

# GREAT MISSENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
at the Memorial Centre, Link Road, Great Missenden  
at 7.40 p.m.**

**Public Forum:** Richard O’Kelly from Ballinger Waggoners Cricket Club.

Candidates for co-option onto the Parish Council – Bob Hougham, Christine Baxter, Valerie Marshall, Hope Eaton, John Skrimshire, Kay Allan and Sandra MacDonald.

**Present:** Councillor B.Gover - Chair

Councillors: B.Barker: L.Cook: A.Hewett: S.Humphreys: M.Johnstone: M.Lee: G.Maher:  
V.Martin: K.Pither: C.Plested:

## **1. Election of Chairman of the Council 2015-16**

Cllr A.Hewett stood for election.

Proposed by Cllr K.Pither and seconded by Cllr B.Barker and there being no other nominations, Cllr A.Hewett was elected unanimously.

The Chairman signed a declaration of office which was witnessed by the Clerk. Cllr A.Hewett took the chair and the retiring Chairman Brenda Gover was thanked for all her hard work.

## **2. Election of Vice Chairman of the Council 2015-16**

Cllr B.Barker stood for election.

Proposed by Cllr K.Pither and seconded by Cllr M.Johnstone and there being no other nominations, Cllr B.Barker was elected unanimously.

## **3. Apologies:** None

## **4. Councillor vacancies**

Following presentations by all candidates during the public forum, with the candidates answering questions posed by the Council, the following candidates were co-opted for the Prestwood and Heath End Ward - Bob Hougham, Christine Baxter and Valerie Marshall. Following further discussion, the Council agreed to co-opt Kay Allan for the Great Missenden ward and Hope Eaton for the Ballinger and South Heath ward. All the co-opted Councillors then joined the meeting.

## **5. Declarations of Interest:** None

## **6. Appointment of Members to Committees and Working Parties**

It was resolved that the following nominations be confirmed.

### **Planning Committee**

Chairman Councillor B.Barker

Vice-Chairman Councillor M.Johnstone

Members Councillors: K.Allan: C.Baxter: L.Cook: H.Eaton: R.Hougham: S.Humphreys

### **Open Spaces & Lighting Committee**

Chairman Councillor K.Pither

Vice-Chairman Councillor G.Maher

Members Councillors: C.Baxter: S.Humphreys: V.Marshall: C.Plested

## **Finance & General Purposes Committee**

Chairman                      Councillor M.Johnstone  
Vice-Chairman              Councillor V.Martin  
Members                      Councillors: B.Barker: C.Baxter: R.Hougham: K.Pither

## **Editorial Working Party for “The Source” & Website**

Editor                         Councillor A.Hewett  
Sub Editor                    Councillor K.Allan  
Members                      Councillors: L.Cook: H.Eaton: M.Johnstone: M.Lee: K.Pither

Cllr A.Hewett expected that the new committees would meet regularly so that all Councillors could get more involved. It was hoped that ‘informal’ meetings could take place within the next six weeks.

## **7. Appointment of Members to local organisations**

It was resolved that the following appointments be confirmed.

### **Appointments to Local Organisations**

Age UK	Cllr. V.Marshall
Great Missenden Parish Revitalisation Group	Cllrs: A.Hewett: V.Martin
Charity of Dame Jane Boys	Cllrs: B.Barker: C.Plested
Memorial Centre Management Committee	Cllrs: S.Humphreys: G.Maher
Missendens Local Area Forum	Cllrs: H.Eaton: A.Hewett: K.Pither: C.Plested
Prestwood Youth Club – PYCAG	Cllrs: S.Humphreys: C.Plested
Stoke Mandeville & Other Parishes Charity	Mrs Laurel Swayne
Misbourne Neighbourhood Action Group	Cllrs: C.Baxter: R.Hougham
Bucks and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils (BMKALC)	Cllr. V.Martin

**8. Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

## **9. Matters arising**

The Clerk is investigating the registration of land at Sibleys Rise in the name of the Parish Council.

## **10. Reports from Committees**

### **a) Planning Committee**

**i)** The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were **agreed** and **confirmed**.

Cllr A.Hewett reported that the meeting had taken place with James Stacpoole and Iain Pattie about ‘The George’. It was an informative meeting and the detailed plans were viewed. It was not financially viable for the site to include a pub. It was also stated that English Heritage would not support moving the courthouse to a different site.

