

GREAT MISSENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 9th February 2015
at the Memorial Centre, Link Road, Great Missenden
at 7.30 p.m.

Public Forum: None

Present: Councillor B.Gover - Chair

Councillors: B.Barker: M.Bennett: R.Hougham: S.Humphreys: M.Johnstone: G.Maher:
V.Martin: C.Plested: J.Sole: L.Swayne: C.Ward

1. Apologies: Councillors: A.Hewett: M.Lee: D.Tavernor

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs B.Barker: M.Bennett: L.Swayne – item 5 b iii)

Cllr S.Humphreys – item 5 c ii)

3. Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising

None

5. Reports from Committees

a) Planning Committee

i) The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2015 were **agreed** and **confirmed**.

ii) Chiltern District Local Plan(2014-2036) – Initial consultation – draft response from GMPC

Cllr M.Johnstone had produced a draft document on CDC's response form responding to the six questions and incorporating relevant comments from GMPC's DDPD response. Following the first meeting with CDC and local interested groups on 26th January, a further meeting is planned with the local groups on 11th February. The draft response was discussed and Cllr R.Hougham suggested that provision for the elderly in the form of long term accommodation e.g. care homes, should be re-enforced. Cllr B.Gover advised that a suggestion had been put forward that Great Missenden could be designated as a special shopping area. Cllr M.Johnstone requested any further comments be sent to him and all were welcome to attend the follow-up meeting. The final draft response would need to be circulated by email for approval in order to meet the consultation closing date.

b) Open Spaces and Lighting Committee

i) Parking Consultation – Great Missenden – update

Cllr B.Gover reported that BCC were holding a further meeting on February 25th to discuss the consultation responses. Cllrs M.Bennett and B.Gover planned to attend this meeting.

ii) Request from Greens Funfair to use the Buryfield

The Council approved the request from Greens Funfair to use the Buryfield from Sunday April 26th to May 11th 2015 inclusive. After some discussion about fees charged, it was agreed to continue with the same fee structure for the fair.

iii) Request from Prestwood Colts & Girls FC to use Prestwood Common – change of date

The Council approved the request to change the date for the annual Presentation Weekend to Friday 19th, Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st June 2015.

iv) Request to keep chickens on allotment – Spurlands End Road, plot 8

By a narrow majority, the Council approved the request to keep chickens on the above allotment plot, subject to certain conditions. The maximum number of chickens that can be kept is eight, with no cockerels, and the Council reserves the right to review and / or cancel this agreement.

v) Speeding Traffic - B485 through Hyde End – email

The topic was discussed and one suggestion was to ask TfB to paint '50 mph' roundels on the road surface to reinforce the speed limit. The MVAS units could not be deployed along this stretch of road as they only have settings for 30 mph or 40 mph. It was agreed to forward the email to the police and request that they target speeding drivers in this area.

vi) Letter from GMVA – MVAS statistics and speeding

The situation with speeding traffic and the letter from the GMVA was discussed. It was noted that the article for 'The Source' was written using general comments and average figures, as it is not possible to include large amounts of detailed information. All of the MVAS signs are in place for four weeks and it was not felt that this was a short period of time. The Council asked the Clerk to thank the GMVA for their letter, having noted the comments.

c) Finance & General Purposes Committee

i) Library update

The grant of £3000 to support the library is less than had been allowed for in the budget. Cllr M. Bennett has been seeking assurances from BCC that it was not planning to change any of the agreements for the library and there were not expected to be any changes, despite reviews and cuts at BCC. Cllr M. Bennett would keep the Parish Council up to date with any developments.

ii) Quotes to remove stump on Buryfield and replant tree

It was agreed to accept the quote from Simply Stumps to grind out the stump by the side of the Memorial Centre but to review the planting of a new tree at a later date.

iii) Quote for annual tree works

It was agreed, after much discussion, to accept the quote from Pat Kernan to carry out the works to trees as identified from the annual tree survey carried out in January. It was noted that the survey costs were included in the price. The Council requested that next year additional quotes should be obtained based on surveys carried out using maps of land owned by the Parish.

iv) Quote from Sexton Fencing – Memorial Centre & Ballinger Common

The Council approved the quote for repair work to the paths around the Memorial Centre and the minor works at Ballinger Common.

v) Quote from Lanes for maintenance at Greenside etc

The Council approved the quotation from Lanes for maintenance to Greenside and other Parish owned open space areas off Lodge Lane for the year 2015–2016.

vi) Quote for maintenance – tennis courts

After much discussion about the quotes obtained for maintenance to the tennis courts, the Council agreed to accept the quote from AM Tennis Courts for the Gold Elite Service. The Clerk to speak to the company, who are locally based, to discuss the possible inclusion of refreshing the white lines in the service.

vii) Funding application for LAF – email – car park Prestwood Common

Noted and discussed as part of the subsequent item.

viii) LAF – submission of non-transportation proposals

It was noted that LAF funding may not be applicable to the car park at Prestwood Common as the land is owned by the Parish Council. The Council asked the Clerk to obtain costs for the repair to the surface as a basis for further discussion.

