



Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 15th December 2020

Chairman: Councillor Mrs V Lynch
Councillors: Councillor Mr G Chater, Councillor Mr D Clements, Councillor Mr C Harrison,
Councillor Mrs M Lawrence, Councillor Mr D Neave and Councillor Mr J Pugh
Apologies: Councillor Dr H Price
Clerk Mrs R Biley
Attendance: Buckinghamshire Councillor Mr P Cooper and Buckinghamshire Councillor
Mrs N Glover
Parishioners: 5

1. Apologies for absences

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Dr H Price

2. Disclosure of interest on items in agenda

No Councillors had any items to disclose for this agenda.

3. Reports from Buckinghamshire Council Councillor and the Police

Councillor Glover submitted a report from Buckinghamshire Council which is available as an appendix.

Councillor Cooper gave the history of the Barn on the land off the Winslow Road for which concerns had been raised as to whether the planning applicant had contravened the planning conditions. This report is available as an appendix.

Councillor Cooper noted that both he and the Clerk had attended the site previously and had also notified Planning Enforcement that the build appeared to be outside of the plans submitted. It was also noted that Planning Enforcement had failed to attend the site and Councillor Cooper had escalated the situation to senior cabinet members.

Councillor Cooper advised that the Neighbourhood plan had been extremely effective in thwarting unwanted development in the Parish and confirmed that should this situation not be resolved then it could jeopardise the impact of the NP.

A parishioner noted that the applicant had spent considerable funds on the appeal and that every day the development is permitted to continue, the more difficult it would be for it to be taken down and raised concerns that it is now effectively a dwelling.

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Councillor Cooper agreed and advised that he hoped now that it has been escalated, some action would be taken.

4. Sign off Parish Council Meeting Minutes **4.1 Parish Council Meeting 24th November 2020**

The Parish Council minutes from 24th November were approved and signed as an accurate account of the meeting.

5. Planning **5.1 20/04125/APP**

- 29 Winslow Road Wingrave Buckinghamshire HP22 4PS
- Part two storey, part single storey side and rear extensions

Councillor Lynch introduced the application and proposed that the Council register no objections. This was agreed by unanimous vote.

The Council **RESOLVED** to register no objections to the application.

5.2 20/04209/APP

- 27 Chiltern Road Wingrave Buckinghamshire HP22 4QQ
- Single storey rear extension

Councillor Lynch introduced the application and proposed that the Council register no objections. This was agreed by unanimous vote.

The Council **RESOLVED** to register no objections to the application.

6 Update on S106 from Elm Leys Development

The Clerk advised that she had been working with Buckinghamshire Council and Ridgepoint Homes to see if it was possible to amend the S106 Sports and Leisure wording for the Elm Leys development. This would allow for a wider project and location scope to the one currently agreed and advised she would keep Councillor informed of any developments.

7 Review tree quotes for Recreation Ground

The Clerk informed the Council that they had received a request to review trees which were potentially creating damage to a residential boundary wall at 1 Church Street. Councillor Pugh had attended and sought quotes for the removal of two trees which we currently have advisories on and were not in the best of condition and a silver birch which whilst healthy was leaning; the quote also accounted for the replanting of the healthy tree (location TBC). The Clerk advised that due to the trees' location within the conservation area, they would be subject to a planning application and the decision would ultimately be decided by Buckinghamshire Council's tree officers.

Councillor Pugh noted that the trees have possibly self-seeded as the trees were in the region of twenty years old, whereas the wall was in its hundreds.

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The Clerk asked Councillors whether they approved the quote for £695+VAT for the removal of three trees, replanting of one tree and the necessary applications to Buckinghamshire Council. The Council voted unanimously to approve the quote.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Buckland Landscape quote for £695+VAT.

8 Approval of handyman invoice

The Council voted to approve the invoice submitted by the handyman for the cost of £196.05 which was agreed by all councillors.

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the invoice of £196.05.

Meeting Ended at 20.15

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Appendix 1- Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor Mrs N Glover

Improvements to roads and pavements

This year we're spending over £28m on repairing and improving our roads, particularly after the very wet weather last autumn, which did so much more damage to them. This is the biggest amount we have ever spent. This will still not restore all our roads to the state that many residents reasonably expect.

Some roads will be completely resurfaced, some repaired by targeting the sections which have failed (this is called 'plane and patch' in the jargon). Resurfacing teams have been out and about laying new surfaces and doing repairs to roads across the county. Teams will also be improving and repairing sections of pavements.

Remember to report road or pavement problems via [Fix My Street](#). Do always be proactive as you can't assume someone else has already let us know.

Cycling and walking

During the lockdown one of the most positive features was the absence of traffic and the ability to walk and cycle safely along most roads. This was fantastic for families, sales of cycles boomed, and more people enjoyed the fresh air. The government has tried to keep some of this going by funding the temporary trials of 'Quietways'. The guidance was to get these into use quickly, whilst areas were still quiet and consult afterwards.

