



# Minutes of Parish Council Open Meeting

Held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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Chairman: Councillor Mrs V Lynch  
Councillors: Councillor Mr D Clements, Councillor Mr C Harrison, Councillor Mrs M Lawrence, Councillor Dr Hannah Price, Councillor Mr J Pugh,  
Apologies: Councillor Mr N Rickard and Councillor Mr David Neave,  
Clerk Mrs R Biley  
Attendance: District Councillor Mr P Cooper  
Parishioners: 4  
By Invitation:

## 1. Report from Thames Valley Police, County and District Councillors

The Clerk advised that Thames Valley Police were unable to attend but they submitted a report in their absence.

*“Reports of Theft from Motor Vehicles have decreased recently. This may be due to arrests made by us and neighbouring forces. Work continues, gathering intelligence and patrolling relevant areas with the intention of keeping it this way.*

*Burglaries have also decreased. Again, a lot of work has gone on behind the scenes and the decrease may be due to that.”*

**County Councillor Glover was unable to attend.**

**Councillor Cooper delivered his report on behalf of the District Council**

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

*The Wingrave NP was made 30th September 2016. It is now undergoing a minor modification to correct a mapping error on the Leighton Road South development. The modified documents have been subject to 6 weeks public consultation period which ended 15th March 19. The plan has now been submitted to the planning inspectorate and the examiner's report is awaited. Once approved the plan will be valid until 2033.*

### **AVDC Local Plan**

*The new plan, known as Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) started life in 2014 and has struggled towards approval. The total number of houses required under the plan has been reduced by 1400 from 31,500 to 30,100. The plan will go to final public consultation in a few weeks and we hope it will be adopted by mid-2019.*

### **Bucks Unitary**

*The final orders enabling the new council are now in front of Parliament and should pass both houses in the next week or so. Once the process is complete “The Bucks Shadow*

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Council” will be made and its first meeting will happen within 14 days. An election will take place in May 2022 to elect the new “Bucks Council”. The new Council will be 147 members.

### **Planning & Enforcement**

The enforcement team has been increased by 5 officers and will be working with a new IT system that will make progress of individual cases much more transparent. This should overcome many of the problems we currently have. The Council is also training new planning officers, and these are now coming on stream.

### **Wingrave developments**

Baldways, being developed by Ridgepoint has been the subject of considerable controversy. There will be a separate meeting with the Neighbours on the 10th April in order to agree a coordinated approach to the developer.

Leighton Road South, due to be developed by Rectory Homes is frozen pending completion of the Neighbourhood Plan update. Once a planning application is registered it is recommended that a residents committee be formed to oversee plans and implementation.

Twelve Leys, due to be developed by Cala Homes is also frozen pending a resolution of foul drainage problems between the developer and Thames Water. Again it is recommended that a residents committee be formed to oversee plans and implementation.

### **Rowsham Broadband**

A fibre to the premises network (FTTP) is currently being put in to Rowsham by Open Reach. BT will be taking orders for the upgraded service from May. FTTP will improve the service from current 2/4 mb/sec to potentially 1000mb/sec. However, it should be noted that a standard contract is likely to be for 40mb with faster speeds at extra cost.

### **The Exchange**

The new mixed housing commercial development that has been built in the Exchange Street car park in Aylesbury has now opened. It includes cafe and restaurant facilities and a new public realm area. The development is owned by AVDC.

### **The end of AVDC**

The Council, along with the other 3 Bucks districts and the County Council will end their lives in 12 months' time. During the next 12 months there will be considerable effort put in to establishing new ways of working and making sure that the benefits of going Unitary are fully realised.

### **Questions and Answers**

Q) Will VALP change Wingrave housing numbers?

A) Quite possibly, although unlikely to impact in reality. The three developments in Wingrave are moving forward. There will be a meeting tomorrow (10/04/19) for the Baldways development. Twelve Leys is currently at an impasse due to the foul sewage and Leighton Road will be looked at again, once the modification is resolved.

Q) (Twelve Leys) Will they need to build on an alternative site?

A) No, the issues must be resolved. Developer agrees that its an issue. All parties aware of the impact on Twelve Leys, particularly given the experience of Baldways.

Q) What is happening with the South side of Leighton Road working group  
A) Once an application is submitted, it will be renewed.

Q) Letter dated 15th February, from the Parish Council to AVDC in relation to Baldways, did it receive a response?

A) The Parish Council had thought that all outstanding areas had been set, however this was not the case due to a change by planners at AVDC.