## **b) Open Spaces and Lighting Committee**

### **i) Allotment Liaison meeting**

The notes of the allotment liaison meeting that had taken place on 16<sup>th</sup> April had been circulated and noted. The Council agreed it would be more rigorous with the tenants in keeping their plots cultivated and tidy.

### **ii) Request for shed – Nairdwood Lane – 19a**

The Council agreed to give permission for this shed, subject to the usual conditions. It was hoped that the shed, which has already been erected, was in the correct position.

### **iii) Allotments – use of sprinklers**

The Council agreed that notices should go up at all allotment sites prohibiting the use of sprinklers due to rising water costs.

### **iv) Request from BWCC for Gateway School to use Club's facilities**

After some discussion, the Council agreed by majority vote to the proposal put forward by Ballinger Waggoners Cricket Club for the Gateway School to use its facilities for training for three and a half hours per week for the rest of the summer term 2015. The Council stated that this was a one-off agreement and that the Gateway School would need to provide a copy of its PLI insurance.

### **v) Clothing bank request – BIU Group on behalf of Thames Valley Air Ambulance**

The Council decided that it did not have any appropriate car parks which would suit this request.

### **vi) Request for additional play equipment – Sibleys Rise**

The email from Jonathan Waters together with a list of residents who supported the provision of additional play equipment was discussed. The information was very general and the Council requested that the Clerk go back to Mr Waters to find out what type of equipment they were suggesting and then obtain costs.

### **vii) Request to use Ballinger Common for fitness class**

The Council agreed to the request from Kate Adams to use the football pitch area of Ballinger Common for a fitness class on Monday evenings. This would not cause any problems for Ballinger Bombers Football Club.

## **c) Finance & General Purposes Committee**

### **i) Open Spaces Society – request for donation**

It was agreed to donate £100 to the 'Lost Commons' appeal.

### **ii) Chalkdell Road Farm – request for support**

The request from Chalkdell Road Farm was discussed and the Council asked the Clerk to obtain more details.

### **iii) LAF Funding – priorities for funding**

The various LAF applications and their costs were discussed and the Council agreed to rank them in the following order of importance:

1. Dropped kerb – Honor End Lane, Prestwood
2. Dropped kerb – Ballinger Memorial Hall
3. Funding for design stage of shared space scheme to include Moat Lane, Prestwood
4. Fixed VAS at set locations in Great Missenden (suggest Martinsend Lane if only one)

#### **iv) Misbourne School – lease / licence – cost estimate**

The Council agreed to accept the quote for estimated costs from Bucks Law Plus to proceed with the lease / licence for the land being used by the Misbourne School which is owned by the Parish Council.

#### **v) Payment of accounts for May**

It was **resolved** that accounts numbers **12-25** in the sum of **£8,196.26** for **May** be agreed for payment and petty cash items for May **£65.36** be ratified.

#### **d) Editorial Working Party**

Cllr A.Hewett suggested producing information to introduce all the Councillors together with photographs.

#### **e)HS2**

##### **i) HS2 letter – response to earthworks in South Heath**

The reply from HS2 in response to the Parish Council letter was noted.

##### **ii) General update**

All of the Select Committee members were re-elected apart from Michael Thornton so a replacement needs to be found for him.

After a lot of hard work preparing for the anticipated Select Committee visit on May 20<sup>th</sup>, this has now been postponed. However all the hard work will not go to waste as the likely date will now probably be in July.

#### **11. Reports from Representatives to outside Groups.**

None.

#### **12. Clerks Report**

##### **i) Attendance record**

The attendance record was noted with congratulations for Cllr M.Johnstone for 100% attendance at Parish Council meetings.

##### **ii) Update on bollards at Station Approach**

The Clerk advised that TfB are investigating adding a further bollard between the two entrance driveways near the Co-Op to deter cars parking on the pavement.

##### **ii) Location of meetings**

The July meeting was scheduled to take place at Prestwood. It was agreed to discuss the location of meetings at the next Council meeting.

#### **13.Any other business.**

- Cllrs K.Allan and C.Baxter gave their apologies for the June Parish Council meeting.
- Cllr K.Pither suggested investigating moving the dog waste bin on Chequers Lane.
- Cllr V.Martin suggested having a half day 'introductory' session for residents to meet their Parish Councillors.
- The Clerk reminded everyone of the Fire Station visit on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed at 22.20

#### **14. Future meetings**

a) Planning Committee – 7.30 p.m. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 in the Parish Office

b) Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 p.m. Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in the Memorial Centre