

**Minutes of a meeting of Ludgershall Parish Council held at Ludgershall Memorial Hall
on Thursday 12th September 2019 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Cllr P Thomas Cllr. R. Jones
 Cllr.S.Lawson Cllr. J. Goss
 Cllr. Lewin

Also present: Parish Clerk: Bobs Damerell; 3 members of the public

The meeting was opened to the public:

- A resident raised a number of points in regards to White Gables Driveway – These will be covered in the item below along with the letter received by a resident prior to the meeting.

Meeting commenced at 7:45pm

20.0 Apologies – None

21.0 Declarations of Interest – None

22.0 The Minutes from the meeting 18th July 2019 were approved

23.0 Finance

23.1 Account Balances:

The balances for the Lloyds Bank accounts are as follows:

Treasurers Account	£10,713.34	(as of 31 st August 2019)
Deposit Account	£2,510.68	(as of 31 st August 2019)
Village Green Acct	£35,146.57	(as of 31 st August 2019)
Play Area Account	£11,687.43	(as of 31 st August 2019)

23.2 Payments:

RESOLVED to make the following payments from the Treasurers Account:

Cheques paid at meeting:

- Clerk Salary (July 2019) - £276.35 Cheque No. 287
- Clerk Salary (August 2019) – £276.35 Cheque No. 288
- Paul Thomas (Funeral Flowers) - £60.00 Cheque No. 289
- Jim Goss (Petrol) – 134.03 Cheque No,290
- Jim Goss (Diesel) – 29.28 Cheque No. 291

RESOLVED to make the following payments from the Play Area Account:

2019 Draw:

- 1st Prize - £50 cheque No. 241
- 2nd Prize - £35 cheque No. 242
- 3rd Prize - £25 cheque No. 243
- 4th Prize - £20 Cheque No. 244
- 1st Prize - £50 Cheque No. 245
- 2nd Prize - £35 Cheque No. 246
- 3rd Prize - £25 Cheque No. 247
- 4th Prize - £20 Cheque No. 248

23.3 Income - RESOLVED to note income:

Village Green Account: Interest £2.89; Savings Account: Interest: £0.22

23.4 Income and Expenditure report

RESOLVED to approve both Income and Expenditure Reports dated 31st August 2019.

24.0 Police Matters – nothing to report.**25.0 Parish Council Business**

- Storage Container update – Cllr Thomas confirmed he chased the UK Power Networks, who confirmed that no date had been scheduled
- Update on the Oxford / Cambridge Expressway – Clerk confirmed Parish Council has been registered as a stake holder with Highways England. A meeting with the No Expressway Group has also been scheduled for the 6 November 2019.
- Network Rail Blackthorn to Piddington Stabilisation Scheme – Cllr Thomas confirmed that the work on the rail line cannot be signed off until approved by PC. Network Rail stated they would only use Bicester and Piddington road if the A41 was closed. Clerk to put the report from Network Rail on the PC website. PC resolved to approve the works on the condition that the HGV's are only allowed to use the Bicester and Piddington Road once on the way to deliver loads. Once delivery complete cannot use the road to come back.
- Ditch on Duck Lane – Cllr Goss confirmed he had spoken to Environment Agency Area Manager who confirmed they are going to unblock the drains and will clear the vegetation within two months. EA stated they would clear the mounds of earth when clearing the vegetation though Cllr Goss suggested the Parish clearing it themselves.
- White Gables Driveway – Cllr Lewin stated at the start that she wanted it minuted that she was not a member of the Parish Council at the time the works were agreed by the Parish Council and would have objected to the plans. Cllr Lewin also stated that she had received 14 complaints in regards to the drive way. A resident in the questions from the gallery prior to the meeting starting provided the following questions:
 - Was the planned drawing the same given to the PC for consideration for this case – Chair confirmed it was
 - What was the object of the works? Was it to stop the shingle encroaching onto the road? Chair confirmed it was
 - Who proposed allowing the works and who seconded the motion? Clerk confirmed the information was not available but that the decision to allow the works was unanimous.
 - Why was it necessary to destroy Village Green when the prime objective was to contain the gravel? Chair responded that the driveway matched the natural bell curve that had eroded naturally over time.
 - The Village Green is protected by Legislation from Parliament. Any and all works have to be voted on. Why was this not followed and why did Clerk not advise on the matter? Chair responded that the works were voted on by all members of the PC and decision was unanimous.
 - Did the PC take legal advice prior to the agreement to allow the work to be done? Chair responded that it did not take legal advice as the object was to contain the gravel and the plans were in keeping with what was already in place due to the natural erosion.
 - Did the Parish Council levy a charge to the owner in light of the increase of Bellmouth? Chair replied they did not.
 - What is the legal status of access as it is exceeding the original limit? Chair stated that the owner has an easement grant 3 meter wide access.