## **2. Annual Report from the Parish Council**

### **Councillor Clements Report**

#### **Upgrade of Playground**

*This project is regarded as the next priority for funding by the Parish Council.*

*Following excellent feedback from the community and benchmarking with other village sites a specification was produced for potential suppliers. Two companies have submitted plans and costings and a third is being sought. The most significant cost is for the replacement of the existing bark surface. The main objective is to provide a wider range of play equipment in keeping with the surrounding environment. Once a further tender is received the plans will be presented to the Parish Council for consideration. If any parishioner is interested in joining the project to assist with the next stages they should contact Councillor David Clements on 01296 682518.*

#### **Pavilion.**

*A good deal of work was done in 2017 to construct plans to refurbish the Pavilion. However, the project was put on hold when it was decided to proceed with a new netball court at the park. Now this has been successfully completed the Parish Council in conjunction with WRSSAL need to revisit the project and decide the best way forward.*

### **Councillor Lawrence**

*I volunteered in March 2019 to become a Trustee for Wingrave United Charities in place of Ex Parish Councillor Mike Bird. I will become a Trustee at the November meeting.*

*This organisation exists to offer benefit for parishioners in Wingrave and Rowsham set out under certain criteria. For example, this can range from needy youngsters who require school books to pensioners who need help with their bills. Each case is determined by it's own situation.*

*I have recently been given responsibility regarding Aesthetics Projects in Wingrave and Rowsham's green areas.*

*In October 2019 I formed a working group in Rowsham to tidy and clear the small green leading up to the bus shelter and notice board. This proved exceptionally successful and has improved the area considerably.*

*As a local parishioner, I collected enough funds for Rowsham to own 2 silent soldiers, decorated a Remembrance area on the cleared green and held Rowsham's first Remembrance Sunday gathering as requested by a large number of residents.*

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*This gathering exceeded my expectations and was well attended by 32 residents both young and old who thoroughly appreciated the Remembrance gathering.*

*I plan to organise relevant green areas in Wingrave and will be asking for volunteers to help with beautifying selected areas shortly, now that the weather is more conducive to gardening etc.*

## **Councillor Price**

*Wingrave with Rowsham Traffic Action was created in autumn 2018 with the aim of using direct measures to reduce the impact of traffic on the Parish. The group currently has eight active members and meets roughly once per month. The Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) continues to be used regularly, adding to the long-term records already held of vehicle speeds at locations across the parish. The group takes part in local activities, a recent example being the setting up of a traffic-themed decorated Christmas tree at the Christmas Tree Festival at the parish church. Any projects or actions of the group are communicated to parishioners via an infographic, developed as a means of presenting information for use as a regular feature in Communiqué.*

## **Freight**

*In autumn 2018, HP attended a freight workshop, run by the Freight Officer for Buckinghamshire. The workshop was a “listening exercise” for the freight team, whereby the Parish Councillors in attendance were grouped roughly by geographical area and discussed with a freight representative specifically where the local freight issues were. HP gave details of the freight issues in Wingrave, highlighting Dark Lane/Tring Road and the Long Marston Airfield on the map. Following on from that LAF traffic subgroup meeting, the group has requested a review of signage on Dark Lane/Tring Road. A suggested modification of the signs in that area has been passed to the Freight Officer, further news is awaited.*

## **Opinion Survey**

*In March 2019, an opinion survey of parishioners was conducted to gauge current perceptions of traffic-related issues, and to assess possible support for specific actions of the group. An online version and a paper copy (in the Communiqué) were available, with 158 responses received. The survey, along with some preliminary charts showing results, are provided at the end of this document.*

*One specific area that the consultation aimed to assess was the level of support for a “Twenty’s Plenty” campaign (<http://www.20splenty.org/>), aiming to find out if parishioners would be willing to take part in a voluntary 20 mph exercise. Since the 2014 petition and 2016 feasibility study, 20 mph limits have become much more commonplace across the country and signage regulations have changed. 25% of the UK population now live in areas where the local authority has a policy of setting 20 mph as the default for their streets. The World Health Organisation (WHO) states “A safe speed on roads with possible conflicts between drivers and pedestrians, cyclists or other vulnerable road users is 20mph”. With parishioners’ support, an event is envisaged whereby locals (which constitute a significant fraction of the traffic in the village) would be encouraged to drive at 20 mph – slowing down not only themselves, but those behind them. The MVAS would be used to record speeds before, during and after the event, with results communicated shortly after in the Communiqué. If successful, it could lead to pursuing official 20mph limit. The results of the survey suggest strong support for a 20 mph study in Wingrave: approximately 70 % of respondents said they would drive at 20 mph during an experiment.*

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## **Plans**

*Plans for the coming year are as follows:*

- *The group has booked a table at the “Clubs Day” in May, which it will use to increase awareness of traffic issues and the work of the group, and to distribute “Twenty’s plenty” stickers (window and wheelie bin)*
- *The group has plans to work with nearby parishes towards an area-wide 7.5 T weight limit*
- *The purchase of a Speed Indication Device has been approved by the Parish Council – work is ongoing to select a model*
- *Once discussed at the next Traffic Action meeting, the group will choose a project to focus on (one of those outlined in the survey) – likely to be the 20 mph voluntary study described above.*

**Opinion survey available as an appendix**

## **Clerks Report**

### **Finance**

*We have had a strong year in terms of accuracy to budget, our only major work which was not foreseen was the work to the pond. This, whilst costly, was much needed and long overdue. A full look at our accounts will be on the website over the next month or so.*

