

**Minutes of a meeting of Ludgershall Parish Council held at Ludgershall Memorial Hall
on Monday 4th February 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
PCSO Denise Grayburn
Ms. Angela Macpherson – County Councillor candidate
7 members of the public

Questions before the meeting:

- Mr. Archie Harris asked for clarification of Cllr. Thomas’ comments regarding Ray Meadows.
- Mrs. Anne Neale requested that the Parish Council consider the installation of a traffic mirror on Long Lane due to the increased amount of vehicles using it. She also requested that salt/grit be provided on the Knob by the notice board on Church Lane. She also enquired as to the feasibility of the village having its own gritting machine which it could then make available for hire to other neighbouring communities. Cllr. John Cartwright advised that there are agreements in place with certain farmers for them to plow roads but the County Council has to give a dispensation for red diesel to be used on highways. It is possible to make a request for the existing gritting routes to be extended – the Parish Clerk will make enquiries with Dave Smith/Highways Dept.

139.0 Fire Safety Announcement

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

140.0 Apologies

No apologies.

141.0 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Cartwright declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 5.6 – Village Hall rent increase; 7.0 – Use of the Village marquee for charitable purposes; and a personal interest in item 9.2 – easement grant for land adj. to Pear Tree Farm.

142.0 Minutes

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

- Monday 7th January 2013 LPC/11/1213

143.0 Finance

143.1 Account Balances:

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

Community Direct Account	£ 5668.53	(as at 31 st January 2013)
Deposit Account	£ 2501.49	(as at 31 st January 2013)
Village Green Account	£21488.70	(as at 31 st January 2013)

143.2 Payments:

RESOLVED to make the following payments:

Deborah O'Brien – salary £262.25

Deborah O'Brien – expenses - £105.63 (Envelopes & paper £6.50; Printer ink £30.82 + £6.16 VAT;
Clerical Business cover insurance £15.37; Training Seminar £46.78)

Bucks Playing Field Assn. subscription - £20.00

143.3 Income

RESOLVED to note income:

Interest - £0.64

143.4 Income and Expenditure report

RESOLVED to note the Income and Expenditure Report as at 31st January 2013.

143.5 Royal Wedding Event 2011

Members noted that there has been no response to the claim for outstanding monies filed in Small Claims Court. The Parish Clerk will confirm with the Court on 11th February to see if an acknowledgement of service has been received. (This extends the process for a further 28 days).

RESOLVED that if no response has been received by 11th February, the Parish Clerk is to file a Request for Judgment in the full amount of £1,000.00 to be paid immediately.

143.6 2013/14 Precept

Members noted that further instructions and clarification of the potential effect of the Precept upon Council Tax rates has been received from AVDC. In order to prevent an increase in Council Tax for 2013/14, it has been necessary to reduce the amount of the Precept request from £8,500 to £7,751.95. The deficit is to be made up in the form of one-time grants from AVDC (£40.69) and the Government (£773.05).

RESOLVED that Standing Orders be temporarily set aside to approve the revision of the Precept request.

Further RESOLVED that the Precept request is reduced to £7,751.95.

Further RESOLVED that Standing Orders are resumed.

143.7 Other Financial Matters

Village Hall Rental – members noted that a notification has been received from the Village Hall committee advising that our room rental will increase from £10 per meeting to £15 per meeting.

RESOLVED to accept the increase.

144.0 Police Matters

- PCSO Grayburn attended the meeting and gave an update on crime in the community. The main problems are due to thieves taking advantage of unlocked vehicles, theft of heating oil and red diesel, theft of catalytic converters and the targeting of workmen's vans for tools. She recommended residents be more vigilant and to sign up for the Thames Valley Police Alert. The matter of an underage child driving a tractor around the village was raised and PCSO Grayburn will investigate further.

145.0 Parish Council Business

- Tree work and general maintenance of ditches within the village.

Members noted that Cllr. Thomas met with Mr. Goss and Mr. Harris and conducted an onsite review of known issues within the village. Ownership of the ditch along Church Lane adjacent to Half Moon Barn needs to be established before clearance work can commence. A map is to be marked with known drainage problems and letters will be sent to homeowners advising them of their maintenance responsibilities where applicable.

Members further noted that an e-mail concerning drainage was received from Mrs. Allison.

- Trees overhanging 16 West View

Members noted that the resident still has concerns. Cllr. Jones advised that as soon as the weather improves the affected trees will be trimmed.

- Village Bulk Refuse Collection

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk will contact AVDC to arrange this for March.

- Village Green Bank

Members noted that White Horse Contractors are still awaiting approval from the Environment Agency before work can commence. This should be granted by mid-February.

