

**Minutes of a meeting of Ludgershall Parish Council held at Ludgershall Memorial Hall
on Thursday 14th November 2019 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Also present: Parish Clerk: Bobs Damerell; 6 members of the public

The meeting was opened to the public:

- A resident wanted to say thank you for the work done by Cllrs Goss and Jones tidying up the mess left behind by the Travellers on the Village Green.
- Another resident thanked the Council for organising the Expressway meeting
- A villager asked why paper copies of planning applications were not used in Parish Council meetings. The clerk explained that this was part of a directive for Councils to be more green and go paperless as much as possible.
- It was asked if the PA system could be used at the next meeting.

Meeting commenced at 7:45pm

20.0 Apologies – Cllr Jones, District Cllr Branston, County Cllr Macpherson

21.0 Declarations of Interest – None

22.0 The Minutes from the meeting 12th September 2019 were approved

23.0 Finance

24.0 Cllr Lewin proposed the clerk to enquire about a cashcard for use to purchase diesel for the tractors and mowers and an account set up at Lovells. Cllr Thomas seconded. Proposal was resolved with unanimous decision.

24.1 Account Balances:

The balances for the Lloyds Bank accounts are as follows:

Treasurers Account	£14,502.34	(as of 31 st October 2019)
Deposit Account	£2,510.89	(as of 31 st October 2019)
Village Green Acct	£37,776.26	(as of 31 st October 2019)
Play Area Account	£24,803.75	(as of 31 st October 2019)

23.2 Payments:

RESOLVED to make the following payments from the Treasurers Account:
Cheques paid at meeting:

- Clerk Salary (October 2019) - £276.35 Cheque No.293
- Ron Jones (Petrol) - £20.01 Cheque No.294
- Fisher Plant Hire (Digger Hire) - £168.00 Cheque No. 295
- RoSPA Report (Play Area Inspection Report) - £278.40 Cheque 296
- Mrs D Cartwright (Tractor Storage) - £500.00 Cheque 297
- Clerk Expenses (Ink Cartridges) - £13.99 Cheque No.298
- Clerk Expenses (Printer Paper) - £6.63 Cheque No.299

RESOLVED to make the following payments from the Play Area Account:
2019 Draw:

- 1st Prize - £50 cheque No. 249
- 2nd Prize - £35 cheque No. 250
- 3rd Prize - £25 cheque No. 251
- 4th Prize - £20 Cheque No. 252
- 1st Prize - £50 Cheque No. 253
- 2nd Prize - £35 Cheque No. 254
- 3rd Prize - £25 Cheque No. 255
- 4th Prize - £20 Cheque No. 256

23.3 Income - RESOLVED to note income:

Treasurers Account: Please see finance spreadsheet available on the website

Village Green Account: Interest £2.93; UK Power Networks; £2,626.76 (Wayleave)

Savings Account: Interest: £0.22

Play Area Account: Please see finance spreadsheet available on the website

23.4 Income and Expenditure report

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

24.0 Police Matters – nothing to report.

25.0 Parish Council Business

- Storage Container update – Cllr Thomas confirmed status of situation was still the same and waiting for UK Power Networks to take action.
- Brook on Duck Lane – Clerk confirmed that Environments Agency had been contacted and that agents had visited the brook during the flooding. Clerk has a contact within environments Agency and will push to establish a fixed date for the brook to be cleared of vegetation and to work with EA to try and ensure the vegetation is subsequently cleared every 2-3 years.
- Travellers Update – Cllr Goss updated that the rubbish had been cleared out of the ditch. Suggested setting fire to the pile when it is drier. Suggested having a public meeting regarding planning for possible return of Travellers. Possibility of installing wooden bollards around the area and also around the pond. Cllr Goss proposed investigating the cost and style of the posts. Seconded by Cllr Thomas. Decision was resolved unanimously.
- Update on the Oxford / Cambridge Expressway – Clerk confirmed meeting had gone ahead and that was well attended and that the No Expressway Group have agreed to return at a later date to provide updates. Clerk also to add links to Highways England, No Expressway Group as well as other groups and information for residents.
- White Gables Driveway – Clerk updated that legal advice from Parrot & Coales consultant stated that if there has been no document which has been signed stating an extension of the easement (which there hasn't) then the easement remains the same as its original remit. Outside of the remit continues to remain as Village Green. The advice also stated that if the Parish Council does resolve for the driveway at Whitegables to be returned to the original state then, the Parish Council would have to investigate all other easements in the Parish and if they were in excess of their remit, it would then they would have to be returned to their original remit at the owners expense.
Cllr Lewin also asked it to be minuted that the Parish Council has the right to repair the Village Green or access where there is no right of easement. Cllr Lewin also proposed establishing a record of prescriptive easements. Proposal was seconded by Cllr Thomas.
Cllr Goss also raised a concern in regards to the iron posts out on the Village Green by the owner of Whitegables. While it was made clear the PC understood the reason, these also