It was suggested that some form of lighting, controlled from inside the Youth Club building, might assist the users of the two buildings.

Councillors were asked to bring any further proposals for submission to LAF to the March meeting.

ix) NALC – Legal Topic Note – LTN 8 – Elections

Noted. It was suggested that Councillors canvas as many people as possible with regard to standing for election in May.

x) Payment of accounts for February

It was **resolved** that accounts numbers **173-192** in the sum of **£20,156.43** for **February** be agreed for payment and petty cash items for **£37.68** be ratified.

d) Editorial Working Party

Cllr B.Gover reported that the two articles, one about the upcoming elections and potential Councillor vacancies and the other one about service devolution, had been submitted to the 'The Source'.

e)HS2

i) General update

Cllr M.Johnstone reported that the revised 'Need to Sell' scheme was more flexible than the previous 'Exceptional Hardship' scheme, although compelling reasons were needed. A residents' charter was being put in place and there was pressure to re-examine the Property Bond scheme. Cllr M.Johnstone had attended a meeting of the Bucks Compensation and Mitigation Panel. The Select Committee had visited the Colne Valley and individual petitioners were scheduled to be heard before the Select Committee postponed proceedings for the General Election.

The Select Committee had stated that 'no ancient woodlands should be destroyed' so what does this mean for Sibleys Coppice.

Movement of spoil to Hunts Green would result in 350 lorries a day travelling along surface routes for a period of 39 months.

ii) CDC Long Tunnel

CDC is reviewing with stakeholders their support for the Long Tunnel (previously called the Green Tunnel). It runs slightly west of the current route and there will need to be an intervention firefighting point (underground station) with suggested locations at either the vent shaft site in Little Missenden or opposite the Firecrest. The tunnel would go right through the AONB, coming out between the Wendover by-pass and the Chiltern Brewery. CDC planned to present this tunnel option to HS2.

6. Reports from Representatives to outside Groups.

Cllr V.Martin had attended her first BMKALC meeting. Sandy Saunders was elected as chairman. Some governance issues had been raised.

7. Clerks Report

i) Land ownership of part of Buryfield

It is proving difficult to find an appropriate legal firm but Bucks Law Plus is a possibility.

ii) Playground repairs update

Playground Facilities may not be able to complete the repairs in this financial year. If this is the case, the money will have to be reserved for next year. Other alternative suppliers had proved more expensive.

iii) Nomination and election information – circulated

The Clerk offered to provide hard copies of any of the election information on request.

8. Any other business.

- Cllr M. Johnstone reported that the 'Save the Pheasant' campaign was gaining support with plans to open negotiations with the owner.
- Cllr B. Barker thanked Cllr G. Maher for repairing the lights outside the Memorial Centre.
- Cllr C. Ward reported that he had stepped down as co-chair of NAG but would still represent the Council.
- Cllr J. Sole reported that the landowner had refused to allow the 'gates for stiles' on their land. If Councillors could consider alternative locations this would be discussed at the March meeting.
- Cllr J. Sole requested Councillors consider if they could attend the March Planning Committee meeting as both she and Cllr A. Hewett were unable to attend.
- Cllr J. Sole asked if anyone could attend the CDC Planning Committee meeting on February 19th to speak on behalf of the Parish Council
- Cllr C. Plested reported a dangerous pavement on Clare Road. She would send details to the Clerk who would report it to TfB.
- Cllr C. Plested advised that the Chiltern Dial-a-Ride had taken over the Wycombe branch.
- Cllr M. Bennett reported the bad state of the pavements around Westrick Walk which was the responsibility of TfB. He suggested discussing this at the March meeting with a view to the Parish Council spending some of its earmarked devolution money to carry out repairs.
- Cllr M. Bennett advised that the devolution maps are still not all available to the parishes.
- Cllr G. Maher reported that Mapridge Green Lane is now being used by motorbikes. (BOAT).

The meeting closed at 21.18

9. Future meetings

- a) Planning Committee – 7.30 p.m. Monday 2nd March 2015 in the Parish Office
- b) Parish Council – 7.30 p.m. Monday 9th March 2015 in the Memorial Centre