- Environment Agency Training Visit

Members noted that the EA will visit the Parish on March 6th at 9:30 a.m. (outside Chimneys, Duck Lane) for training in correct methods and procedures relating to the clearance and maintenance of continuously flowing waterways (i.e. streams).

- Water and odour problem outside 1 Bury Court

Members noted that the builder has removed the oil drums containing contaminated water and has made various repairs including installing more drainage and removing contaminated soil and replacing with topsoil. There is further work underway at present.

- Village Notice Boards

Members noted that Cllr. Thomas has placed an order for one notice board (to replace the one on Church Lane), and is waiting for paperwork from Castle Joinery for the purposes of applying for the microgrant.

- Dog walking

Members noted that there are increased instances of dog owners not fulfilling their obligations with regard to dog waste. PCSO Grayburn offered to supply and post AVDC Environmental notices around the village.

- Parish Tractor

Members noted there is no further update at this time. The Parish Clerk will follow up with DVLA. Cllr. Cartwright also advised that he will be making further recommendations in relation to the tractor at the next meeting.

- Parish Marquee

Members noted that the Village Hall committee would like to use the Marquee over Easter.

RESOLVED that where a request for the use of the Marquee is for the benefit of the Village in a charitable activity, there will be no charge.

146.0 Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC)

Members noted the receipt of a powerpoint presentation regarding the Electoral Review of Aylesbury Vale. Cllrs. Cartwright, Chettle & Simpson attended an AVDC cabinet meeting where this was discussed and gave an overview.

147.0 Buckinghamshire County Council

Members noted that there is nothing to report.

148.0 Circulated in between meetings

Members noted that the following were circulated:

- LINK event reminder
- BALC Parish Liaison meeting notes and meeting notification – Feb 13th
- BALC Matters Arising Winter 2012/3
- Buckinghamshire UTC leaflet
- AVDC-AVALC meeting notes 17/12

149.0 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.

150.0 Planning

150.1 Planning Applications

Members noted that no planning applications have been received.

150.2 Planning Decisions

12/02653/APP The Nurseries, Piddington Road

Members noted the application has been approved with the proviso that the stables are not to be used for commercial or business use.

150.3 Other planning information

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

Members noted that the District Valuer has supplied her report electronically and has valued the right of access for vehicular, pedestrian and utility purposes to be £15,000.00. This valuation is valid for 6 months from 1st February 2013.

RESOLVED that the members approve this valuation.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk will supply a copy of the valuation to the landowners, advising that an easement granting access will be applied for upon receipt of £15,000.00. The Parish Clerk will obtain 3 quotes for conveyancing upon confirmation that the landowners wish to proceed.

- The Ramblers, Salters Lane

Members noted that there is no further update at this time.

151.0 Play Area

- Play Area Goals

Members noted that this is an issue that needs to be addressed as it was raised during the annual ROSPA inspection. A proposal has been made by the Play Area Committee offering two solutions – either install Astroturf or Grasslock.

RESOLVED that Astroturf is to be installed at an approximate cost of £1,500.00.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a grant of £1,000.00 from the Village Green Account will be given to the Play Area Committee as a contribution toward the cost.

- ROSPA inspection

Members noted that our next inspection is due in May, and that there is an increase in price of £2.

RESOLVED that the Parish Clerk is to apply for an inspection.

- Mole Hills on play area

Members noted that Cllr. Chettle will undertake to arrange for this problem to be treated. The cost is to be borne by the Play Area Group.

152.0 Highways

Members noted that Dave Smith LAT, Highways & Transport will be on-site for an inspection on Friday 15th February at 10:00 am in front of the Village Hall. Cllr. Cox will make a request via Facebook and the Village website for any drainage issues. Cllr. Thomas also has a previously marked map of problem areas.

153.0 Other Business

- Cllr. Simpson gave a further update on the AVDC Cabinet meeting – he felt it was a useful forum and that we may, as a parish, wish to present questions to future meetings.
- Cllr. Simpson also advised that the Arrhythmia Alliance www.arrythmiaalliance.org.uk/ has made recommendations that all communities should have a public-access defibrillator. He is to further investigate this and make a proposal at the next meeting.
- Members noted that a letter was received from AVDC regarding grants for established senior lunch clubs.

154.0 Date of next meetings

154.1 Ludgershall Parish Council:

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

Public Questions:

- Mrs. A. Neale asked that the PAG ensures that the ROSPA report is accurate and not copied and pasted, as Ashfold School has had problems with this. She also voiced support for repairing the goal mouths and wondered if the porous surface on the play area was still covered by a guarantee. Mrs. Neale also suggested that the Parish Council should cover the cost of the mole hill repairs.
- Cllr. Jones advised of further potholes opening up on the Bicester Road. He will be contacting the Highways Dept.

Signed Date

Chairman