A number of schemes have been trialled in different areas of the county. Whilst some have been popular, in other areas they have been unpopular and seen as an imposition. This is not the way we want to be seen to operate and Martin Tett has asked that existing schemes are reviewed, and any new trial schemes must have the support of local councillors. For any permanent schemes we would, of course, fully consult local residents.

Buckinghamshire Growth Board

The most recent cabinet meeting agreed a draft proposal to put to government which would boost local economic recovery and growth. The proposals outline the huge potential to turbocharge the local economy. It is very ambitious in its aim to generate £10 billion more for the local economy. The proposal was prepared in conjunction with our LEP, Bucks Business First, Buckinghamshire NHS Trust, the University of Buckingham together with relevant government departments.

The 35-page document is available to read in the 10th November cabinet papers – item 9 on the agenda papers.

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Waste Services.

We had an interesting update a couple of weeks ago. Some snippets fyi:

Aim is to recycle 65% of household waste by 2035. Currently we manage 50%

Buckinghamshire is No. 2 in the country for recycling.

It costs £110 per household to deal with our waste. Residents are complaining about needing to pay for non-household waste – i.e. DIY jobs on kitchen refurbishments etc. I asked what it would cost a household if it was obliged to deal with a commercial company to take away its household waste – officers did not have that information but as an example Grondon charge £40 to use their site. There is 98% satisfaction with our service. Fly tipping has not increased since the introduction of charges for non-household waste. However, London white van men are tipping in the quiet lanes in south bucks.

None of our non-recyclable stuff goes abroad. It is all dealt with by UK firms.

Council Tax next year – still to go to Select Board who might make changes.

Expect CT to increase by 1.9% and 2% for Adult Social Services

Buckinghamshire Council Supports National Tree Week

National Tree Week (28 November – 6 December), organised by The Tree Council is the UK's largest annual tree celebration and trees are high up on Buckinghamshire Council's agenda. Trees feature in our planned work, both in respect of commitment to enhancing biodiversity and also using nature-based solutions to tackle climate change.

Tree planting is a long-term undertaking that needs to be well planned and strategic and we are currently planning where this will take place on our landholdings to ensure that we plant the right trees in the right places.

For more information about National Tree Week, visit: treecouncil.org.uk

To find out more about the Chiltern Rangers, including how to get involved, visit: chilternrangers.co.uk

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Appendix 2- Buckinghamshire Councillor Mr P Cooper

- The barn in question has gated access and is adjacent to Winslow Road to the west of Millway.
- It is an Atcost concrete and asbestos open sided barn that suffered a straw fire many years ago. The fire destroyed the roof leaving just the reinforced concrete frame.
- Approx 15 years ago the circa 40 acres on which the barn stands were sold in multiple small plots with the vendor misleadingly giving buyers an expectation of easy future planning permission. The barn occupied one of these plots.
- Aylesbury Vale District Council imposed an Article 4 Direction which had the effect of removing all permitted development rights. This had the effect of requiring planning permission for any new activity or additions such as the installation of services or fencing.
- The local planning situation was clarified by the introduction of a Wingrave Neighbourhood plan which promoted three major new developments in the village (all of which are in build) and put strict controls on other ad hoc developments, especially proposals in the open countryside.
- In 2018 the AVDC received a planning application to refurbish the barn by re-roofing and enclosing the sides with cladding. The small plot of land was to be planted as an orchard and the barn to be used in support of that enterprise for agricultural storage.
- AVDC refused the application.
- In 2020 the applicant appealed the councils decision and the Planning Inspector allowed the appeal. The decision reads as follows; The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for Recladding and reroofing of Existing Barn at Land West Of Millway, Winslow Road, Wingrave, Buckinghamshire, HP22 4PT in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref 18/01997/APP, dated 31 May 2018, and the plans submitted with it.
- The inspector made it clear that the permission was to re-clad and re-roof the existing barn structure. The barn was for agricultural purpose and was to be constructed in accordance with plans showing four roller shutter doors on one side.
- Work on site started in November. On the 23rd Nov the Parish Clerk and I noted that initial brickwork did not seem to be in line with the approved plans and I submitted photographs and asked enforcement to open a case. Enforcement Officers did not visit the site, but instead conducted a paper assessment and concluded that no deviation from the approval had occurred.
- When brickwork reached approx. 3m high, I was convinced that the building was not being constructed as approved. This was reported to enforcement but officers failed to react and there were no responses to multiple attempts to make contact. Finally I escalated my concerns to the Cabinet member (I had no direct response) and then to the chief executive who arranged for the service director to make contact late on the 15th Dec. This call was the first contact I had from Council officers since raising the problem on 23rd November.

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- I submitted a further update this week with a photograph clearly showing the structure at first floor level with floor joists having been installed. The brickwork is all double skinned and the original barn structure has been removed. No provision has been made for the four roller shutter doors. It is also noted that a Klargester sewage bottle is on site and the groundwork is complete for its installation. None of these features form part of the planning approval.

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