

Minutes of a meeting of Ludgershall Parish Council held at Ludgershall Memorial Hall on Monday 10th October 2011.

Present: Cllr. J. Cartwright – Chairman

Cllr. Ms H. Cox

Cllr. R. Jones

Cllr. S. Lawson

Cllr. R. Simpson

Cllr. P. Thomas

Also present: Anne Wilson – Parish Clerk

8 residents

Questions from residents:

- Archie expressed concern about the drain in Church Lane and felt that the minutes did not reflect the position
- The footpath was blocked at Nigel Parkers in Church Lane. There is no statutory height for styles and therefore the matter would have to be taken up with the footpaths officer at AVVDC. Alan Turner stated that he had recently checked the footpaths in the parish and reported his findings back to AVDC
- Archie asked Paul Thomas about his footpath across his land and stated that he felt that it was not correct. Paul reported that he had had the footpaths officer out who had confirmed that the footpath was in the right location. The footpath was signed on the gate. Archie, Paul and John would meet on site to talk about Archie's concerns.

35.0 Fire Safety Announcement

The meeting commenced with a fire safety announcement.

36.0 Apologies

There were no apologies from Members.

37.0 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED to receive a declaration of any prejudicial interests for agenda item 16 from both Cllr. Ms H. Cox and Cllr. R. Simpson.

38.0 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5th September 2011 LPC/02/11

39.0 Finance

39.1 Account Balances as at 30th July 2010:

RESOLVED to receive the accounts balances as listed below:

Business Premium Account	£ 2544.19	(15th September 2011)
Community Account	£ 12715.90	(3rd October 2011)
Village Green Account	£ 12537.51	(16th August 2011)

39.2 Payments:

RESOLVED to confirm that the following payments be made:

Mazars	External audit fee	£135.00 + VAT £27.00 total £162.00
Mrs A. Wilson	Expenses	£ 27.86
Mrs A. Wilson	Outstanding salary (May – October 2011)	£274.61

RESOLVED to note that there is an outstanding amount of £328.20 due to the HMRC for tax and this will be paid direct to HMRC personally by the Parish Clerk. Under the terms of her employment until 1st April 2011 the Parish Clerk was responsible for paying her own tax but the HMRC are ensuring that all Parish Councils are now registered with them and PAYE is followed. However due to the change of Parish Councillors and the outstanding salary this payment is being made now under PAYE terms.

39.3 Income:

RESOLVED to note that the following income has been received by the Parish Council:

Wayleave from BT	£ 11.40
Precept:	£4250.00

40.0 Police Matters

The Police are not able to attend this meeting but an e mail had been forwarded with the up to date information on it to Councillors. There had only been one incident in relation to Ludgershall in the past month and that was a first case harassment over a civil debt.

41.0 Parish Council Business

41.1.1 New Councillor

RESOLVED to note that no election had been requested as yet and that no one had, to date, expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor. Cllr. Cartwright stated that the Parish Council would be acceptable as six but he felt that there may be people in the village interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.

41.1.2 Members Allowances

RESOLVED that Members noted that the AVDC Independent Remuneration Panel reviewed Members' allowances on the 4th July 2011.

41.1.3 AVALC AGM

RESOLVED that Members noted that the AGM of AVALC will be held on 5 November 2011 at the Winslow Centre, Winslow and Members were asked to consider whether they wish to attend. Neil Evans from the National Association of Local Councils will bring those attending up to date with the implications of the Localism Bill and how parish and town councils may benefit from the opportunities available.

41.1.4 Bucks Local Involvement Network

RESOLVED that Members did not wish to become a Member of this group.

41.1.5 The Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons

RESOLVED that Members felt that there should be no beacon in Ludgershall to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on the 4th June 2012.

41.1.6 Open Spaces Society

RESOLVED that no Member wishes to attend a Special General Meeting of the Open Spaces Society in London on 23rd November 2011 at 2 p.m. The meeting will consider the incorporation of the Society.

42.1.7 Access Drive across the village green

RESOLVED to note that on Sunday 25th Helena, Paul, Ron and John met with Mark Rodham of Beech Dene to view a problem with his access drive across the village green. They were shown the problem of potholes and stone retention on the drive. Having discussed the matter it was unanimously agreed with Mr Rodham a method of relaying the drive and retaining the stone on the drive by the use of granite setts.

Further **RESOLVED** that Members confirmed this as an acceptable way forward.

42.2. Aylesbury Vale District Council

41.2.1 The Vale of Aylesbury Plan – Ludgershall Draft Fact Pack

Cllr. Ms Cox had circulated a draft questionnaire to all Councillors in between meetings and it was **RESOLVED** that each Councillor would be responsible for

41.2.2 Alleged unauthorised construction of vehicular access on to site at Kings Farm, Piddington Road, Ludgershall

Following the report back to the last Parish Council meeting Cllr. Cartwright has spoken to the relevant officer at AVDC and the Parish Clerk has written once again to AVDC on this matter. There was no update available.

41.2.3 SAVE Community Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Discount Scheme - A Community PV group buying scheme

RESOLVED that Members did not wish to be part of this scheme.

