next steps:

- i) Complete selection of material, size, position and scope for design
- ii) Commence design consultation with Village

Action 3 – Feasibility for the 1st Traffic experiment.

Last month, we trialed a mobile SID on Winslow Road for 1 week. We received positive feedback, with vehicles noticeable slowing down. Attached is the report on the trial and details of the device.

This mobile device cost £3,700 where as those sponsored by the police for static (solar powered) use in Hertfordshire are £4,500.

The traffic group strongly believe this type of device would, if regularly moved would be beneficial to the village to remind motorists of their speed and increase awareness that 30 is the maximum

Next steps:

- i) PC to advise budget can be allocated and Traffic Group should proceed.
- ii) Evaluate the functionality and operability of the different supplier's devices to enable a selection.
- iii) Obtain three quotes from competitive companies
- iv) Decide on locations and usage rotation
- v) Present recommendation to The Parish Clerk to purchase the device

Report on the "in Parish" Trial of the Traffic Technology Speed Indication Device (SID).

Summary

A trial of the SID, also known as the "smiley face", was undertaken for a few days to assess the effectiveness and general suitability of the equipment in educating vehicle drivers on speed and safety in the village. From personal observation, comments from parishioners and from the report produced by Traffic Technology the SID was shown to have a positive effect.

Background

From our participation in the Local Area Forum (LAF) Road Safety sub group an invitation from the manufacturer was quickly accepted to take part in the initiative 'SID's on tour'. The manufacturers are Traffic Technology Ltd based in Buckingham and have been involved in traffic monitoring systems for many years. A new, or very nearly new, unit was sent to the author and consisted of the detection unit, display board (Your Speed) power cell and bracket system which allows fitment to street furniture from 60mm up to 170mm i.e. standard speed limit sign posts up to telegraph pole diameter. In common with any speed limit signs the SID needs to be mounted clear of head height (2.1m) and at least 0.6m from the carriageway. The SID also needs to be positioned where there is a clear line of sight for approx. 100m (no bends or permanent obstructions).

Process

Due to the short loan period of this unit the SID was initially mounted facing incoming traffic on a telegraph pole outside 58 Winslow Road. Although the unit is padlocked within the bracket system it was considered necessary to keep the unit under close view for security and traffic observation. The unit weighs 21Kg so it was necessary for at least 2 persons to install the unit. Initial observations were that the approaching traffic were reducing their speed even if travelling below 30mph. The unit displays dynamic speed (so it is easy to view the reduction in approaching speed) and shows a smiley or grimacing face dependant on speed. This is considered a less confrontational display as opposed to the MVAS SLOW DOWN! message. As the telegraph pole utilised belongs to BT it was considered necessary to move to a more suitable location. A search was carried out around the entire village and there were NO other suitable permanent pole/street furniture available. There are a few poles/posts with existing signs but mostly they do not fit the line of sight criteria and personal observation could not be carried out. Further, it would have required the removal of existing signs temporarily which could not be managed within the short loan term. Luckily, the MVAS was mounted in the village so the decision was taken to take the MVAS down and use the folding post to mount the SID facing outward bound traffic at the Twelve Leys junction.

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Traffic Technology Ltd have extracted the data from the unit and generated the attached report. The first page is an overview – it shows the length of the monitoring period, the vehicle total counts over the entire period as well as a breakdown of time increments. It also shows the average speeds, the fastest speed through the unit and how many were exceeding. It can be seen that the average vehicle ‘in’ speed (i.e. speed on entering the range of the SID) is 27mph and the vehicle ‘out’ speed (i.e. speed on leaving the range of the SID) is 26mph, meaning a 4% reduction in speed! The rest of the pages break down this data; page 2 is a time/volume graph, page 3 shows the minimum, average and max speeds in comparison to the speed limit and page 4 is a speed histogram. It is noted that one vehicle was sensed at 50 -60 mph and another was sensed at 80 – 90 mph in the area adjacent to the school.

From the observations it was seen on a number of occasions traffic was picked up from Twelve Leys coming off the bend at Bell Corner in some cases at 40mph and slowed to below 30mph. Generally observations were of vehicles travelling at around 30mph and slowing to gain a smiley face.

From research TfB have amended their specifications *“MVAS signs will now be able to include the speed of the vehicle, but only displayed in green if the vehicle is travelling less than the posted speed of the road. If travelling excess of the posted speed, the sign face will display the posted speed in re. Signs can also have a red and white surround, ‘Slow Down’ and flashers. Signs cannot have a smiley face, say ‘Thank You’ or ‘Your Speed’.* “

The unit that was loaned to us was a standard model which would not comply with TfB’s specification but would comply with say Dacorum’s or Beds CC Specifications.

In the light of the above, Traffic Technology Ltd have responded as follows:

“Although we supplied you a single colour amber SID unit, we can programme our SIDs to have a Red/Green display and we can remove the smiley face too, so it would just show the driver’s speed.”

Recommendations

The Road safety Group recommend the purchase of one SID to further educate vehicle drivers of the speed limit within the village and to reduce the speed by as much as possible. It is recommended that the SID be mounted on a moveable post similar to the MVAS which are shared between 3 parishes. The group considers that the most effective deployment would be to regularly move the SID around the 5 MVAS mounting locations to obviate the driver familiarity aspect of using a single location, thereby serving all of the community and all parts of the village. Unfortunately there are no suitable mounting locations in Rowsham and it is unknown if the unit could easily be programmed to operate at 40mph as yet. We do not recommend the purchase of a solar powered unit as the unit may have to be permanently mounted in a single position, as the movement of the solar panel arrangement can be difficult and my risk damage to the cells. Furthermore, the positions in Leighton Road and Tring Road are under overhanging trees rendering the solar panel ineffective. An approach from the PC to our County Councillor to try to get TfB to fall in line with other UK wide councils to allow the display of “smiley face” in these devices should be made.

Quotation

I have attached quote TT5634 for a battery operated SID unit with data recording and the hand terminal to pull the data from the unit. To make this unit powered by solar panels, it would be an additional £650 excl VAT. The standard battery powered solution can be easily

moved around the village and the battery is fully rechargeable. A spare battery would be around £100 excl VAT. The Quotation below reflects the TfB compatible device
Traffic Technology Ltd do not generally supply mounting posts although would do if requested.

The original MVAS Groundscrew and post manufacturer has been contacted for a quotation to supply an additional post.

Chris Stovold
Road Safety Group
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