

**Minutes of a meeting of Ludgershall Parish Council held at Ludgershall Memorial Hall
on Monday 7th January 2013 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Cllr. P. Thomas – in the Chair
Cllr. J. Cartwright
Cllr. T. Chettle
Cllr. Ms. H. Cox
Cllr. R. Jones
Cllr. S. Lawson
Cllr. R. Simpson

Also present: Deborah O’Brien, Parish Clerk
4 members of the public

Questions before the meeting:

- Mr. A. Harris raised an issue regarding the lack of white lines on the road to Wotton. This piece of road falls outside of Ludgershall’s Parish boundary, but the Parish Clerk will raise the matter with Dave Smith of Highways & Transport.

123.0 Fire Safety Announcement

Cllr. Paul Thomas commenced the meeting with a fire safety announcement.

124.0 Apologies

No apologies.

125.0 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

125.1 All councillors formally filed a written request to the Proper Officer (Parish Clerk) requesting a four year dispensation for the purposes of discussing the Parish Precept. This was granted by the Parish Clerk and the notices have been filed on record.

126.0 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the meetings of the Parish Council held on:

- Monday 3rd December 2012 LPC/09/1213
- Thursday 20th December 2012 LPC/10/1213

127.0 Finance

127.1 Account Balances:

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

Community Direct Account	£ 6027.38	(as at 2 nd January 2013)
Deposit Account	£ 2501.49	(as at 2 nd January 2013)
Village Green Account	£21488.70	(as at 2 nd January 2013)

127.2 Payments:

RESOLVED to make the following payments:

Deborah O'Brien – salary £262.25

Ludgershall Village Hall Christmas Decoration Grant - £100.00

Helena Cox – Plaque for Jubilee Tree (£53.24 - £26 cash in hand from mug sale) - £27.24

HM Courts – Tribunal Filing Fee

127.3 Income

RESOLVED to note income:

Interest - £0.76

127.4 Income and Expenditure report

RESOLVED to note the Income and Expenditure Report as at 2nd January 2013.

127.5 Royal Wedding Event 2011

Members noted that the claim for outstanding monies has been filed in Small Claims Court.

127.6 Other Financial Matters

Members noted that further correspondence has been received from AVDC in regard to the Precept and 2012/13 Council Tax. Members further noted that this would not have a significant impact upon our precept request.

RESOLVED to make no changes to the Precept request of £8,500 already submitted.

128.0 Police Matters

- NOTED that PCSO Grayburn is continuing to monitor the parking issue on Wotton End.

129.0 Parish Council Business

- Greyhound Kennels on Piddington Road

Members noted that the Mr. P. Dales of AVDC Planning Enforcement has advised that the access issue has been determined not to be a breach of planning control.

- Willow Tree on Village Green at Wayside, Bicester Road and other tree maintenance

Members noted that a quote has been received from Mr. J. Goss in respect of pollarding the willow trees adjacent to Wayside, Bicester Road, pollarding 2 willows at Wotton End and cutting out a

willow tree and clearing of the ditch at the lower end of Church Lane totalling £550.00. This is considerably less than any of the previous 3 quotes received.

RESOLVED that Mr. J. Goss be asked to perform the works described. **FURTHER RESOLVED that** Mr. Goss will also be asked to clear the ditch adjacent to Rivendell.

- Village Green Bank

Members noted that no further update has been received.

- Environment Agency Training Visit

Members noted that the EA will visit the Parish on March 6th for training in correct methods and procedures relating to the clearance and maintenance of continuously flowing waterways (i.e. streams).

RESOLVED that Cllr. Cox will place a notice on the village website advertising the event, which will convene at 'Chimneys' Duck Lane at 9:30 am.

- Village Notice Boards

Members noted that Cllr. Thomas is to supply a more detailed design request to Castle Joinery and obtain a formal quote from them for purposes of applying for a microgrant. Members further noted that AVDC has replied that no planning permission is required.

- Trees overhanging 16 West View

Members noted that VAHT trimmed these trees on 19th Dec 2012.

- Stones on verge outside Peartree Cottage

Members noted that Cllr. Cox has made a rough survey of the number of homes within the Parish that also have stones outside them.

RESOLVED that this issue will be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting.

- Parish Tractor

Members noted there is no further update at this time.

130.0 Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC)

Members noted that there is nothing to report.