41.3 Buckinghamshire County Council

41.3.1 E mail from Mark Grindall to Members of the Waddesdon LAF

Members noted that following the recent LAF meeting the following local priorities, identified at the Summer meeting, have had Champions appointed from within the LAF.

Priority	Champion
Deal with Excess Speed	Inspector Emma Garside
Produce Land Use Plans for villages	Ian Metherell
Increased Recycling	Peter Darvas

Members were asked if they had any thoughts or views on the priorities or how they may be best addressed and that they should be directed to the champion concerned copying Michael Edmonds and himself into the message. Mark Grindall had already had a very positive meeting on Land Use Plans and looked forward to discussing the other priorities actions with the relevant champions in due course.

Members were asked if they would consider being a champion on Improving Village Community Facilities or promoting their construction where none are currently available or Road/Pavement Conditions. With regard to Village Community Facilities David Vick was suggested , in absentia, as being a perfect choice and he is currently considering the opportunity.

Members declined the offer.

41.3.2 Consultation on budget priorities

Bucks CC would like to hear from residents and service users to inform its future budget plans. The County Council is faced with conflicting challenges – an on going reduction in available resources set against increasing demand for its services as well as increasing costs. Members and parishioners could log onto www.buckscc.gov.uk/budget

41.4 Other

41.41. Correspondence and E mails received since the last meeting by Members:

- CPRE – How to respond to planning applications: an 8 – step guide
- Reception Admissions September 2012 – August 2013 for children born between 1st September 2007 and 31st August 2008

42.0 Planning

42.1 Planning Applications

42.1.1 Sharps Hill Farm, Bicester Road, Kingswood

Demolition of extensions and outbuildings. Reconstruction of two store storey rear extension and erection of garden room with mezzanine floor and internal alterations

Amended plans for the change (reduction) in height of extension and the removal of majority of timber cladding

RESOLVED that Members had no objections to these amendments.

42.1.2 White Hart Farm, Bicester Road, Ludgershall
Raising of roof and conversion of barn to form agricultural workers dwelling

RESOLVED that Members felt that:

- The proposal is an overdevelopment of the farmyard
- The proposal is an over development of the site
- Is the proposal viable when the building is in such close proximity to other buildings

41.1.2 The Croft, Bicester Road, Marsh Gibbon
Reduction of height and crown reduction no.1 Walnut and No.1 Willow

Members did not comment on this application as it is outside the parish.

41.2 Approved Applications

RESOLVED that Members noted the approved applications.

41.2.2 Planning application no.: 11/01568/APP & 11/01569/ALB
Sharps Hill Farm, Bicester Road, Kingswood
Drawings no.: 1410 – 01C, 04A, 05,06A, 07A
Demolition of extensions and outbuildings. Reconstruction of two storey rear extension and erection of garden room with mezzanine floor and internal alterations

42.2.3 Leaches Farm, Upper Ray Nature Reserves, Bicester Road, Ludgershall
Provision of ford crossing over River Ray and creation of four additional ponds for wildlife conservation

42.3 Other Planning Matters

42.3.1 Brooklands Farm Wotton End Ludgershall

The landowner has been given permission to fell two conifer trees as AVDC consider that the work will not affect the amenity of this part of the Conservation Area.

43.0 Highways

There is nothing to report.

44.0 Village Green

44.1 Litter bin installation

The litter bin had been delivered to Cllr. Thomas and he would install it somewhere near the new picnic table.

45.0 Other Business

45.1 Bucks Playing Fields Association (PFA) AGM

RESOLVED that the Bucks PFA AGM took place on Tuesday 4th October. The Annual Report is available for Members wish to read it.

45.2 East West Rail Update

RESOLVED that Members would look at

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/chiltern-high-speed-success-boost-east-west-rail-case> and <http://www.transportforall.org.uk> for an update on the East West Rail link.

Cllr. Cartwright said that the HS2 route was creeping closer and was being used as a lever for the east-west rail line land.

45.3 The 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England

RESOLVED that Members noted the proposals for a review of the Parliamentary Constituencies in the area.

46.0 Date of next meetings

46.1 Ludgershall Parish Council:

- Monday 7th November 2011
Monday 5th December NB at 8 p.m.
- Monday 9th January 2012
- Monday 12th March 2012
- Monday 23rd April 2012 (Annual Parish Meeting)
- Monday 14th May 2012

46.2 Waddesdon Local Area Forum

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

46.3 NAG Meeting – date of next meeting tbc

The Parish Clerk would speak to the Police about eh local NAG and its future.

47.0 COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED that 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.

Questions from residents:

- Alan Turner asked if there was another date for the freighter to come to the village. Cllr. Cartwright stated that it was due to breakdowns in other aspects of the refuse services that led to the short notice of the freighter not coming to Ludgershall and other parishes. Cllr. Cartwright informed Members and parishioners that all parishes would be asked to pay for this service in future. He continued by saying that in future there could be up to three different contractors cutting the grass in the parish (apart from the Parish Council) due to the division of the grounds maintenance contract

Signed **Date**

Parish Council Chairman