

**LUDGERSHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Ludgershall Parish Council held at Ludgershall Memorial Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr. J. Cartwright – Chairman

Cllr. T. Chettle

Cllr. Ms. H. Cox

Cllr. R. Jones

Cllr. R. Simpson

**Questions from residents:**

- Archie Harris asked about the replacement of the white lines on the road from Wootton End upwards. The Council had written back to the Bucks CC Highways Officer disagreeing with her findings as there had been White lines in situ despite what she had claimed but no response had yet been received. The Parish Clerk agreed to follow this up.

**122.0 Fire Safety Announcement**

The Chairman gave a fire safety announcement.

**123.0 Apologies**

**RESOLVED** to receive apologies from Cllr. S. Lawson and Cllr. P. Thomas both of who were on annual leave.

**124.0 Declarations of Interest**

**RESOLVED** to receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests as follows:

- Cllr. R. Simpson - Personal Interest in agenda item 7 Easement to the bungalow at the rear of the White Hart and agenda item 9.1 Planning Application for Chimneys, Duck Lane
- Cllr. Ms H. Cox – Personal and Prejudicial Interest in agenda item 7 Easement to the bungalow at the rear of the White Hart and agenda item 9.1 Planning Application for Chimneys, Duck Lane
- Cllr. J. Cartwright - Personal Interest in agenda item 12 Village Marquee and agenda item 9.1 Planning Application for Chimneys, Duck Lane
- Cllr. R. Jones – Personal Interest - agenda item 9.1 Planning Application for Chimneys, Duck Lane
- Cllr. T. Chettle - Personal Interest - agenda item 9.1 Planning Application for Chimneys, Duck Lane

## **125.0 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 **LPC/08/11**

The following amendment was made: Play Around the Parishes is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and not Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Cllr. Cartwright updated the dates of the Incinerator re-hearing to the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> April and not the 19<sup>th</sup> as written in the minutes.

## **126.0 Finance**

### 126.1 Account Balances:

**RESOLVED** to note that the balances for the Co-op accounts are as follows:

Community Account	£ 11,800	(as 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2012)
Deposit Account	£ 2500	(as at 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2012)
Village Green Account	£12,500	(as at 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2012)

### 126.2 Payments:

**RESOLVED** to make the following payment:

HMRC - £57.38

Bucks Association of Local Councils subscription - £53.60

### 126.3 Income

**RESOLVED** to note that was no income as at the time of writing the agenda.

## **127.3 Police Matters**

A local policeman/PCSO had 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 however was not present. The Parish Clerk confirmed that PC Anthony Hurd would be attending the Annual Parish Meeting.

## **128.0 Parish Council Business**

- Easement to the bungalow at the rear of the White Hart

Cllr. Ms Cox was present during this discussion but did not speak or vote on the item.

Neil Freeman from Horwood and James had written to the Parish Council stating that as they would not take his advice and obtain Counsels opinion on the use of the General Disposal

Consent (England) 2003 Local Authorities and its use by Parish Councils. Those present still felt that they had paid for a sound legal opinion and questioned by Neil was questioning his own legal advice.

**RESOLVED** not to confirm the signing of the agreement for the Easement to the bungalow rear of the White Hart by the Chairman Cllr. J. Cartwright on behalf of the Parish Council.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Clerk contact BALC for their advice and speak with a Barrister as to how much an opinion would. The Parish Clerk would keep the Council informed of progress.

- Jubilee Celebrations

A meeting of the Jubilee Committee would take place the Thursday after the meeting. There was not anything new to report.

The Parish Clerk had written to the Green Spaces Team at AVDC with regard to the planting of a wildflower meadow but as at the time of the meeting no response had been received. A location of as you go from the Duck Lane Bridge there is a track across to two houses with an unkempt area in between was suggested.

A Magnolia Tree will be planted near the village pond on 3.30 p.m. on Easter Monday following a scavenger hunt after the sale in the morning. The Parish Clerk would obtain details about a free tree from AVDC for elsewhere in the village.

- Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Andy Kirkham, the officer responsible for the Neighbourhood Planning who covers Ludgershall has agreed to attend the meeting. Invites have been sent to the Police and Bucks CC with several others still to be sent.

#### 128.1 Aylesbury Vale District Council

- Code of Conduct Training

Cllr. Robin Simpson and Cllr. Ms Cox gave a report to members on the new Code of Conduct training that they attended on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

Considerable concern was expressed about the proposals for the new Code, the implications with and to family and close friends as well as the criminal elements of the new code. As it has not yet been finalised the course could not explain all aspects to them.