131.0 Buckinghamshire County Council

Members noted that there is nothing to report.

132.0 Circulated in between meetings

Members noted that the following were circulated:

- Bucks-Herts Broadband Newsletter
- AVALC AGM papers
- SLCC News Bulletin

- BMKALC Councillor Induction Course application (£31.40 pp)
- LAF Funding Proposals 2013-2014
- Came & Co. notice regarding increased public liability claims
- Open Spaces Society e-mail regarding Growth & Infrastructure Bill
- DCLG Neighbourhood Planning Notes
- Hot Topics around Buckinghamshire
- News for the Parishes
- BALC Neighbourhood Plans – funding available
- Community Safety Partnership Newsletter
- BCC Speed Limit Update
- Meeting with AVDC's Cabinet - Wednesday 30 January 2013

Members noted that Cllr. T. Chettle will attend the AVDC Cabinet Meeting to represent the Parish Council. Cllr. J. Cartwright is also attending in his capacity as a Member of the Cabinet.

133.0 Footpaths

Members noted that there was no update on the discussion regarding Ludgershall Farm, Manor Farm & The Ramblers. The matter is still under review by Bucks CC.

134.0 Planning

134.1 Planning Applications

12/02162/APP 1 Rose Cottages, The Green
Amended plans reducing the upper floor width and dormer window size

RESOLVED that the amended planning application 12/02162/App was approved without objection.

12/02784/APP Half Moon Barn, Salters Lane
Single storey rear extension and insertion of lantern rooflights and new porch to front entrance

RESOLVED that planning application 12/02784/APP was approved without objection.

12/02889/APP Sunny Hill, Wotton End
Single storey side extension

RESOLVED to approve the application, noting that the extension restricts access to the workshop which was formerly a garage and that this impacts parking.

134.2 Planning Decisions

12/02616/ATC Land adj to Wayside, Bicester Rd

Members noted the application made by the Parish Clerk to pollard and reduce the crown of the willow tree on the Village Green in conservation area has been approved.

134.3 Other planning information

- 12/01073/APP Land adj. to Pear Tree Farm – Construction of a 5 BR home

Members noted that District Valuer has responded that she still needs clarification from a colleague in the London Valuation office regarding the methodology to be used in regard to valuing the easement for right of access.

- The Ramblers, Salters Lane

Members noted a response has been received from Mr. Dales of Planning Enforcement, indicating that as a voluntary resolution has not been achieved by the homeowner, an enforcement notice is being drafted.

135.0 Play Area

- Play Area Goals

Members noted that Mrs. E. Davis is preparing a proposal in regards to the installation of Astro Turf, which will be available at the February meeting.

136.0 Highways

Members were asked to suggest 2 dates for an on-site inspection of the Village by Dave Smith LAT for Highways for Bucks. Friday 8th or 15th February in the morning were suggested. The marked-up village map showing drainage issues is to be used at the inspection.

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk arrange an appointment with Mr. Smith.

137.0 Other Business

- **RESOLVED that** the Parish Clerk may attend a half-day BALC seminar on Accounts & Finance for the Parish at a cost of £46.78
- There were no additional documents available for viewing at the meeting.

138.0 Date of next meetings

138.1 Ludgershall Parish Council:

- Monday 4th February 2013
- Monday 4th March 2013
- Monday 8th April 2013
- Monday 22nd April 2013 (Annual Parish Meeting)
- Monday 13th May 2013

Public Questions:

- Mr. A. Harris raised some issues in regard to the drainage ditch problem on Church Lane. He suggested that it may be better to remove both Willow Trees to avoid root damage. Cllr.

Thomas is to meet with Mr Harris and Mr Goss on Thursday 10th January to inspect the situation.

- Mr. A. Turner-Smith e-mailed to reply to a comment on the use of Ray Meadows as a flood plain. He stated that this is a valuable wildlife reserve which provides major flood protection for densely inhabited areas around Oxford.
- Mr. A. Harris also asked for an explanation regarding the water/effluent which is draining from 1 Bury Court, Church Lane. There is an extremely strong odour and the liquid is draining down Church Lane around onto Wotton End where it is pooling in front of 3 & 4 Bury Court. There are also 2 large drums which contain residue removed from the in-ground oil tank. Cllr. Thomas is to contact the Environmental Health Dept at AVDC.

Signed Date

Chairman