

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 (via zoom), Councillor Mr P Robinson, Councillor Dr J Walmsley
Apologies: none
Interim Clerk: Mrs J Flanders
Attendance: Councillor Ashley Bond
Parishioners: 4

1. Apologies for absences

There were no apologies were received.

2. Disclosure of interest on items in agenda

No Councillors present needed to disclose for any item on the agenda.

3. Reports from Buckinghamshire Council Councillor and the Police

Buckinghamshire Councillor Bond stated that a letter had been sent to householders in Chiltern Road confirming that the pavements were being repaired.

4. Sign off Parish Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved as an accurate account of the meeting held on 9 November 2021 and were signed by the Chairman.

5. Planning Application

Jenkins Court Wingrave Buckinghamshire

Ref. No: 21/04392/ACL Certificate of lawfulness of existing use of 3 dwellings

The Councillors discussed the nature of the application so far as they were able and admitted that it was confusing as to what the application was trying to establish as it was thought the current occupation of the dwellings was for students who board at the school. It was thought that they could not give a decision without further technical advice from the Planner Department and the Clerk agreed to request clarification from the Planning Officer involved.

6. Update on Developments:

Twelve Leys – Councillor Walmsley stated updates were being made on facebook and the postie and nothing to add from previous meeting. Councillor Pugh confirmed there had been an incident with a resident making it difficult for deliveries and that he had spoken with the individual and hoped it would not occur again.

Leighton Road – Councillor Harrison confirmed the traffic lights would be in place for another week and that the culvert was now complete and the layby just needed tarmac and then hoped it would all be tidied up. It was also reported that over time there had been garden rubbish flytipped along the hedge/copse and that residents need to be informed this cannot continue. A resident asked if more trees could be planted but it was advised that this should wait until the area has been planted by the developer. Another resident queried whether the frontages of the houses were built the right way round. Councillors Dr Price and Pugh confirmed that all was correct.

eCom – Councillor Chater understood that eCom were progressing towards between Wingbury Farm and Leighton Road and that the first connections would probably be March/April 2022 for those that had signed up.

7. Update of Village Questionnaire

Councillor Dr Price confirmed there had been around 250 responses and the results were interesting. Discussion took place concerning some of the responses and the demographic of responders and it was agreed that Councillor Dr Price would compile a breakdown of the replies and create bar/pie charts to best illustrate the responses. These would be publicised on the Council's website so the villagers could view the result. It was agreed that once this was available the Councillors would be able to put together focus groups and work towards a Public Consultation where projects could be outlined for the spending of the s.106 funds.

8. Pavilion & Clubhouse

Approving plans to out to public consultation & agreeing format for the consultation
Councillor Chater confirmed that the plans for both projects had been finalised and that these plans would be circulated to the Working Group and Parish Councillors. It was confirmed that both projects should progress together and in view of how long Planning Applications are taking it would be preferable to apply as soon as possible.

9. Projects :

9.1 WILD: Councillor Walmsley confirmed that the launch was successful and gave a full report – see Annexe A. She also confirmed she had spoken with Paul Blissett about hedgelaying at The Wingrave Park and that he would provide two separate quotations.

9.2 20 MPH Zones: Councillor Dr Price stated that monies do exist from s106 Agreement for feasibility studies and traffic calming within the vicinity of Twelve Leys. She estimated there may be three separate pots of money: £15k for a feasibility study in Wingrave (associated with the south side of Leighton Road development S106 agreement, held by Bucks Council); there will be £15k for a traffic calming project 'in the vicinity' of Twelve Leys (associated with the Twelve Leys S106 agreement, held by Bucks Council); £12k in the Parish Council's own traffic calming pot. It was agreed to consider a feasibility study to establish what traffic scheme might work and what the public may like and that the Parish Council should try to take the matter forward. The proposed 20mph zone was discussed and agreed that this scheme should go ahead.

The Council RESOLVED to support the 20mph scheme.

9.3 Bus Shelter: Councillor Lawrence provided an update as to what works should be considered to improve the Bus Shelter. See Annexe B attached. The Clerk asked that she put together the ideas with photographs where appropriate and that the suggestions should be put to Aston Abbots Parish Council as they have joint responsibility for the upkeep of the shelter. It was agreed that Councillor Lawrence would liaise with the contact for the Czech Ambassador to seek their confirmation to ideas when agreed. The Clerk agreed to pass on the contact details.

10. Finance : Budget Update

The Clerk confirmed that the precept would not be available until 6 December 2021 and the draft Budget could be finalised as soon after that date as possible. Councillor Robinson was working with the Clerk to put together a first draft as well as setting up the new accounting package Scribe which would save costs and make the finances easier to maintain.

Meeting closed 21.33

APPENDIX A:

Report on WILD Launch 2nd November 2021

33 people attended the launch where we had 2 presentations, one by Nick Marriner, Chilterns Conservation Board, who enthused us about the value of local wildlife monitoring. The second by Zietta Ward who showed photos of flowers and insects she has found in Wingrave with Rowsham.

We gave out small packs of wild flower seeds to those who wanted them.

A discussion followed as to what people might like to see:

Family wildlife walk, bat, butterfly etc. outdoor walks

Indoor education sessions on birds, wild flowers, butterflies, insects likely to be seen around the village and nearby

BioBlitz – set aside 24 hours and organise shifts of observers to capture data on all types of birds, animals, butterflies, bats, flowers ...

Build on bird surveys done by David Snow and when the Rowsham windfarm was proposed. David Godfrey has an impressive list of birds seen, and is offering a pint to anyone who sees a ring ouzel.

Intensive surveys of 3 or 4 small areas – pond, wood, wild grass and hedgerow – led by Val Godfrey

Working groups on the Anniversary wood, and areas which seem likely for wild flower planting.

Moth traps, owl boxes

Worst kept garden award

Whackiest insect photo competition

Whether wildlife monitoring can help to keep developers away

There was also discussion of the unfinished landscaping at Elm Leys. As no one from Elm Leys was present, the discussion was inconclusive.

Volunteers to be part of a Steering Group were recruited. A date is being sought for the first meeting of this group which will build a timetable of events for 2022, with individuals nominated to lead different activities.

We also intend to set up a monitoring system which will enable us to record on I-Record, then retrieve everything in the Parish using a System developed by Bucks and MK Environmental Records, for a cost of £52.

We are grateful to the Methodist Church for allowing us to use the Church rooms without payment, pending the outcome of our Community Board application.

Councillor Jan Walmsley

APPENDIX B – Bus Shelter Ideas (Councillor Lawrence)

1. Mowing the grass around the Shelter
2. Provide another wooden seat within
3. Clean the exterior
4. Solar lights within – may need Highways approval.
5. Plaque needs cleaning and treating to preserve it.
6. Introduce photographs and pictures to add interest
7. Install Perspex windows