

Minutes of a meeting of Ludgershall Parish Council will be held at Ludgershall Memorial Hall on Monday 5th December 2011 at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. J. Cartwright – Chairman
Cllr. Ms H. Cox
Cllr. R. Jones
Cllr. R. Simpson
Cllr. P. Thomas

Also present: Anne Wilson – Parish Clerk
6 residents

Public Question Time:

- The Parish Clerk would be chasing Thames Water after they had not replied to her letter with regard to the work to the brook where the water was backing up.
- There was no movement on the re-instatement of the verges outside the new houses in Church Lane. The Parish Clerk would chase the planning department about this matter.

66.00 Fire Safety Announcement

Cllr. J. Cartwright gave the meeting a fire safety announcement.

67.00 Apologies

RESOLVED to receive apologies from Cllr. S. Lawson who is away on business.

68.00 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED to receive declarations of prejudicial interest from Cllr. Ms H Cox and Cllr. R. Simpson in relation to agenda item15.

69.00 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th November 2011 **LPC/04/11**

Cllr. Ms Cox reported that the minutes reflected that the issue with the hedge read as if it was Minns Farm when in fact the over grown hedge was further up the hill from Minns Farm on land owned by John Faulkner. Cllr. Cartwright would liaise with the Clerk over contacting Mr Faulkner.

59.2 Should read West View

60.1 The litter bin has been installed on the Village Green

61.1 Cllr. Robin Simpson and Cllr. Paul Thomas would like to attend the BALC course on Village Greens on the 27th March 2012. Members agreed to this proposal.

70.00 Finance

70.1 Account Balances:

Business Premium Account	£ 2544.19	(15 th September 2011)
Community Account	£ 2215.90	(30 th November 2011)
Village Green Account	£ 37.51	(16 th November 2011)

As at the time of writing the agenda no new bank account statements have been received. Members noted that there was approximately £11,000 in the Co-op bank accounts.

70.2 Barclays Bank has been written to close the accounts.

They have admitted the failure in their systems ignoring the letter hand delivered to them in September 2011 and the Parish Clerk is therefore endeavouring to have the bank charges refunded. Their community account customer call centre assisted the Parish Clerk with the necessary transactions. Barclays in Bicester informed the Parish Clerk that they probably ignored the letter because I was not a signatory on the account although admitted it did say on the account that I could move money between accounts and deal with the day to day matters but then their customer call centre assisted me with in moving money between accounts and also cancelling the Standing Order to pay the Parish Clerk.

70.3 Payments:

RESOLVED that the following payments be made:

HMRC - £57.38

Expenses - £23.89

Martin Parker – mower repairs £99.07

Village Hall Rent - £160.00

Repayment of AVDC for payment of invoices when no signatures were available to the Parish Council £2746.00

70.4 Income

There is no income received between meetings.

70.5 2012/2013

Members were asked to note that the 2012/2013 budget will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting held in January 2012. Members were asked to consider any projects that they may wish to be included in the budget at that meeting. AVDC need to be informed of our precept request by 20th January 2012.

71.0 Police Matters

A local policeman/PCSO has been invited to attend the meeting to give an update or a verbal report will be given at the meeting on behalf of the Police.

Thames Valley Police are offering Crimestoppers Cards for warning residents of the importance of safety in the home. The cost is £25 + VAT for £100 cards. Members agreed that the Parish Clerk should enlarge the size of the cards into posters and place them on the parish notice boards.

72.0 Parish Council Business

72.1 Aylesbury Vale District Council

- Village Bulky Waste Collection Service

that following a decision by AVDC to stop the collection service the Parish Council have agreed to pay for one half day visit in 2012 at a cost of approx. £170-£200 plus VAT as agreed in between meetings.

- Members Update

Members noted the update from AVDC on the Localism Act, Vale of Aylesbury Plan – Public Consultation, Plan and Town Council input into the Vale of Aylesbury Plan – “Community View” and Neighbourhood Plans.