- Touring Arts and Holiday Activities

This programme is available in the school holidays when AVDC arrange arts and holiday activities to take place in the parish. Members are asked to consider who will be available to open the hall on 4<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr. Cartwright would open the hall.

## 128.2 Buckinghamshire County Council

- Village Walk Round

Cllr. Ms Cox and Cllr. Jones attended the village walkabout with David Smith on 30<sup>th</sup> March and gave the following update at the meeting.

- i) Kerbing on the Bicester Road – Bucks CC are willing to give the Parish Council a quote to carry out the work but at a cost of £135 per linear metre to the Parish Council
- ii) Pot holes – these were still being worked on
- iii) The Parish Council could invite a review of the speed limit signs around the village but there were possibly not enough houses on the outskirts of the village to viably move the signs. It was felt that the speed limit on the sharp bend would be more service if it was in front of Wayside
- iv) May be able to apply to the LAF for some funding
- v) The corner of the triangular part of the village green may be able to be repaired through using rumble strip edging - some 40m
- vi) The edges of the village green on the Bicester Road would be repaired by back filling when a gang was available
- vii) Consideration was given to speed flashes that are vehicle activated
- viii) Police could train local residents to use the Parish Council and the parishioners how to use the mobile speed gun. Although no fines could be issued those caught would receive reminder letters about their speed. Councillors Ms Cox and Chettle showed interest in being trained

- Become a Community Energy Champion

Bucks CC have funds from the Big Society Fund roles for local people who are interested in saving money and spreading the word within your community.

- BCC Community Offer

This community offer from Bucks CC is inviting parishes to have consideration of what they would like devolved.

- Household Waste Recycling Centre

The Waste Recycling Group (WRG) have been awarded the new management and transport contract for the Bucks ten household waste recycling centres, which came into place on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. The contract is worth approximately £22m and will Bucks CC the flexibility to provide service levels and costs which are affordable during these financial times and in the future as well.

- U90 Bicester Road, Ludgershall – Speed Limit

Councillor Cartwright's made a request at the recent Waddesdon LAF meeting to review the 30mph limit and Simon Dudley, Area Maintenance Team Leader; Transport for Bucks replied having contacted the speed limit review team.

“Travelling north along Bicester road from the village development occurs (approx. distances) 90 m to the entrance to Rookery Farm (on east), 75 m to Wayside (on west), 90m to residence (on east), 75 m to ‘Ludgershall’ nameplate (on east). As an average density of at least three houses per 100 m is recommended for a 30 mph restriction, the working group decided that the 30 mph restriction should commence approx. 45m north of the green. The location of a village name does not necessarily equate to a suitable location for the terminal point of a speed restriction, in the case of Bicester Road the requisite density of housing is not achieved to move the 30mph terminal further than implemented.”

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council contacted Transport for Bucks and ask for a review of the speed limit in the parish.

### 128.3 Circulated in between meetings

- News for the Parishes 2-12
- Buckingham Today Article
- Event for Rural Business 23.3.2012
- Youth Engagement Training
- Business and Social Media

### 129.0 Footpaths

In the absence of Cllr. Paul Thomas there was no report.

### 130.0 Planning

#### 130.1 Planning Applications

- 12/0382/APP Tetchwick House, Tetchwick Farm Road, Ludgershall  
Demolition of animal outbuilding and replacement with a single story outbuilding.  
**RESOLVED** that Members had no objections.
- 12/00607/APP Chimneys, Ducks Lane, Ludgershall  
Removal of existing outbuildings and replacement with new barn  
**RESOLVED** that Members have no objections.

#### 130.2 Other Planning Matters

- Kings Farm, Piddington Road, Ludgershall  
The Parish Council had previously reported that AVDC had confirmed that there was unauthorised use of Kings Farm as greyhound kennels and construction of vehicular access to the site. AVDC had confirmed that the farm needed to apply for planning permission before Christmas and when the Parish Council enquired as to progress a letter had been received from AVDC stating that they had not heard from the applicants and had therefore agreed to instigate formal enforcement action in the form of an enforcement notice. There are a number of stages to go through prior to the service if the notice and AVDC will let the Parish Council know when it is served.

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

There was no update.

