

**Minutes of a meeting of Ludgershall Parish Council held at Ludgershall Memorial Hall  
on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllr. P. Thomas - Chairman  
Cllr. T. Chettle – Vice-Chairman  
Cllr. R. Jones  
Cllr. S. Lawson  
Cllr. M. Themis

**Also present:** Deborah O’Brien, Parish Clerk; Cllr Angela Macpherson; 3 members of the public

A resident questioned responsibility for the costs of ditch clearance adjacent to D’Oyley’s farm. The Parish Council has paid for work that was agreed as their responsibility. The issue of stones on Parish Council land was raised – Cllr Chettle will address this.

Dr Turner-Smith advised that the survey of the footpaths has been completed and assessments made. A full report has been submitted via e-mail with a link to online photographs of issues. Members will review the report and then make recommendations to the Rights of Way Officer. The Parish Council extended its thanks to Dr Turner-Smith and his team for all of their efforts.

#### **72.0 Apologies**

Members noted that Cllr Cox had sent her apologies.

#### **73.0 Passing of Councillor John Cartwright**

Chairman Cllr Paul Thomas led a tribute to Cllr Cartwright whose death has left a void in the Parish Council and in the wider community. A minute’s silence for reflection ensued. Heartfelt sympathies were extended to Mrs Ann Cartwright who was present. It is hoped that she will continue to attend meetings. A Casual Vacancy now exists and the Clerk will notify the Monitoring Officer accordingly. In addition, a by-election will be called in the District to fill Cllr Cartwright’s District Office.

#### **74.0 Declarations of Interest – none were declared**

County Cllr Angela Macpherson asked to make a statement as she had to leave to attend another PC meeting. Standing Orders were suspended to permit this.

Cllr Macpherson read a letter of response from Paul Foot (TfB LAT) to outstanding highway issues (Some as old as 3 years).

- Church Lane repairs – monies allocated for this had been overlooked and work will not now happen this financial year due to budget cut-backs
- Church Lane drainage issues – TfB to meet with BT & other utility companies to resolve. (This has happened several times previously. Jetting took place on 6/10/15)
- Kerb Weirs will be cleaned at end of grass cutting season
- Flooding opp Pear Tree Cottage – TfB plans to investigate (Cllr Thomas advised this has already been done with LAT Stuart Campbell – he was in attendance and it was determined that there was no functioning drainage infrastructure in place) This will apparently be given priority
- Wotton End/Long Lane potholes – jet patching has been done but not to a satisfactory standard
- Bicester Rd – there will be more jet patching when needed
- Road sign opposite Church Lane on High Street – this has been missing for 2 years. TfB state that this has now been replaced

Cllr Macpherson will follow up on these issues with the Cabinet Member and the LATs and will supply a report from TfB.

Standing orders were then re-instated and Cllr Macpherson left the meeting.

**75.0 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> October 2015 LPC/05/1516

**76.0 Finance**

76.1 Account Balances:

**RESOLVED** to note that:

The balances for the Lloyds Bank accounts are as follows:

Treasurers Account	£ 8661.72	(as at 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2015)
Deposit Account	£ 2505.83	(as at 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2015)
Village Green Account	£34256.41	(as at 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2015)
Play Area Account	£ 1726.78	(as at 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2015)

76.2 Payments:

**RESOLVED** to make the following payments from the Treasurers Account:

Treasurers Account:

D. O'Brien – £357.66 - October Salary – standing order

D. O'Brien - £70.98 – postage and floral tribute – cheque 0045

AVDC - £240.00 – (£200 + £40 VAT) Village freighter – cheque 0046

Play Area Account:

November draw:

£50 cheque 050 – 200 Club prize – to be drawn later in meeting

£35 cheque 051 – 200 Club prize – to be drawn later in meeting

£25 cheque 052 – 200 Club prize – to be drawn later in meeting

£20 cheque 053 – 200 Club prize – to be drawn later in meeting

76.3 Income - **RESOLVED** to note income:

Interest - £0.10 Savings a/c; £1.29 Village Green a/c

BT Wayleave - £2626.76 (Village Green a/c); £2,120.00 – Play Area 200 Club 2015/16

76.4 Income and Expenditure report

**RESOLVED** to approve the Income and Expenditure Report as at 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015. (Appendix A).

**FURTHER RESOLVED** to approve the detailed report (27<sup>th</sup> October 2015) which reconciles income and expenditure to bank statements (Appendix B).

76.5 Budget & Precept 2016/17

Members noted the submitted budget. A final decision on the Precept Request (due 23<sup>rd</sup> January) will be made by the January meeting to allow for discussions on Devolved Services.

**77.0 Police Matters**

- Members noted that there have been further car break-ins in Brill & Oakley

**78.0 Parish Council Business**

78.1 Rural Broadband – members noted that the signed wayleave agreement has been received by Gigaclear. A response is awaited.