- Parish Toolkit

Members noted that with several positive responses to our proposed community games toolkit the project is now underway a coming together nicely. Aylesbury Vale District Council will be producing a brochure containing all the current planned events that will celebrating the Olympics next year and we were wondering if you already had a date in mind for a community games event that we could include in the brochure. The information would be need as soon as possible as the brochure is going to be published in January. If you already have a date planned or have any details in mind and would like to be included in the brochure I would be very grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible. Helen White Community Development Officer (Delivery) Aylesbury Vale District Council.

At the current time the Parish Council have no events to put on this list however it was agreed that perhaps an amount be placed in the budget for an event in the parish.

- Music in Quiet Places

An invitation has been made to Ludgershall by AVDC to bid to bring professional classical music concerts to churches within AVDC. This is an opportunity for the generation of funding for successful villages.

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk contact the Church – Jean Mole or Wade Alison to see if they are happy to have such an event in the parish before the closing date.

- AVDC – Queens Diamond Jubilee

It was agreed that this could be considered with the Olympic event and should be considered as such.

72.2 Buckinghamshire County Council

- Invitation to Transport for Buckinghamshire

Anne-Marie Davies does not feel Village Greens and Common Land are an area of expertise that they have and therefore suggest that we look at

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/HomeandCommunity/Planning/LandandPropertyDevelopment/DG_10026177

Cllr. J. Cartwright stated that the Parish Clerk had written to the wrong Anne Davies at Bucks CC. She should have written to Anne Davies – the Head of Legal Services and it was therefore **RESOLVED** that the Parish Clerk write a letter to this lady asking that they come and speak to the Parish Council about Village greens and Common Land.

- Transportation Delegated Budget Funding

Members gave consideration should be given to existing bids for Ludgershall and also any new bids.

Standing Orders were suspended to enable residents to make suggestions. Residents were asked to let the Parish Clerk know if they had any projects.

RESOLVED that the kerb in West View and 30 mph signs further out of the village/parish could be included. Also the holes in the road on the entrance on the road at Wotton End a the entrance to 5/6 Wotton End.

- Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD): Submission (Regulation 30)

Members noted that the final version is available on CD.

- Village Walk Round

RESOLVED that members would like to meet David Smith of Transport for Buckinghamshire for a walk around the parish with him and asked that Parish clerk to obtain a couple of dates for agreement of a suitable date.

72.3 **RESOLVED** that Members noted that the following items had been circulated in between meetings

- Breakfast seminars at Cranfield College
- Details of an anaerobic digestion system visit
- NALC's response to the Planning Policy Consultation
- Community Safety newsletter
- Christmas Project
- Update from the Police
- Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust – Annual review summary and accounts
- Bucks CC Service Information Centre

72.4 Footpaths

Cllr Thomas confirmed that the footpath across his land was in the right place according to the definitive footpath map. He was not so sure about his neighbours. Cllr. Thomas explained the process to move or divert a footpath.

Bucks CC Footpaths Officer was carrying out an inspection in the next few weeks in relation to the Parish Footpath Survey carried out by Alan Turner and his colleagues and this would be checked out.

Cllr. J. Cartwright suspended Standing Orders with the permission of the Parish Council to enable Archie to speak on this matter. The footpath inspector would be coming to Ludgershall to look at the paths where there was barbed wire and he would be taking on all the comments with regard to the footpath survey. Cllr. Thomas was happy to show Archie the footpaths definitive map for the parish.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

73.0 Planning

73.1 Planning Applications

- 11/02596/ATC Brook Cottage, Duck Lane, Ludgershall
Fell two Ash trees

RESOLVED that as Members were unsure as to the significance of the two ash trees that whilst in principle if the trees are of not amenity value to the parish and they do not play an important role in the street scene and setting then they have no objections that Cllr. Thomas would have

delegated responsibility to look at the site and respond on behalf of the Parish Council. He would advise the Parish Clerk.

