

**Minutes of a meeting of Ludgershall Parish Council held at Ludgershall Memorial Hall
on Monday 11th June 2012 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Cllr. P. Thomas – in the Chair

Cllr. J. Cartwright

Cllr. T. Chettle

Cllr. R. Jones

Cllr. R. Simpson

Also present: Anne Wilson Parish Clerk

6 Members of the public

Public Questions:

- Archie Harris asked about the rivulet under the road opposite Manor Farm in Salters Lane and the drain by the White House on the main road and whether they needed cleaning out. Cllr. Thomas expressed concern about the drain under the road in Duck Lane and across the High Street. Both agreed that the amount of water on the road and the fact that Duck Lane was substantially flooded indicated that the drains needed cleaning out
- Archie Harris was concerned about the pipe under the verge in Church Lane and the fact that water was running through the pipes with cabling in.
- Alan Turner expressed disappointment that Bucks CC had tarmaced the edged of the bank in Church Lane and that only a sprinkle of soil had been placed on the banks

The Parish Clerk would contact the relevant authorities and organisations in relation to these questions.

- A question was asked about Broadband in Ludgershall. Cllr. Thomas explained that there were fibre optics in Long Lane and the agreement ended with the company at the farm on the Brill Road that had brought the optics that far in Ludgershall. Cllr. Thomas would check with Vincent.

15.0 Fire Safety Announcement

Cllr. Thomas gave a fire safety announcement.

16.0 Apologies

There were no apologies.

17.0 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED to note that there were no declarations of interest.

18.0 Minutes

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14th May 2012 LPC/01/12

19.0 Finance

19.1 Account Balances:

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

Community Direct Account	£ 9978.34	(as 1st June 2012)
Deposit Account	£ 2500.00	(as at 21st January 2012)
Village Green Account	£12505.36	(as at 1st June 2012)

The Parish Clerk said that there was some movement of monies needed to be done between accounts following the opening of new accounts.

19.2 Payments:

RESOLVED to confirm the following payments:

HMRC - £114.76

Bridgnorth Town Council photocopying /printing £67.70 + VAT £13.54 total £81.24

AVDC PLAY Around the Parishes – April 2012 £50.00

A. Wilson – expenses – phone top up £20.60

Postage £ 9.60

Jubilee: Ms H. Cox £306.46

J. Burchell £109.80

Society of Local Council Clerks recruitment advert £50

19.3 Income

RESOLVED to note income of £150 for the hire of the marquee.

19.4 Income and Expenditure report

Members noted that there was no Income and Expenditure Report as the books are with the Internal Auditor.

19.5 Consultation on Appointment of external auditor for 2012/13 and future years.

RESOLVED that Members accepted that Mazars would continue to be the external auditors and that they had no objections.

19.6 Local Government Finance Bill

Members noted that the bill includes the provisions for local council tax schemes in England. The bill sets out how the Government intends to distribute funding to support local schemes and seeks views on possible adjustments to allocations to avoid potential budgetary pressures in a few authorities. The document can be viewed at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/2146644>

Members noted that Town Councils are pushing to get business rates returned to them at a local level.

19.7 BALC Training

RESOLVED that Cllr. Paul Thomas attend the BALC accounts and finance training for members on the 11th July 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

20.0 Police Matters

- Members noted that the local Police have been given all the dates for the meetings for the year and that the police/PCSO have been invited to attend future meetings to give an update or a verbal report will be given at the meeting on behalf of the Police.
- The Parish Clerk had contacted PC Spenceley with regard to Speed Watch equipment and training a couple of Councillors. Training took place on the 15th May. Members noted that Ludgershall Parish Council has been approached by a resident of Kingswood (within the parish boundary) with regard to their being able to use the Parish Council Public Liability Insurance to carry out speed watch in Kingswood.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would not offer insurance for Speedwatch for the residents of Kingswood. It was noted that Kingswood do not precept and therefore could either raise tax with the help of AVDC or approach AVDC for short term funding. However it was noted that they could not carry out Speedwatch on a main road.