### **131.0 Highways**

- From David Smith in response to our letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and conversation with the Chairman of the Parish Council

Members noted and considered the following response from David Smith with respect to Dark Lane and low loaders on the Bicester Road:

*'I can confirm meeting the Councillors on the 30th March at 10:30 at the village hall, apologies for the delay I did not receive your message.*

*Your request for unsuitable for HGV's running along Bit Lane (Dark Lane) has already got unsuitable for HGV traffic placed at Kingswood Lane junction also at Wotton End near Church Lane.*

*At the previous meeting I did agree to installing some kerbing at the junction of The Green/Bicester Road following start of new financial year, I am not looking to carry out any further kerbing has monies available for surfacing owing to the state of our road network. Therefore best way forward unless Parish wish to pay for kerbing which can be costed and estimates given for each location, can be discussed at meeting. Or place a bid at the LAF meeting for delegated budget funds?*

*John Cartwright did mention this at the LAF on the 7th March which I believe Simon has given all relevant information back from Pat Francis Team.'*

- Dog litter

The AVDC Dog Warden had been written to following the complaint about the amount of Dog Litter in the village. The parish Clerk had had a response by phone but had been unable to return the call to AVDC. She would report back at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

- Hedge along Church Lane

The owner of the hedge has contacted the Parish Clerk following receipt of a letter from her and agreed to cut back the hedge and the Willow Tree.

It was agreed that Mr Mole of Castells, Wootton End needed to be written to to ask him to arrange to have the hedge on Wootton End.

Cllr. Simpson expressed concern about the local residents who are letting their dogs off the lead on the field rented by Nick Wallington where he has sheep. The dogs are upsetting the sheep. There is a footpath in the field but it is not across the field. It was suggested that Mr Wallington puts a notice on the stile and gates.

### **132.0 Village Green**

- New Mower

At the March meeting of the Parish Council it was agreed that quotes should be obtained to purchase a newer mower for the village green. Three quotes were obtained and discussed at the meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council purchase a new mower for the parish at a cost of £679 + VAT from RGC. This included the £195 part exchange received for the current mower.

- Village Green bank repairs

The Parish Clerk had sent a reminder to Thames Water about the bank repairs. In the response received Thames Water expressed surprise that the work had not yet been carried out and confirmed it would be reprogrammed in.

### **133.0 Other Business**

- Chestnut Tree in the village.

Cllr. Jones reported that the chestnut tree that was thought to be diseased and possibly dying is showing signs of regenerating and new shoots were evident.

- Village Marquee

**RESOLVED** that village marquee may be borrowed for the events in Ludgershall over the Easter weekend for the village events.

- Available at the meeting:

- i) The Vale of Aylesbury Plan Issue 8
- ii) Bucks PFA Newsletter Winter 2011/12

### **134.0 Date of next meetings**

#### 134.1 Ludgershall Parish Council:

- Monday 23rd April 2012 (Annual Parish Meeting)
- Monday 14th May 2012

#### 134.2 Waddesdon Local Area Forum

- Cllr. Tom Chettle gave a verbal report on the meeting of the Waddesdon Local Area Forum meeting he attended on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

Cllr. Chettle reported that there had been lots of guest speakers. They spoke about speed cameras and changes to recycling. There will be new larger style bins available with fortnightly collections, a food waste bin collected weekly and garden waste collection will also be available at £36 per annum.

Parish Councillors asked the question as to why if AVDC are going to introduce all these new recycling schemes why is there a new incinerator proposed.

- Community Buildings LAF

Cllr. Tom Chettle will attend the meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7 p.m. at Quainton Memorial Hall. The meeting will be considering the excess money available in the communities fund thought to be around £50k which has been carried over financial years.

The purpose of the meeting will be to consider the current situation with community buildings across the LAF area, how we can best assist with the issues faced and whether we, as a LAF, should be funding refurbishments or whether we would be better served providing guidance etc. The specific priority concerned is Improve Village Community Facilities or promote their construction where none are currently available

**RESOLVED** that an application should be put in for funding for new outer doors for the village hall in Ludgershall.

Signed ..... Date .....

Chairman

#### **Questions from members of the public**

- Archie Harris asked about the verge outside Bury Court where the gully is sticking up proud. It was confirmed that down to the contractor however it had it had been stated that if they did repair the area then Bucks CC would carry out the work and recharge the contractor. However Dave Smith had confirmed that the contractor had been contacted and he would chase them again.
- Alan Turner had attended the recent coffee morning in the village where the PCSO had been present. He outlined the proposal as part of a Neighbourhood Watch type scheme that they were looking for a number of named individuals that could be points of contact in the village for the Police. They are looking for about a dozen people.