

**Minutes of a meeting of Ludgershall Parish Council held online via Zoom  
on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

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

- A resident asked what the nature of the easement requested at White Gables. Is this for services or is this to amend the configuration of the driveway as it meets the carriageway. The planning and Highways state there must be a 2.4m backward splay, 43 metre wide either side of the drive, with no obstruction of height between 0.6m – 2m. How is the Parish Council going to implement this and would in doing so would this restrict the recreational rights of the village and their activities as these could not take place in the arc of these splays. Legal advice from barristers have clearly made a point that nothing should inhibit the recreational rights of the villagers on the Village Green. Nothing should inhibit the legal rights of villagers for recreation. Will the issue of what is involved in the easement. Will this also be placed on the noticeboard.
- A resident asked for confirmation that the advert has been presented to the Bernwode News.
- A resident asked if the advertisement for the request for the easement can be published on the noticeboard and Bernwode News for all residents to see.
- A resident asked about the Brook on Duck Lane if there has been any update from the Environments Agency.

**Meeting commenced at 8.00pm**

**10.0 Apologies – None**

**11.0 Declarations of Interest –**

Cllr Lewin on Item 15 Parish Council Business – Request for additional easement at Whitehaven

Cllr Lawson gave a declaration of acquaintance

Cllr Thomas gave a declaration of acquaintance

**12.0 The Minutes from the meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were approved with the amendment raised by a resident and Cllr Lewin –** Cllr Lewin asked that correspondence been added to the Agenda

**13.0 Finance**

**13.1 Account Balances:**

The balances for the Lloyds Bank accounts are as follows:

Treasurers Account	£13,373.02	(as of 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020)
Deposit Account	£2,511.95	(as of 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020)
Village Green Acct	£32,988.36	(as of 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020)
Play Area Account	£5,213.65	(as of 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020)

**13.2 Payments:**

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

- 200 Club 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £50.00 (P)

- 200 Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £35.00 (P)
- 200 Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £25.00 (P)
- 200 Club 4<sup>th</sup> Prize - £20.00 (P)

### 13.3 Income - RESOLVED to note income:

Treasurers Account: Please see finance spreadsheet available on the website or by request from clerk

Village Green Account: Interest £0.27;

Savings Account: Interest: £0.02

Play Area Account: Please see finance spreadsheet available on the website or by request from clerk

### 13.4 Income and Expenditure report

RESOLVED to approve both Income and Expenditure Reports dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### 14.0 Police Matters – nothing to report.

### 15.0 Parish Council Business

- Pond update – Cllr Jones updated that there are now about 7-8 people fishing at the moment, so Cllr Jones is dividing them into groups of two fours. All have to be at least 1 metre apart. There was a request to fish every Tuesday. Cllr Jones agreed until the end of the season. Cllr Jones also put a sign on the Village green to be careful. Cllr Lawson suggested finding out the official rules and displaying this by the pond, to ensure that it is the responsibility of the person fishing.
- Ash tree on the Village Green outside Brookside – Clerk updated that he had spoken with Bucks and had put planning in and this has now been handed to the Tree Officer.
- Defibrillator – The Clerk updated that the new pads and battery had been fitted to the defibrillator. The sticker for the front of the box is still outstanding and hoped to be received next week.
- Litter bin – Clerk chasing this up and will have this by the next meeting.
- Update from Play Area Committee and 200 Club Results – There has only been one meeting since the last Parish Council meeting. The tension on the zip wire needs tightening. Cllr Goss to fix. One split was found, which can be filled with filler. 200 Club winners 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Holt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roy Mapely, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Brown, 4<sup>th</sup> Jenny Roffery. There have been two inspections of the play area. The Lars Laj RoSPA inspection report is due any day, but no problems found. The committee want to make a trail using the bushes on the side of the Green. Cllr Jones and Goss to advise. A new cleaning rota has been scheduled and it was noted by the inspector how clean and tidy is. There have been some problems with dogs on the Play Area. The Play Area Committee would like to ask formally for a solar light up safety sign and also some warning signs. The committee has also decided not have an event at Halloween as don't want to break any Covid-19 rules.
- Play Area Signage – Helena Cox has designed a sign, with history and sponsors on it. The Play Area committee would still like a low level one as it is more Child Friendly\_PT proposed for £300 to put towards solar powered safety signs. The Cllrs also agreed for Helena Cox to source quotes
- Friends of Ludgershall – Only item to report is unfortunately missing the Bernie bus food collection
- Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board – Cllr Thomas confirmed that there is a Community Board Grant which is available which could potentially be put towards the Car

