

Minutes of a meeting of Ludgershall Parish Council held at Ludgershall Memorial Hall, on Monday 07 November, 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr. P. Thomas – Chairman Cllr. R. Jones
 Cllr Michael Themis Cllr. T Chettle
 Cllr Stephen Lawson Cllr Bill Gardner

Also present: Finn Casey, Parish Clerk; County Councillor Angela Macpherson, District Cllr Cameron Branston and six members of the public.

The floor was opened to the public.

Mr Costar had a question for the County Councillor regarding two pieces of correspondence he sent to TfB in October and again five days previous, neither of which has been responded to. He felt that the County Council does not cater for cyclists when it comes to the condition of the roads. He mentioned a specific issue with a dangerous crack in the Piddington Road. Cllr Macpherson said that the statutory response time for the County Council is 28 days and apologised for the delay. She stated that the CC is very aware of cyclists and is building more cycle routes.

Action: Cllr Macpherson said she would chase BCC for an answer and cc the parish on the response.

75.0	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Helena Cox.</p>												
76.0	<p>Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest from the councillors.</p>												
77.0	<p>Minutes RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the meeting of the Parish Council held on: Monday 10 October 2016 LPC/05/1617</p>												
78.0	<p>Finance</p>												
78.1	<p><u>Account Balances:</u> RESOLVED to note that the balances for the Lloyds Bank accounts are as follows:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Treasurers Account</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-left: 20px;">£7,055.44</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-left: 20px;">(as at 30 Oct 2016)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Deposit Account</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-left: 20px;">£2,507.10</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-left: 20px;">(as at 30 Oct 2016)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Village Green Account</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-left: 20px;">£26,321.36</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-left: 20px;">(as at 30 Oct 2016)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Play Area Account</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-left: 20px;">£4,545.28</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-left: 20px;">(as at 30 Oct 2016)</td> </tr> </table>	Treasurers Account	£7,055.44	(as at 30 Oct 2016)	Deposit Account	£2,507.10	(as at 30 Oct 2016)	Village Green Account	£26,321.36	(as at 30 Oct 2016)	Play Area Account	£4,545.28	(as at 30 Oct 2016)
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78.2	<p><u>Payments:</u></p> <p>Treasurer's Account RESOLVED to make the following payments from the Treasurer's Account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms F Casey – £262.60 – Oct Salary (net income tax) Cheque number 0107 • HMRC – £65.60 – PAYE for Ms Casey's Oct salary Cheque number 0108 												
78.3	<p>Play Area Account RESOLVED to make the following payments from the Play Area Account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KJ Cleaning Solutions – Jet Washing Play Area – £360.00 Cheque number 101 <p>October draw: 200 Club prizes – to be drawn later in the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st place £50 cheque number 097 • 2nd place £35 cheque number 098 												

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78.4	<p>Income Members RESOLVED to note income: Village Green Account: interest for Oct: £0.99 Savings Account: interest for Oct: £0.11</p>
78.5	<p>Income and Expenditure report Members reviewed the Income and Expenditure Report as at 30 Oct 2016, which was tabled at the meeting, and APPROVED the report. Cllr Thomas signed the report.</p>
78.6	<p>2016/17 Budget and Precept The precept request is due in January 2017. An early draft of the budget was tabled. Cllr Thomas advised members that the National Grant for next year will be zero. Additional income should be noted from Gigaclear's wayleaves and £2000 from NALC for the website. Action: Clerk to find out how much the Gigaclear wayleaves will be. Clerk to include the ongoing website costs on the budget.</p>
79	<p>Police Matters A break-in occurred at Lilac Cottages last month and some tools were stolen. Police were notified and residents are reminded to be vigilant. Cllr Thomas pointed out that the Hovel was also broken into recently and advised residents to be vigilant, keep an eye out for strangers and mark all property with invisible ink to help police identify it.</p>
80	<p>Parish Council Business</p>
80.1	<p>Swims at Fishing Pond The latest update from Cllr Jones is that the cracks in the soil are still present but they will continue to be monitored.</p>
80.2	<p>Village Green Thames Water is carrying out a mains replacement on the High Street. Members agreed that there was no point repairing the green until after the mains work has been carried out. Cllr Thomas would like to be advised with immediate effect if residents observe any unauthorised work taking place on the green. ACTION: Clerk to chase Thames Water to find out when the work is due to commence.</p>
80.3	<p>Local Transport Solutions Cllr Thomas attended a meeting of the Bernwode Community Bus Committee last week. The tail gate lift needs to be repaired but they are hoping the bus will be up and running by mid-December.</p>
80.4	<p>Roadside Erosion and Kerbing Members agreed to get a third quote for the kerbing. Members also agreed to put it to the parish at the Annual General Meeting in May as it's such a large amount of money but is necessary in order to maintain the green. ACTION: Cllr Chettle to obtain one more quote for the kerbing work.</p>
80.5	<p>LAF Funding for Health & Fitness The equipment has been purchased and is in the village hall ready to use. Lesley Simpson will forward the invoice for the purchase.</p>
80.6	<p>Parish Council Website The government requires the parish to have its own dedicated website and NALC has given the parish a grant of almost £2000. The money has been received and banked in the treasurer's account.</p>
80.7	<p>PA System Cllr Thomas to update regarding the purchase and shared use of a PA system amongst the church fete and village hall committees.</p>

