

**Minutes of a meeting of Ludgershall Parish Council held at Ludgershall Memorial Hall  
on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllr. Ms. H. Cox, Chairman  
Cllr. J. Cartwright  
Cllr. T. Chettle  
Cllr. R. Jones  
Cllr. S. Lawson  
Cllr. R. Simpson  
Cllr. P. Thomas

**Also present:** Deborah O'Brien, Parish Clerk  
5 members of the public

Questions before the meeting:

- Mrs. A. Neale enquired about the fading 'Slow' signs outside of Narnia, Wotton End & along High Street. She also raised the issue of white lining along Wood Siding. Both issues will be reviewed again with the LAT from TfB. She also commented on how well the dog waste bins are utilised.
- Mr. A. Turner-Smith thanked Cllr Thomas for the footpath clearance across to his land. He asked if a similar clearance could be undertaken along the footpaths behind the bungalows on Wotton End, adjacent to Ludgershall Farm. Cllr. Thomas to discuss with the owner. He also enquired about the drain clearance on Church Lane – this is one of many on-going issues with TfB.
- Mr. A. Harris enquired about the lack of hedge trimming when exiting Bicester Road onto the A41. This will be raised with TfB again, although budget cuts have been cited. He also wished to congratulate the recent works undertaken by Multi Utility Solutions along Church Lane – they maintained the area very well.

#### **50.0 Fire Safety Announcement**

Cllr. Helena Cox commenced the meeting with a fire safety announcement.

#### **51.0 Apologies**

Members noted that there were no apologies

#### **52.0 Declarations of Interest**

Members noted that there were no Declarations of Interest.

#### **53.0 Minutes**

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

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 LPC/03/1314

#### **54.0 Finance**

#### 54.1 Account Balances:

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

Community Direct Account	£ 5740.20	(as at 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2013)
Deposit Account	£ 2502.27	(as at 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2013)
Village Green Account	£19652.23	(as at 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2013)
Play Area Account	£ 2791.00	(as at 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2013)

#### 54.2 Payments:

**RESOLVED** to make the following payments:

Deborah O'Brien – £587.44 (July & August salary by standing order)  
George Browns – £18,642.76 – New tractor & finishing mower £16,827.30 less £1,550 part exchange for old tractor + £3365.46 VAT – cheque no 83  
Broker Network Ltd – £172.96 - Additional insurance for new tractor – cheque no 84  
Mazars - £120 – Annual External Audit - £100 + £20 VAT – cheque no 85  
Safe & Sound Playgrounds - £504 – repl. goalnets – £420 + £84 VAT– Play Area A/c cheque no 1  
Jim Goss – £68.75 – Concrete for noticeboards & Erection of Marquee at Ramblers – cheque no. 86  
Jim Goss – £514.11 – additional supplies for installation of astroturf – Play Area A/c cheque no 2  
Deborah O'Brien – £30.57 – expenses – ink cartridges - £25.48 + £5.09 VAT – cheque no 87  
Jim Goss - £27.43 – Petrol for Play Area mower – Play Area A/c cheque no 3

#### 54.3 Income

**RESOLVED** to note income:

Interest - £1.64 Current A/C; £0.24 Play Area Account  
Marquee Rental - £150.00 (Howard/Ramblers)  
VAT refund £4,123.93

**FURTHER RESOLVED to approve** that £18,642.76 was transferred from the Village Green A/C to the Current A/C to make funds available for purchasing the new tractor and finishing mower. Members are also **RESOLVED to approve** that £3,365.46 was then transferred back to the Village Green A/c from the Current A/C upon the receipt of the VAT refund.

#### 54.4 Income and Expenditure report

**RESOLVED** to approve the Income and Expenditure Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> August 2013. (Appendix A).

**FURTHER RESOLVED** to approve the detailed report (30<sup>th</sup> August 2013) which reconciles income and expenditure to bank statements all on one document (Appendix B), and the handwritten ledger.

#### 54.5 Royal Wedding Event 2011

Members noted that this process was on-going. A further summons is to be served by 2 councillors.

#### 54.6 Annual Return

**RESOLVED to** approve the Annual Return as verified by the External Auditor, Mazars.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** to display the return on the Village Notice boards together with a notice declaring the right to inspect the return.

#### **55.0 Police Matters**

- Members noted that PCSO Grayburn was unable to attend the meeting due to duty rosters. Members further noted that she had submitted the Waddesdon Police newsletter for their information which will be displayed on the Village Hall notice board..
- Members further noted that the Clerk gave feedback regarding recent vandalism in the village. The PCSO has requested that anyone seeing suspicious activity should call 101 immediately.

#### **56.0 Parish Council Business**

56.1 Stones on the Village Green – Cllr. Thomas is supplying a list of properties that require notification. Members also noted that a resident had been seen fly-tipping some of these stones into the ditch on Church Lane. Thanks to Cllr. Chettle who has since removed these.

56.2 Cllr. Simpson has done further research on this issue and gave 2 websites which supply information – [www.zoll.com](http://www.zoll.com) and [www.defibshop.co.uk](http://www.defibshop.co.uk) Prices range from £1,000 - £2,500 with an external cabinet costing approx. £300. Further research will be undertaken.

56.3 Members noted that the Junior Fishing event had 7 participants and that a further event is planned for 29<sup>th</sup> September.