Cllr. Chettle reported that he still hoped to be trained too.

21.0 Parish Council Business

- General Power of Competence

Members noted the report regarding the General Power of Competence (GPC) which explained about the freedom granted by the general power, the criteria to be met before a local Council can use it and some restrictions using the power.

Members felt it was a great opportunity and would be a waste if the power was not adopted as the Parish Council met all the criteria. This power would give the Council “the power to do anything that individuals generally may do”. This would open up a lot of doors to work within and with the community.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council meet the criteria for eligibility as follows:

- the number of councillors elected at the last ordinary election, or at a subsequent by-election, equals or exceeds two thirds of its total number of councillors
- The Town Clerk holds at least one of the sector-specific qualifications and has passed CILCA Unit 7 General Power of Competence

RESOLVED: that Ludgershall Parish Council adopts the General Power of Competence.

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

The Parish Clerk confirmed that she had taken legal advice and the relevant paperwork and agreement for the Easement to the bungalow rear of the White Hart was with Helena Cox’s solicitors.

- Code of Conduct

RESOLVED that Members noted the paperwork on the:

- i) Members' conduct and the registration and disclosure of their interests (England)
- ii) NALC template code of conduct for parish councils (draft)

Concern was expressed about the depth of declarations that appear to be required.

- Jubilee Celebrations

Members agreed that the village celebrations had been a great success despite the weather with a good mix of people and ages attending . Those involved were thanked for their hard work in organising the events.

The Parish Clerk was asked to produce a balance sheet for the next meeting.

- Appointment of a Parish Clerk

The Parish Clerk Informed Members that there had been several expressions of interest and it was agreed that interviews could take place on the morning of Saturday 21st July 2012.

- Village Green Bank

The Parish Clerk informed Members that there was no progress of this matter.

- Play Area Group

Concern was expressed about the Play Area group and the apparent lack of invoices being paid to local residents who had carried out work on the play area. The Parish Clerk asked whether the group was carrying out weekly risk assessments and keeping a record of the same.

Following lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Clerk contact Julie Tiley, Chairman of the group outlining the concerns of the Parish Council and suggesting that perhaps the Parish Council be more involved in the running of the area and the area returns to the parish Council to manage. This would not preclude non-Councillors being involved.

It was suggested that someone was trained by ROSPA to carry out weekly equipment inspections.

It was noted that the small swing bridge and slide are in need of repair. The piece of equipment would be taped off so it was out of use the morning after the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk contact Playdale.

- Village Event

Members discussed the village event held in 2011 to commemorate the Royal Wedding and the funding of the event. The Parish Clerk confirmed that Julie Tiley had contacted her about returning the remaining funds and details of the spend.

RESOLVED that Julie be contacted asking for the information in time for the July Council meeting.

21.1 Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC)

- Village Bulk Refuse Collection

The Village refuse Collection will take place on 16th July 2012 between 7.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

- Burglary Crime Prevention Road Shows

AVDC would like to bring their Crime prevention Road show – summer burglary campaign the any event being held in Ludgershall over the summer. It was suggested that this road show came to Bike Night on the 2nd July 2012 but noted that there are no other events coming up.

21.2 Buckinghamshire County Council

- Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Submission Development Plan Document (DPD): proposed changes public consultation – 21st May to 9th July
This can be viewed on www.buckscc.gov.uk/mwccconsult

Cllr. Cartwright outlined some of the matters in relation to this strategy and stated that this plan would be redefining the amount of waste going to landfill and potential how much rubbish would be recycled in the future.