Park and the reduction of the speed limit. Cllr Lewin also updated that the police had stated that overall crime was down but domestic abuse had gone up.

- Review of Asset register – Clerk has added the posts and will check with insurance.
- Flooding on road near Church – Colin Woolford said that if work was done on the ditches it could make the problem worse as the ditch by the rectory is blocked. The Clerk to contact the land owner to clear the ditch so that Bucks Council can come and clear and the ditches and ease the flooding.
- Parking area outside Bull & Butcher – Cllr Lewin confirmed that Helena's drawing has been sent in for pre-planning. An advisor has been linked with the project. The Grant application has passed stage 1. Need to complete stage 2. The closing date is the 31 October 2020, which is only two days after result of pre-planning. The next deadline is 31 January 2021. Cllr Lewin also in touch with Viridor and if we can't meet this deadline then it will be passed. The clerk raised a concern from a resident about parking on the Village Green and cars that were parked outside their house and along their driveway. Chair proposed purchasing four temporary signs and then putting these either side of the driveway. This was seconded by Cllr Thomas and was agreed unanimously by the Parish Council. Cllr Thomas to purchase.
- Village Marquee – Cllr Thomas confirmed there is a policy on the rental of the Marquee, but this is generally for a short term use, not for a long period of time. There would need to be an ongoing charge for longer term use. Cllr Goss suggested that there is potential damage that could be caused to the marquee if standing over a lengthy period of time. Clerk to contact the applicants to provide clarification for the length of use, how it is being secured and an ongoing price that would need to be used.
- Travellers prevention – Cllr Thomas provided three quotes £4,300 exc VAT, using one bag of postcrete per post. The availability for the work would be in the next month. The Company has been briefed it is their responsibility to avoid striking services lines. The briefing was for two metres from the road, but this could be extended to two and a half metres to allow for any traffic issues. Cllr Thomas proposed using this quote at two and a half metres. Cllr Lewin will now send out letter to residents confirming the work that will be done. The Parish Council also resolved for Cllr Lewin to send out a letter to residents over the progress on the car park adjacent to the Bull & Butcher
- Request for additional easement at Whitehaven – (Cllr Lewin left the meeting) The Clerk updated there has been a delay in the advertisement due to obtaining clarification of the number of easements being requested. This then caused a delay in putting out the advert on the noticeboard and Bernwode News. The reason for the Cllr Goss asked if an easement is granted then the easement of view needs to be granted on both sides. Once this has been granted nothing can be placed on the easement which can obstruct the view of anything over 2 metres high. If you cross another resident's access they will need permission from the holder of that easement if this is a temporary issue or a permanent. Envelope Measurement. The meeting was closed in order that the question from a resident was asked to the applicant in regards to the nature of the Easement whether this was for services. The applicant confirmed it was for vehicular and services. The resident then asked if the services would go through the driveway or the Village Green. The applicant confirmed that some of the services will go through the driveway and some through the Village Green, however there will be no man-hole covers on the Village Green. The meeting was then reopened (Cllr Lewin returned to the meeting)
- Dog Poo in the village – This was discussed before and an email was sent out by the Clerk, a notice was placed on the noticeboard by Cllr Lewin and messaging placed on social media and the situation has not improved. Cllr Lewin also questioned whether there is a large number of cat poo which may be mistaken for dog poo. Cllr Lewin suggested putting up a bigger sign stating it is a criminal offence not to pick up the dog mess. Cllr Lewin also to add on social media.
- Bridge railings on Duck Lane – Cllr Thomas confirmed he had the parts and will amend the bridge