56.4 Village Green Bank – Members noted that White Horse Contractors have agreed to install hedging in the late Autumn, when weather conditions are more suitable. **RESOLVED that** Mr. Goss is thanked by the Parish Council for his work in installing the fencing.

56.5 Members noted that a letter of complaint regarding the location of the Church Lane/Wotton End noticeboard has been received from Mrs. Harris.  
**RESOLVED that** the location would be discussed with Mrs. Harris.

56.6 Parish Tractor/finishing mower

**RESOLVED to note** that the tractor has been purchased, it is fully insured and that the tax disc has been received.

56.7 Village Marquee

**RESOLVED that** upon the next usage of the marquee a training session will be held to ensure that more representatives are available to supervise installation and removal of the marquee.

56.8 2013/2014 National Salary Awards

**RESOLVED that** the Parish Clerk's salary range SCP23 is to be raised in line with NALC & SLCC guidelines, (£0.113 per hour) backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.

## 57.0 Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC)

- Electoral Review of Aylesbury Vale - **RESOLVED that** members had no objections or comments.

## 58.0 Buckinghamshire County Council

- Public Consultation on Private Bill relating to Filming on Highway - **RESOLVED that** members had no objections or comments.

## 59.0 Circulated in between meetings

Members noted that the following were circulated:

- NALC Future Strategy Draft
- Matters Arising – Summer 2013
- Came & Co – Summer Insurance Advice
- LAF Agenda 24 July 2013
- SLCC News Bulletin July 2013
- AVDC Meetings – Aug/Sept 2013
- Trinity Health Village Flyer
- Invite to Healthy Child Fayre
- AVDC/AVALC 11 July Draft Minutes
- AVDC Parish Newsletter – Sept 2013
- Bucks Community Impact Newsletter – August 2013
- Waddeson LAF/Community Impact Bucks Review
- Submission of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan
- BALC Parish Liaison Notes – July 2013
- BALC – PC Budgeting for Devolved Services 2014/15 Update
- OSS – Choosing Direction Plan
- Aylesbury Vale Strategic Partnership event – Invite
- AVALC Briefing – Sept 2013
- NALC – Draft Deregulation Bill
- Thames Valley Police – 100 days of action vs Rural Crime

## 60.0 Footpaths

Members noted that there was no update.

## 61.0 Planning

### 61.1 Planning Applications

13/01841/APP – Sharps Hill Farm, Bicester Rd., Kingswood

- Erection of front wall – this was circulated between meetings.  
**RESOLVED to** note that no objection was raised.

### 61.2 Planning Decisions

**RESOLVED to note:**

- 13/01649/ATC Brooklands Farm – felling of Willow & 2 Malus trees – approved by AVDC
- 13/01841/APP Sharps Hill Farm – erection of front wall – approved by AVDC

- 13/01688/APP – 1 Hillview Cottages, Brill Road – extension – refused by AVDC

### 61.3 Other planning information

- 12/01073/APP Land adj. to Pear Tree Farm (now known as Alder House)

Members noted that the copy of title showing registration of the Deed is still due from Mr. Howden's solicitor.

**RESOLVED that** access across common ground for installation of water, foul water and electricity is granted.

- Ludgershall Barn, Wotton End

Members noted that this property had been sent for auction but has been withdrawn from sale again. Members further noted that the Barn does not appear to be registered with any access rights and that the owners have again been informed of this in writing. An application for an easement for access is required.

### 62.0 Play Area

- Play Area Committee

Members noted that there still has not been any response to a request for volunteers.

- ROSPA Inspection Report

Members noted that repairs have been made to the Goal mouths and nets and to other equipment as needed. Members would particularly like to thank Mr. Goss for his efforts.

- Vandalism

Members noted that damage had been caused to the newly installed goal nets – this has been repaired Cllr. Chettle. The round seat near Duck Lane has been vandalised. Cllr. Chettle has removed some of the damaged wood and Cllr. Thomas will attempt a repair. The PCSO has been notified.

**RESOLVED that** deterrent options will be investigated.

### 63.0 Highways

- Members noted that the owners of Alder House (formerly land adj to Pear Tree Farm) have addressed the issues caused by run-off from the site and that the problem appears to have been resolved.
- Members further noted that no response or actions have been undertaken by TfB following the 29<sup>th</sup> May on-site meeting. We have been informed that no additional gritting will take place in the village, although 2 extra salt piles are being considered. **RESOLVED that** the Clerk should write to Cllr. Macpherson/Bucks CC to elicit assistance.

### 64.0 Other Business

- Available at the meeting:
  - Traffic Calming in Buckinghamshire 2013
  - Neighbourhood Policing – August 2013
  - Register of Electors – Annual canvass exercise

**65.0 Date of next meetings**

65.1 Ludgershall Parish Council:

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014

**RESOLVED that** the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014

**Public Questions:**

- Alan Turner-Smith enquired about the Oak Tree outside the Old Post Office – this is being monitored and appears to be suffering from ‘scorching’.
- Mrs. A. Neale expressed her dismay at the apparent lack of response by the Police to vandalism in the village. She also commented on the road conditions along Long Lane.
- Mr. A. Harris asked for an update regarding the pollution of the brook behind the pond. Cllr. Jones indicated that this has now been resolved.

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

Chairman