- The original easement had not been signed by PC Chair at time of issue or solicitor who expressed concerns. Chair stated that easement document shows solicitor had signed easement document and cannot comment on actions of previous PC.
- I ask that PC reinstate the easement to its original limit or risk setting a dangerous precedent for others. Clerk responded that many other easements in the parish now exceed their original limit and while the PC can take legal advice Parishioner must be aware that if the Parish Council does request the easement be reinstated to its original limit then this action may then be applied to all easements in the parish which exceed their original limit.

It was also noted that a member of the public had sent in a letter in regards to the driveway at Whitegables but that the areas of her letter had been covered by the previous resident's questions.

It was proposed by Cllr Goss for legal advice to be sought in relation to the matter. This was then seconded and agreed. It was agreed that a letter would be written to both Mr Williams and Mrs Prior stating their queries would be addressed in the minutes.

- Removal of Kissing Gate on Church Lane – Clerk confirmed Bucks CC approved the removal of the kissing gate.
- Permanent Parking on the Village Green – Resolved for Cllrs to research policies other Parishes use for parking on Village Greens and how they enforce them and to report back agt the next meeting.
- Closure of Parish Council Meetings – A resident stated that he was unable to ask a question at the end of the previous meeting. Resolved to ask twice at the end of each meeting and to bring the microphone to each meeting.
- Noticeboard Glass – Cllr Thomas confirmed the noticeboard glass has been replaced
- Litter bin – Clerk confirmed was in communication with AVDC and will order the bin and for it to be emptied fortnightly
- Update from Play Area Committee and 200 Club Results – Bev Chillman updated the Parish Council on the Play Area fundraising events. Grant applications have been made for Wren (£50,000, LRD £11,00, HS2 £10,000, Waitrose and possibly from Viridor. Clerk confirmed RoSPA are coming out to run a check on the Play Area. Thanks again to Clare Brown for her regular cleaning of the equipment. It was said that while Play Are Committee need to voice and recommend their preference, it is important to have input from children as well. PC will also need to have casting vote should the Play Area be split on their decision. Cllr Thomas asked to be involved at a negotiating level. The quotes: (Playdale, Kompan, Lars Larj) , that have been submitted for the new Play Areas, the play area report and details of new play area proposals to be added to the website. Cllr Goss also proposed removing the dead tree behind the bench on the Play Area.

26.0 Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) – No Update

26.1 Buckinghamshire County Council – No update

27.0 Planning www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/planningapplications

27.1 Members noted the status of the following previous applications:

Application number	Location	Description of Development	Current Status
17/02971/APP	Yew Tree Farm – Duck Lane, Ludgershall	Change of use of dwelling to form residential care home including associated works to outbuildings	Awaiting decision

18/00404/APP	Land Adjacent Piddington Road	Railway embankment stabilisation scheme, including earthwork re-grading, construction of access route and ecological mitigation measures.	Awaiting decision
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28.0 Date of next meetings:

- 6 November 2019 – No Expressway
- 13 November 2019 – Parish Council

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm. The following remarks were then received from the floor:

- A resident asked why the kissing gate on Church Lane was originally put there
- A resident asked about the kerbing in the parish to protect the village green. The PC responded that investigations had been done into kerbing but that the cost of the kerbing was extremely high and would also be potentially damaged by larger vehicles such as tractors driving on the kerb on a regular basis.

Signed Date

Chairman