- Brook on Duck Lane – The Clerk stated he had spoken to the Environment Agency and that they confirmed they are clearing a back log of issues. The clerk to contact the Environment Agency to clear the whole stretch of the Brook down to the A41. The Parish Council to contact the land owners as well as pressuring the Environment Agency to do so as well. A resident stated that the bed needs to be dug out as well as the Vegetation. They will also need to remove the soil that is removed.
- Village Green update – Cllr Jones confirmed that cars are being parked on the Green by the Warrens. The cars are not being parked on the Easement but on the Green, which has caused damage to the Village Green. Cllr Thomas has spoken to them before and stated that he is willing to do so again. Cllr Thomas and Lewin agreed to visit the resident. A follow up action could be to place posts alongside the driveway. The decision for the Rosdene application to meet with the owner of Rosdene to clarify the proposal and agreed it could only be three metres wide and could only splay this on the road. This was agreed by the resident. Clerk to send the letter to the Kya about bonfires on the Village Green. The Village Green Policy is on the website, and now the Management Plan needs to be placed on the website. Cllr Goss asked about burning the bonfire on the Green. Cllr Thomas proposed hiring a grabber lorry to remove the vegetation form the Village Green. Cllr Jones seconded and was unanimously agreed.

#### 16.0 Buckinghamshire County Council – Cllr Macpherson

- Bucks sending out regular emails to Parish Council and residents, regarding the spread of Covid-19 throughout the County.
- Bucks are still in Tier 1, but are seeing a steady rise in cases.
- The Council are continuing to try and keep services running as normal as possible.
- Cllr Lawson asked about the work done by Friends of Ludgershall, are there any grants that could be accessed at the moment. Cllr Lawson confirmed not at present, but reaffirmed that the food collections are still continuing. How can we find out when the food collections are scheduled. It is a bit erratic but is continuing until Christmas. Cllr MacPherson confirmed she would put Cllr Lewin on the Messenger Group and would update if any further grants become available.
- Cllr Thomas asked about the overgrowth near White Hart Close and this needs to be cleared. Query over whether this is encroaching on the footpath. Question over whose responsibility, as to whether this starts on the VAT Housing or on Parish Council land.
- Cllr MacPherson – stated there was nothing officially to report.

#### 17.0 Planning <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/environment/planning/view-planning-applications/>

##### 17.1 Members noted the status of the following previous applications:

Application number	Location	Description of Development	Current Status
20/02637/APP	Orchard Corner Piddington Road Ludgershall Buckinghamshire HP18 9PJ	Change of use of land from nursery land to residential garden land	Awaiting decision
20/02638/APP	Orchard Corner Piddington Road Ludgershall	Orchard Corner Piddington Road Ludgershall Buckinghamshire HP18 9PJ	Awaiting decision

	Buckinghamshire HP18 9PJ		
20/02104/APP	3 Bury Court Wotton End Ludgershall Buckinghamshire HP18 9NW	Single storey extension	Application Refused
20/03144/APP	Land North West Of Railway Bridge Piddington Road Ludgershall Buckinghamshire	Railway embankment stabilisation scheme, including earthwork re- grading, construction of access route and ecological mitigation measures (resubmission of 13/03285/APP).	Awaiting Decision
20/03182/APP	Alterations to existing dwelling	Elmwood House Wotton End Ludgershall Buckinghamshire HP18 9NT	Awaiting Decision
19/A1041/NON	Non Material Amendment sought on planning permission 19/01041/APP relating to roof to approved garage to be pitched without end hips and 2 garage doors to replace openings as shown	Bridge End Salters Lane Ludgershall Buckinghamshire HP18 9NY	Awaiting Decision

CLlr Goss asked if there was a registered easement for Elmbrook for two dwellings as well as Ludgershall Farm. Clerk to check.

**18.0 Date of next meetings:**

3 December 2020

Meeting closed at 9:51 pm.

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

**Chairman**