78.2 Play Area Mower – Cllr Thomas and Mr Goss are still evaluating models.

- 78.3 Bramble hedge adj to 5 Bells – No further information available - Mr Bosley is to re-quote incorporating the cost of the work required in front of Ramblers on Salters Lane. Cllr Chettle to liaise and report back.
- 78.4 MVAS – members noted that the application has again been reviewed by TfB and the additional location on the Bicester Rd is not suitable. Clerk to request that a location on Wotton End is considered once Cllr Thomas has determined if there is sufficient space. The locations opposite Rosedene and on Salters Lane meet TfB requirements.
- 78.5 Marquee hire – **RESOLVED to** approve the risk assessment form and register of competent persons.
- 78.6 Fishing Swims replacement – members considered two further quotes for this work. Unfortunately they were not to the same specifications so could not be compared. The Clerk reiterated that when spending public money in excess of £500.00, Standing Orders (Financial Regulations) stipulate that 3 like for like quotes must be obtained. In the case of works such as these where Health & Safety factors are paramount, the contractor must be licensed and carry full liability insurance. Cllrs Thomas & Jones are to meet with another contractor to obtain a further quote on 13<sup>th</sup> November.
- 78.7 Members noted a request from Piddington PC to mow their Churchyard & Jubilee meadow. This was declined and the Clerk will notify the Councillors concerned.

#### 79.1 Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC)

VALP Issues & Options Consultation – members were asked to consider how this affects Ludgershall and if they wish to comment. Public meetings have been advertised and posted on the noticeboards.

#### 79.2 Buckinghamshire County Council

Devolution Tranche 2 – Cllr Thomas and Clerk to attend 12<sup>th</sup> November meeting. Members noted a Town & Parish Councils Conference – 25<sup>th</sup> November – Amersham all day – but declined to attend.

#### 80.0 Circulated in between meetings

Members noted that the following were circulated:

- News for the Parishes 3/15
- DCLG examine the latest developments in neighbourhood planning
- BMKALC AGM 3 NOVEMBER - agenda
- AVALC - Notice of Annual General Meeting 23rd October, 2015
- Community Impact Bucks - What's on in October
- Parish Liaison Meeting 14 October 2015
- Draft Technical reports to inform the VALP Issues and Options consultation
- Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation
- TfB Comms – updates
- Community Impact Bucks – updates
- TfB's Winter depot open day - find out about our winter operations
- Waddesdon Local Area request for help in establishing priorities
- Rights of Way: 2026 cut-off date – Dr Turner-Smith has been invited to represent the parish (29/2)
- Salt bag offer from TfB
- Proposed Temporary Road Closure - Piddington Road, Ludgershall
- November Tranche 2 Devolution Meetings and Discussions
- AVDC Meetings October - November 2015
- Online survey for LAF attendees
- Invitation to feedback on NFU Upper Thames/ River Ray Studies - 2 December
- MyBucks e-newsletter November 2015
- Public Access and Consultee Access for planning display problem
- Clean for the Queen – March 2016
- Open Space autumn 2015

- Pensions Update
- Registration - Buckinghamshire Town & Parish Councils Conference, Nov 25th

### 81.0 Footpaths

- Inspection of Parish Footpaths – Dr Turner-Smith reported at the beginning of the meeting

### 82.0 Planning [www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/planningapplications](http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/planningapplications)

#### 82.1 Planning Applications

- 15/03519/APP & AGN – Yew Tree Farm, Duck Lane – Erection of open-fronted ag bldg.  
**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council has no objections to the application as submitted.

#### 82.2 Decisions

- 15/02815/APP & ALB - Wayside, Bicester Rd - – repair & rebuilding front wall – Approved
- 14/03689/APP - St Anthony's Tetchwick Farm Road – Conversion of Agr bldg. (retrospective)  
Members are advised that this has now been approved by the Development Mgt Commit

#### 82.3 The Hovel – Duck Lane - Members are advised that there is no update at time of agenda

#### 82.4 Planning Appeal Ref: 15/00045/ENFNOT – Kingswood Lane site – Members noted that the appeal will be heard 24/11/15.

### 83.0 Play Area

- 200 Club – Cllr Cox has provided an update regarding membership. 108 new members including 2 outstanding payments.
- Members noted that the following winners were drawn for November:  
1<sup>st</sup> – T. Loebel-Cartwright £50.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> – V. Evans £35.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> – J. Carr £25.00; 4<sup>th</sup> – M. Parker £20.00
- Members considered equipment/facilities to be added/removed to the playing area. Brochures and online links to vendors have been provided. A grant is available from the Bike Night fundraising.

### 84.0 Highways - See report by Cllr Macpherson earlier in the meeting

### 85.0 Dates of next Parish Council meetings:

7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015

11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016

8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016

7<sup>th</sup> Mar 2016

4<sup>th</sup> April 2016

9<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm. Clerk was asked to include sourcing a replacement Oak tree for the Village Green on the next agenda.

Signed .....Chairman Date .....