

# Minutes of Parish Council Open Meeting Held on Tuesday 28 September 2021

Chairman: Councillor Mr J Pugh  
Councillors: Councillor Mr G Chater, Councillor Ms E Farrell, Councillor Mr C Harrison, Councillor Mrs M Lawrence, Councillor Dr H Price, Councillor Mr P Robinson, Councillor Dr J Walmsley  
Apologies: Dr. H Price, Buckinghamshire Police  
Interim Clerk: Mrs J Flanders  
Attendance: Buckinghamshire Councillor Peter Cooper  
Parishioners: 3

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

1.1 The Clerk read out Report which she had received from the Police:

“Crime remains at low levels in recent months in Wingrave, Rowsham areas in terms of Burglaries, though we have had reported in nearby villages break into vans and such vehicles.

We would like to remind vehicle owners to please ensure they do not leave anything on view, make sure you have locked your vehicle by trying to car door handle, if you have a van please park it in a secure location such as close to a building (sliding doors and rear doors) if possible with CCTV coverage of the area.

As we move into the Autumn months, we shall be out and about looking for homes in darkness as the clocks go back to reinforce the message of leaving lights on whilst you are out, use timer switches, set you house alarm.

We shall be actively targeting certain locations so don't be alarm if you see a presence of more than normal in your village.

In order for crime to remain low we need the communities help as well so please ensure you report any incidents to the police straight away, if it is something you are seeing at the time and feel police attendance is required urgently please call 999 or otherwise report via 101 and online at this link”

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

1.2 Councillor Walmsley asked if the Police could be asked how many speeding fines had been issued in Wingrave. The Clerk agreed to send an email asking. Councillor Harrison also reported that the Church had suffered a break in on Sunday evening/Monday morning (26/27 September) and Bibles were damaged and a 100 year old lamp – a Crime number had been given.

1.3 Councillor Peter Cooper gave his report on the following topics:

1.3.1 The Leader of the Council had asked that he inform the Parish Council that during the current fuel situation Buckinghamshire Council had no responsibility for garages or stocks of fuel and that concerns should be raised with the MP.

1.3.2 The Boundary Commission to change the boundaries in time for the 2025 elections and to reduce the number of Councillors. Currently there are 147 members with 3 members per ward. He stated that the demographic had changed and where the population actually is. The Parliamentary boundary was to change and it has been suggested that there will be an Aylesbury Constituency. All this is still under discussion but Councillor Cooper reported it is expected the new Council will be between 80 and 90 Councillors with 3 per town and 1 for Rural areas. Once this is formally agreed the boundaries would be decided.

1.3.3 Councillor Cooper reported that Paul Foot is the new Technician for Bucks for Transport and he is responsible for the roads. Councillor Cooper had established there is a road maintenance programme and confirmed that work to Dark Lane was approved but not yet carried out. He said he was working towards a spreadsheet system which could be shared by the Wing Ward and Parish Councils could add items when work was required.

1.3.4 The Leader of the Council was reported to be against the 20mph scheme but Councillor Cooper had received a good response to his email asking Parishes if they would welcome an opportunity to request a 20mph limit on certain roads. He proposed to put together a formal questionnaire and if appropriate re-visit the idea.

1.3.5 Twelve Leys Development - He reported that he had had an online meeting with Neil Cotteral of Cala Homes concerning the Saturday noise and unfortunately the current activity is envisaged to last until mid next year. The trees at the entrance of the site are to remain as a screen. Councillor Walmsley said the Art Class had been asked for pictures to be displayed in the Show Home.

1.3.6 Elm Leys – This site is complete apart from some landscaping which needs to be kept in sight as it should be finished by spring.

1.3.7 Rectory Homes – Councillor Cooper and Councillor Harrison had a meeting with the Site Manager Michal and Jess who were very helpful and agreed to try and let the Working Group know of any matters of interest. They informed him that the culvert for the surface water was due to be laid which would mean some bushes need to be taken out but they would let residents know before the work started. The Planting Scheme was agreed and should be carried out during this planting season (ie before March 2022).

1.3.8 Barn, Winslow Road. Councillor Cooper confirmed the barn and all drainage and underground works had been demolished in accordance with the Enforcement Order and confirmed that no new structure could be erected and that the land should be returned to open pasture. It was pointed out that without the Neighbourhood Plan which the late Viv Lynch had worked so hard on this may not have been the outcome.

1.3.9 Councillor Cooper reported that the contract between Transport for Bucks and Ringway Jacobs was due to end in 2023 and the review process was due to start. He said it was thought it would remain in-house and that TfB had already taken back the Technicians in house.

1.3.10 The Community Board have the sum of £270K which needed to be allocated before the end of the current financial year as it could not be rolled over. Applications need to be allocated by Christmas and these can be for any community project.

1.3.11 Unfortunately there is staff shortage in Planning which has caused a back-log for applicants. However he reported that Enforcement was working well as seen with the Barn item above.

## **2. Tribute to Viv Lynch**

The Chairman spoke about the sad loss of Viv Lynch who had served as a Parish Councillor for at least 10 years with 6 years as a successful Chair. He commented on her dedication to the Parish and her tireless work on the Neighbourhood Plan and that she never looked for praise but had undoubtedly been an asset to the Parish. She would be sorely missed.

### **3. Annual Report**

The Chairman gave a report and said the last year had been challenging due to Covid which required certain meetings to be held by zoom but they had worked well. He also said May 2021 had seen a major change with Councillors and saw Viv Lynch, David Clements and David Neave step down and thanked them for their hard work during their time with the Council. He also welcomed three new Councillors, namely, Phil Robinson, Em Farrell and Jan Walmsley and felt they would be a good asset. The Clerk, Becky Biley then dropped her bombshell that should be taking maternity leave which meant more change but he was pleased to report she had had a baby girl and both were doing well. An Interim Clerk had been found and would cover Mrs Biley's absence. It had been agreed that Councillor Pugh would act at Chair for a six month term followed by Councillor Dr Price and then Councillor Chater each taking six months. Councillor Pugh said the village had seen a year of building sites with three major developments but that Working Partys had made co-ordinating with the Site Offices possible and kept villages up to date as far as possible which on the whole had been successful. Councillor Pugh commented that due to these developments the Parish would benefit from s.106 monies being made available for Sports and Leisure projects which would form the next challenge for the Council and would require feedback from Parishioners on the proposed spending of the money.

### **4. Village Consultation / Discussion on Questionnaire**

Councillor Pugh went through the proposed Questionnaire asking residents for their opinion on the various leisure facilities currently within the village and what they would like to see. Residents put forward some suggestions and a final version was agreed. It was agreed the Questionnaire was designed to be on-line but it would also be distributed via the village shop, garage, the Postie, the Communique and on the Parish Council's website. It was decided it should be open for 2 weeks and the results published accordingly. Thanks were given to Councillor Price and others for their help in creating the Questionnaire.

Councillor Walmsley informed the meeting that she was launching a Wild Group on 3 November 2021 which would monitor and record environmental matters throughout the village. The meeting would be held at the Methodist Church (max of 30 people).

Councillor Walmsley was hoping to apply for a Community Grant for see packets which could be handed out to residents at the Wild Group meeting for distribution in the village.

Councillor Walmsley also informed the meeting that the Macintyre School were looking for work such as gardening, delivering items, etc tasks which the school's students could undertake. The students would be supervised throughout any work.

No other items were discussed.

Meeting Closed 9.05pm