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73.2 Other Planning Matters

73.2.1 The Vale of Aylesbury Plan – Ludgershall Draft Fact Pack

Cllr. Simpson advised the Parish Council and residents present of the outcome of the parish survey. Cllr. Ms Cox would be formulating the response to AVDC. It was agreed that this was a useful exercise and that this could be used as a basis for future decision and funding.

Members noted that there is also a public consultation available with a consultation period of the 1st December 2011 until 26th January 2012. It was proposed that the Parish Clerk sends electronic copies of this document to all Members for discussion at the January meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr. Thomas would talk to Piddington Parish Council with regard to the installation of Broadband in the countryside. Cllr. John Cartwright will find out the latest developments on Broadband through AVDC and Bucks CC.

73.2.2 Jane Law – Planning Enforcement Officer

RESOLVED that Members considered the letter outlining the responses to our letters with regard to:

- i) Alleged unauthorised continued use as greyhound training kennels and construction of vehicular access on to site at Kings Farm, Piddington Road

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk contact Jane Law asking for an update on this matter.

- ii) Advertising Boards

RESOLVED that although this area at the end of Church Lane had been tidied up that the Parish Clerk respond to Jane Law.

73.2.3 Yew Tree Farm

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk contact Jane Law with regard to a college delivering students to Yew Tree Farm when it is believed that the correct licences are not in place.

73.2.4 Update on the relevant permissions required to cut back the trees around the pond

The Parish Clerk was still looking into this matter.

74.0 Highways

RESOLVED that Members noted that the route through the village had been salted for the first time this week.

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75.0 Village Green

RESOLVED to note that there is nothing to report.

76.0 Other Business

- Council Tax Reform

RESOLVED that Members noted the following:

We would like to make you aware of the above consultation paper that discusses options in relation to the council tax liabilities of second home owners, and of the owners of empty properties, in England, including proposals which would require primary legislation. It also covers potential reforms of several details of the council tax system including modernising arrangements for payment of council tax by instalments, for delivering the information to be supplied with demand notices, and the treatment of annexes to dwellings; and some broadly administrative matters.

To comment please click on the link:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/20192051.pdf>

- New national non-emergency number

RESOLVED to note that the new national non-emergency number is 101. Posters have been put up in Ludgershall to inform residents.

- Bucks 2012 Programme Launch

RESOLVED that members noted the invitation about the Bucks 2012 event programmes launch.

- Newsletters in circulation

Open Space Autumn 2011 Volume 30 no. 2

Bucks Playing Field Association – The Playing Field Autumn 2011

77.0 Date of next meetings

77.1 Ludgershall Parish Council:

- Monday 9th January 2012
- Monday 6th February 2012
- Monday 12th March 2012
- Monday 2nd April 2012
- Monday 23rd April 2012 (Annual Parish Meeting)
- Monday 14th May 2012

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77.2 Waddesdon Local Area Forum

The date for the next meeting of the Waddesdon Local Area Forum is 7th March 2012.

77.3 NAG Meeting. There was no update.

78.0 COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

Exclusion of Public and Press

In accordance with Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters. It is therefore **RESOLVED**, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press be excluded.

Public Question Time

- It was suggested that the parish Council purchase a road sweeper for the parish and this should be considered for the 2012/2013 budget
- It was confirmed that the Olympic Torch would be kept alight in a box in transport between towns where it is being run through
- It was confirmed that the walking of dogs from Kings Farm fell outside the requirements of the speed restriction limit requirements as they walked them outside the speed restriction limits. However there were some queries about the planning change of use requirements of the farm
- The horse chestnut tree on the Village Green outside the old post office belongs to the Parish Council and now has canker therefore required some attention. It was believed that it needed to be felled and burnt where it stood. The Parish Clerk would check with Lesley Davies, Green Spaces Dept. at AVDC