### **Maintenance**

*As already mentioned, the Parish Council undertook a large maintenance programme of the pond and the feedback from residents has been excellent. We are looking forward to seeing the impact over the growing season.*

*Our devolved services contractor continues to provide a brilliant service and year on year we have added more services to our contract with them.*

*We continue to liaise with TfB to maintain the highways and footways in the Parish and would like to remind everyone that should they wish to report an issue they can do so on Fix my Street, on the BCC website.*

## **Councillor Rickard- Delivered by Councillor Lynch**

*Going back to the AGM last September, WWRSAL had a change of chairman, John Nixon stood down & Gavin Chater elected to replace him. Bill Richards also stood down as Secretary, Martyn Turner gave notice that this would be his last year as treasurer. Unfortunately, the important office of Secretary, despite local advertising, has still not been filled, creating even more work for the new chairman. There has been more success with the post of treasurer, with Roy Bradbury of the Croquet club volunteering to work alongside Martyn until the AGM in September, when he would review the position & possibly continue in the office of treasurer.*

*The big achievement of the last year has been the installation of new tennis and netball courts to the club's facilities at the park. Revenue from grants, fund raising, & a sizeable contribution from the Parish Council (from the Kirby fund), helped to enable the project to succeed, a huge thanks should go to everyone involved for their time and effort to make this possible.*

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*The village fete continues to be a very important part of WWRSAL's finances, and despite the date having to be moved to September last year, the attendance and revenue generated was still substantial.*

*The sporting facilities that WWRSAL provides continues to be a huge asset to our village community, and is the envy of villages and clubs in the surrounding area, with young children, both boys and girls, and adults able to take part in numerous sports, with football, cricket, tennis, netball, bowls and croquet all available, long may it continue.*

## **Chairman Councillor Lynch**

### **Planning – Benefits of having a Neighbourhood Plan**

<b>Application no.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>No. of dwellings</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
17/04687/APP	Land at Lower End, Wingrave	1 dwelling	Refused : Jan 2019 (Planning inspector)

*Decisions outstanding for applications made contrary to NP:*

*Land Adjacent to Tatlers Hill (1 dwelling):*

- 18/00066/REF - Appeal in progress, Awaiting decision*
- In parallel to the Appeal a further application came before Council albeit it for a smaller development - 18/04123/APP : New detached one bed bungalow. The PC objected to this application – contrary to NP. Awaiting AVDC's decision*

*19/00250/AOP : 30 dwellings - Land Off Winslow Road (Bell Corner/Abbotts Way)*

*In addition to the application already refused these 2 new applications and Appeal represent the potential refusal of a further 32 dwellings. Last year saw 120 dwellings plus a 100-bedroom care home refused as being contrary to our NP and brings the total number of dwellings to 152, assuming all refused plus the 100-bedroom care home.*

### **Neighbourhood Plan & Developments**

*NP Modification*

*The Regulation 16 consultation undertaken by AVDC ended on 15 March 2018. The next stage will be for AVDC to appoint an independent examiner. The examiner will review the modification and determine the next stage.*

*Leighton Road, South Side (McIntyre)*

*This application is on hold pending the outcome of NP Modification. The Developers, Rectory Homes, have been kept informed of progress and have been supportive of the Council's efforts to bring this to a speedy resolution but appreciate it is out of our hands.*

*Twelve Leys*

*Carla Homes, the Developer, have worked closely with the PC working group to agree an acceptable plan. The main issue is with sewerage disposal as it leaves the development. Currently the plan is for the development sewerage to be held in a storage tank and then pumped into the sewerage system at quite times i.e. overnight. There are existing issues*

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*with sewerage from properties on Twelve Leys/Nup End which need to be resolved. Thames Water are fully aware of the issues but reluctant to accept the fact saying the system has capacity and capable of processing it. Carla Homes are in talks with Thames Water re a more robust solution. However, there have been 15 incidents reported to the PC since July 2018. recording by the PC*

### **Thanks**

*It is with sadness that we said goodbye to three Councillors this year: Mick Bird; Adrian Coulson and Les Kennedy and welcome to four new Councillors: Chris Harrison, David Neave - who joins us for a second time, Hannah Price and Jeremy Pugh. I would like to thank all my fellow councillors, old and new, for their support over the past year and more importantly the one person none of us or the Parish can do without – Becky. Thank you, Becky, for your hard work over the past year as well as keeping us in order.*

### **3. Open discussion**

Parishioner asked whether it was possible to get a dog waste bin for Leighton Road. The Clerk advised that she had tried previously and be refused but would raise the issue again.

A parishioner asked whether the Parish Council had any involvement with TPO's, specifically the Macintyre trees. The Parish Council advised that they do not, the responsible party would be AVDC.

A parishioner raised the issue of planting of a laurel hedge on Winslow Road, opposite the notice board and whether it was located on the public highway. The Clerk advised she would investigate the matter upon her return from annual leave.

**Meeting ended 21.05**

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