80.8	<p>Willow Tree in Duck Lane</p> <p>One willow has been made safe already but another willow in Duck Lane is leaning on some power cables. Cllr Thomas has met with Henry Bosley to discuss the extent of the works required to the other tree. The cost to make it safe and remove all waste is £250.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to advise Henry Bosley to go ahead with the work.</p>
80.9	<p>Play Area</p> <p>KJ Cleaning Solutions carried out the works to jet wash and treat the play area during October. Members agreed that it looks much better. It was recommended to jet wash it every year. Members discussed alternatives for the surfacing the play area as there is shrinkage on the wet pour surface and this is expensive to re-do. A suitable alternative is anti-fungal rubberised bark made from recycled car tyres.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Chettle to look at the legal requirement regarding the surface shrinkage as it came up as medium risk on the ROSPA report.</p> <p>The witch's hat needs to be greased. The simplest solution is to drill a small hole and use spray grease to fix it.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Thomas to fix this.</p>
80.10	<p>Gigaclear</p> <p>Following a report that concrete had been left behind by Gigaclear after their cables were laid, the clerk contacted the project manager to request that it be cleared. He advised that it wasn't their concrete but he would ask a colleague to inspect the area once he returns from leave at the end of October and arrange for it to be cleared if it's found to belong to them.</p>
81	<p>Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC)</p>
81.1	<p>Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan</p> <p>Cllr Branston gave an update on the VALP. Consultation responses have all been collated and there was a seminar to discuss the VALP last week. The housing requirement has been reduced slightly so planners will be looking again at the village hierarchy and addressing each village individually rather than adopting a blanket approach. There was a debate at the seminar around a possible new settlement which looks likely to be at either Haddenham or Winslow.</p> <p>There will be a further public consultation of the final plan. The plan should be approved by the District Council and then by the Secretary of State.</p> <p>There has been a speculative bid received for 2000 new houses at Westcott. A similar bid has previously been denied. There are lots of developers looking at Grendon Underwood and Springhill currently.</p> <p>There is an event on November 14 for chairs and clerks to discuss both the VALP and modernising local government.</p>
82	<p>Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC)</p>
82.1	<p>Joint Members Surgery</p> <p>There will be a joint County and District surgery at Grendon Underwood Village Hall on Saturday 10 December from 12 -2pm. All are welcome.</p>
82.2	<p>Highways</p> <p>The gritters are out this evening. The county councillor has been pushing for micro-surfacing for the road to the A41, however the county has no available funds at present. There are lots of pressures relating in particular to education, school improvement and home to school transport. There are big increases in Special Educational Needs requirements for home to school transport.</p>
82.3	<p>Proposals for Streamlining Local Government in Buckinghamshire</p> <p>A county council unitary bid has been submitted to DCLG and BCC is hoping for a response in January 2017. BCC has been visiting parishes to discuss the bid. BCC's preferred option is for a county-based unitary.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Chettle to attend the meeting at Waddesdon on 23 November to discuss the unitary proposals for local government in Bucks and update the parish in December.</p>
82.4	<p>Greatmoor EfW Plant</p> <p>A decision has been taken to replace the current lights on the stack with low intensity lights so that the visual impact for local residents will be greatly reduced. The replacements will still be CAA compliant. A timescale for completing this work is currently under discussion.</p>