21.3 Circulated in between meetings

- Standards Committee Agenda 25/5/2012
- Community Impact 15/5/2012
- Funding Opportunity for young people – message from Bucks CC
- Rural grass cutting 3
- Hot Topics in Bucks June 2012
- Summer Drink Drive/Euro Football poster
- Play Equipment Inspection
- Waddesdon Police News June 2012
- Royal Visit Queen Elizabeth 11 Fields Challenge June 2012

22.0 Footpaths

- Spring 2012 Rights of Way Newsletter from Bucks CC

Members noted the newsletter is available on http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/parish_news/page.

23.0 Planning

23.1 Planning Applications

There were none received.

23.2 Planning Decisions

- i) 12/00607/APP Chimneys Duck Lane Ludgershall
Removal of existing outbuildings and replacement with new barn

23.3 Other planning information

Members noted the Planning Applications (Appeals by Town and Parish Councils) Bill which includes the following in terms of the rights of town and parish councils to appeal against the granting of planning permission:

- (1) A town or parish council shall have the right to appeal against the granting of planning permission in its area in the circumstances stated in subsection (2).
- (2) The circumstances referred to in subsection (1) are—
 - (a) that the town or parish council has recommended on planning grounds that an application for planning permission in their area should be rejected by the local planning authority; and
 - (b) the local planning authority has granted the application.
- (3) In this section a recommendation on planning grounds means a recommendation based upon—
 - (a) material considerations as specified by planning law; or
 - (b) any other considerations that may be specified in regulations by the Secretary of State.
- (4) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (5) Any appeal pursuant to this Act must be made within 6 weeks of the granting of the application.
- (6) The costs of any appeal made pursuant to this section shall be paid by the unsuccessful party.

23.4 Neighbourhood Planning – Taking responsibility for your Your Parish

RESOLVED that no Member would like to attend the Neighbourhood Planning Event on the 28th June.

23.5 Ludgershall Farm, Ludgershall

Members received an update from the Parish Clerk on the access over Village Green to Ludgershall Farm. Land Registry had stated that they were not aware that the area was village green and the solicitors to the new owners of Ludgershall Farm had stated that the new owners had just taken over an existing right of access.

RESOLVED that Parish Clerk follow this up with both the land Registry and the new owner's solicitors.

24.0 Highways

The Parish Council were updated by the Parish Clerk following correspondence with Dave Smith, the Highways Technician.

25.0 Other Business

- Transport for Ludgershall

The Parish Clerk reported that there was no update in relation to the areas of concern raised at the May meeting in relation to Dial A Ride and School Transport in relation to residents of Ludgershall.

- Police and Crime Prevention Panel

Members noted the paperwork in relation to the Crime Prevention Panel.

- Available at the meeting:

- i) Sky ride Local – join a free weekly bike ride in Aylesbury Vale - goskyride.com
- ii) PCMS – consultants in relation to parish building development plans

- Dept. of Food and Rural Affairs

Members had no comments on the e mail sent to you on 9th June with regard to the policy framework for Public Rights of Way.

A copy of this consultation has been sent to Alan Turner for information.

- Bike Night

RESOLVED that the Parish Council marquee be loaned free of charge for use at Bike Night on the 2nd July 2012.

26.0 Date of next meetings

26.1 Ludgershall Parish Council:

- Friday 22nd June 2012 @ 6.45 p.m. (additional meeting)
- Monday 9th July 2012 (note change of date)
- Monday 3rd September 2012
- Monday 1st October 2012
- Monday 12th November 2012 (note change of date)
- Monday 3rd December 2012
- Monday 7th January 2013
- Monday 4th February 2013
- Monday 4th March 2013
- Monday 1st April 2013
- Wednesday 24th April 2013 (Annual Parish Meeting)
- Monday 13th May 2013

Public questions:

- Emily Davis informed Members that Julie Tiley had everything to do with the play area and felt it was the right way forward for the Parish Council to take over. It would be good to be a

sub-committee of the Parish Council. Cllr. Thomas suggested, and it was agreed by those present, that the Parish Council should look to pay the outstanding debts of the play area group

- Alan Turner suggested that a definitive right of way map should be applied for from Bucks CC

Signed Date

Chairman