represented a safety hazard. The owner agreed to work with Parish Council to find a compromise to suit all.

It was also raised that a decision was needed over the car park in pub. Cllr Lawson proposed investigating whether the Village Green had to be grass or whether some of the Green could be used as a car park for the pub. Proposed by Cllr Thomas to discuss with stake holders prior to making a decision, (Pub owner, Pub landlords, Parish Council), prior to any decision being made. Seconded by Cllr Goss. Was suggested finding costs of grass matting.

Cllr Lewin suggested the PC purchasing a copy of 'Our Common Land', which gives details o what is and what isn't allowed.

- Kissing Gate on Church Lane – Clerk confirmed that matter was out of PC control and that would not appear on the agenda again and that if there were any further questions then these would need to be addressed directly to Bucks CC.
- Village Green and practices used by other Parishes – Cllr Lewin provided copies of policies of other Councils. Asked for other cllrs to read copies and provide feedback for her to collate for the next meeting.
- Frequency of Parish Council Meetings – Cllr Jones sent in a request for PC meetings to return to monthly and on Monday nights. It was resolved that for a trial period for PC meetings to be held every six weeks on a Thursday evening, with cycle starting after Christmas. Clerk will publish dates on Noticeboard and in Bernwode News.
- Pond update – Cllr Jones in absence asked for permission for some of the trees to be pollarded as they are weakening the bank of the pond. He requested for cllrs to visit the pond to assess repairs needed to the bank. He also asked for permission to purchase £2,800 for new fish. Cllr Lewin proposed cllrs meeting with cllr jones on a Saturday to assess the trees and the bank. Cllr Lawson seconded and was agreed. In terms of the fish Cllr Jones would need to provide more detail of the fish, e.g what types of fish, quantity etc. It was also agreed for cllrs to also meeto view the trees near Wayside which may need pollarding.
- Litter bin – Clerk confirmed was continuing to chase for a new litter bin for the parish.
- Update from Play Area Committee and 200 Club Results – Cllr Lewin updated that after visiting and testing numerous play areas, the Play Area committee had held a secret ballot and that Lars Larj had emerged as the preferred choice. Cllr Lewin proposed for PC to agree to use Lars Larj as play area provider, Cllr Lawson seconded and Parish Council resolved unanimously to agree to the decision reached by the Play Area Committee. The National Lottery had agreed to a grant of £10,000 as had HS2 to the same amount. Currently waiting to hear from Wren but further information had been supplied as requested by WREN.

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

28.0 Date of next meetings:

- 9th January 2020
- 13th February 2020
- 26th March 2020
- 7th May 2020 (Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting)
- 18th June 2020
- 30th July 2020
- 10th September 2020
- 22nd October 2020
- 3rd December 2020

Meeting closed at 10:00 pm. The following remarks were then received from the floor:

- A resident asked if PC could find out about access to historical minutes held by Bucks CC
- Asked if both action groups could be put on PC website on expressway.
- Asked if the pothole on Salters Lane could be reported
- Another resident asked if PC could find out what other Councils had done about Travellers in their parish.

Signed Date

Chairman