82.5	<p>Household Waste Permits</p> <p>Members noted that the process for obtaining a permit has changed and must now be applied for online. Residents will receive a QR code which needs to be scanned at the Household Recycling Centre. Those who have no internet access will need to go to their local library where staff will print a permit for them. Anyone visiting the Recycling Centre with general waste or recycling in a car (including 4x4s and MPVs) will not need a waste permit. It should be noted that they now charge for rubble and hardcore but tyres are free to dispose of.</p>
83	<p><u>Circulated between Meetings</u></p> <p>Members noted the correspondence circulated between meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMKALC AGM Friday 11 November 7pm • Council Matters Autumn 2016 - Came & Company Local Council Insurance Brokers • Training Course • BCC News: Council leader to challenge 'insultingly low' HS2 offer • Autumn and Winter Training and Events - dates for your diary • Information on changes to Bucks County Council's household waste permits • Councillor surgery • Trees in Duck Lane • MyBucks - November 2016 • Waddesdon Local Area Forum - update on Greatmoor energy from waste plant • Commons Reregistration Project Officer(s) • Trustees Week, 7-13 November 2016 - We've got lots going on for you. • Devolution Update
84	<p>Footpaths</p> <p>Cllr Themis updated on the current status of the footpaths. He has completed checks on two out of seven.</p> <p>He noted there was no change with number 27 which is still blocked and overgrown, as per the report.</p> <p>With regard to number 13 in Tetchwick, there is a slight discrepancy between the map and the actual footpath. On the map the path goes diagonally through the landowner's garden. The landowner has redirected the path around two sides of the garden instead and has installed a new gate and fences to that effect. The original diagonal path is still accessible but the preferred route is around the sides of the garden rather than through the middle.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Themis to continue to re-check the footways which had issues as and when time and weather allows.</p>
85	<p>Planning</p> <p>Four new applications were received.</p> <p>16/03752/APP - 1 Hillview Cottages Brill Road Ludgershall</p> <p>16/03806/APP - Rose Cottage The Green Ludgershall</p> <p>16/03597/COUAR - Land Adjacent To No 6 Wotton End Ludgershall</p> <p>16/03845/COUAR - Barn On Land Off Piddington Road Ludgershall</p> <p>As there were no hard copies of the plans available at the meeting, members agreed to review and discuss the plans via email after the meeting.</p>
85.1	<p>Application number 16/00140/AOP - Update</p> <p>Land at Westhaven application is still awaiting a decision.</p>
86.0	<p><u>Play Area</u></p> <p>200 Club</p> <p>2nd drawing of the subscription year took place.</p> <p>Members noted that the following 200 Club winners were drawn for November:</p>

	<p>1st Number 43 – Ron Mole 2nd Number 121 – Ingrid Brown 3rd Number 69 – Helen Curnow 4th Number 64 – Carla Tapping</p>
87.0	<p>Highways update</p> <p>Members noted that TfB is not responsible for maintaining the hedge at the junction of the A41. It is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner to cut it back. The adjacent landowner was presumed to Nigel Parker. However it was suggested that it was a willow tree planted in the verge which was obstructing the sight line and not the hedge itself.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to advise the Local Area Technician.</p> <p>Members noted that all future correspondence for the Local Area Technician should be sent to tfb@buckscc.gov.uk in the first instance and copied to the LAT.</p> <p>Winter Driving Workshops – TfB is running its free annual workshops in Aylesbury, Wycombe and Chesham and would encourage all drivers to attend to brush up their skills on driving in difficult conditions. More info can be found online: http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/transport/more/road-safety/winter-driving/winter-driving-workshops/</p>
88.0	<p>Dates of next meetings</p> <p>Members noted the dates of future meetings to be as follows: 05 December 2016 09 January 2017 06 February 2017 06 March 2017 03 April 2016 08 May 2017</p> <p>In each case to commence at 19:30 in the Memorial Hall, High Street, Ludgershall.</p>
	<p>SignedChairman</p> <p>Date</p>