

GREAT MISSENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 13th July 2015
at the Village Hall, Wycombe Road, Prestwood
at 7.30 p.m.

Public Forum: Anna Brazil & Andrew Price regarding the 'Save the George Campaign'.
Mark Jones & Olwen Wood regarding closure of Barclays Bank, Gt Missenden.
James Stacpoole of Amplio Developments regarding 'The George'.

Present: Councillor A.Hewett - Chair
Councillors: K.Allan: B.Barker: C.Baxter: L.Cook: H.Eaton: R.Hougham: S.Humphreys:
M.Johnstone: M.Lee: G.Maher: V.Marshall: V.Martin: K.Pither: C.Plested: T.Stevenson.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr V.Marshall – item 5 b i)

3. Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 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 6th July 2015 were **agreed** and **confirmed**.

Cllr B.Barker reported that she had attended CDC's Planning Committee meeting on 9th July to speak about application CH/2015/0812/FA. CDC had voted to defer the decision pending further discussion between the planning officers and TfB about the difficulty of access due to the bollards and Costa's proposed decking scheme.

ii) 'The George', Great Missenden

Following the details provided to the Councillors prior to the meeting about both the 'Save the George' campaign and the planning application, and the presentations in the public forum, the Councillors discussed the situation with 'The George' at some length. Due to the fact that it is likely that the planning proposal will be on the agenda at the next Parish Planning Committee meeting, it was agreed that the issue was so important it merited discussion by the whole Council. The Council voted by majority vote not to object in principle to the planning application lodged by Amplio Developments (CH/2015/1169/FA and CH/2015/1170/HB).

b) Open Spaces and Lighting Committee

i) Chilterns Conservation Board – Appointment of Replacement Parish Member

The Council agreed unanimously to vote for Cllr V.Marshall in the ballot for the casual vacancy.

ii) Request for further fitness class dates Ballinger Common – Kate Adams

The Council agreed to allow Kate Adams to hold two further fitness classes on Ballinger Common on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30 pm and Thursday mornings from 9.15 - 10.15 am, in addition to the class already running on Monday evenings 7.30 to 8.30 pm.

iii) Trees on the Buryfield – Abbey Walk

The Council discussed the emails from the resident at the corner of Abbey Walk and agreed that these trees should be included in the annual autumn / winter inspection 2015-16. The prices for this work would be itemised separately and the Council could then decide whether to proceed with any tree reduction work.

iv) Request for greenhouse – Spurlands End Road allotments – plot 10a

The Council agreed to give permission for this greenhouse subject to the usual conditions, with a reminder that the allotment holder would be responsible for any damage as it was felt that a greenhouse may be more susceptible to vandalism.

v) LAF – applications for transport schemes

It was agreed to defer this to the August meeting at which time suggestions would need to be finalised.

vi) Request to use Buryfield & Ballinger – Ballinger Football Club

The Council agreed to the request from Ballinger Football Club to use Buryfield and Ballinger for the forthcoming 2015-16 season.

vii) Active Bucks campaign

It was agreed to publicise the Active Bucks campaign as widely as possible.

viii) Request from PEG to use Prestwood Common

The Council approved the request from Prestwood Events Group to use Prestwood Common for the 'Big Lunch' on Sunday 5th June 2016 with the proviso that any damage to the grass would be rectified.

ix) Request to put a memorial bench on the Buryfield

The Clerk confirmed that there are already memorial benches on the Buryfield so the precedent has already been set. The Council agreed that it did not object to the resident installing a bench made of recycled plastic (maintenance free) provided that they paid for the full cost of installation. It was suggested that a site near the children's playground would be suitable.

x) Short term parking at Station

Cllr A.Hewett advised that some four hour parking areas have already been introduced in the Station car park and the Council agreed that it should request some two hour parking periods for non-train users in order to alleviate the parking problems in the Great Missenden.

xi) Parking on Clare Road

The Council discussed the information provided by Cllr T.Stevenson and agreed that all schools have the same problems when it comes to parking, with the associated inconvenience caused to the residents. The Council agreed that it would be a good idea to write an article highlighting the issue and suggesting that drivers should be polite and considerate of both pedestrians, especially children, and residents. Cllr T.Stevenson volunteered to draft an article and once agreed, this would be sent to 'The Source', the Bucks Free Press and the Bucks Examiner.

c) Finance & General Purposes Committee

i) High Street Prestwood – free one hour charges

The Clerk confirmed that the Council had already agreed to the charging formula at the December 2010 Parish Council meeting (c iii), so the Council agreed that the extra charges due for 2015-16 should be paid for out of reserves. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain estimates for 2016-17 and it was noted that the % charges are even likely to increase. Various options for offsetting any extra costs were discussed and will be revisited when estimates for 2016-17 are available. The Council felt that the minimum time period needed for free parking was an hour, it was not felt that

half an hour was sufficient time. Cllr K.Allan volunteered to write an article about the free hour parking for the next issue of 'The Source'.

ii) Quote to repair street light – Aylesbury Road

The Council agreed that the quote to remove the ivy was quite expensive and that an alternative quote from Sexton Fencing should be obtained. Cllr S.Humphreys agreed to go and assess what work was needed.

iii) Quote for Kalamazoo stationary

The Council approved the quote from Kalamazoo for the special stationery for the minute book.

iv) Bus departure displays

The Council agreed they did not want to purchase any reconditioned bus departure displays.

v) Celebration of anniversary of Queen Elizabeth

The Council agreed that it would mark the forthcoming celebration of Queen Elizabeth as the longest reigning monarch by planting a tree and placing a plaque on the Buryfield by the side of the Memorial Centre.

vi) Bucks CC Detached Youth Work Team

The Council agreed that this free service looked excellent but that there were no requirements in the Parish at the moment.

vii) Councillor surgeries

Cllr V.Martin proposed that the Council should introduce Councillor surgeries to provide more accessibility to residents and raise the profile of the Council. The Council agreed to a trial to take place on the last Saturday morning of the month, with a view to any issues going on the agenda of the following Parish Council meeting. The Clerk would investigate whether the surgeries could take place in Great Missenden Library. Cllr V.Martin volunteered to write an article for the next issue of 'The Source'.

viii) Payment of accounts for July

It was **resolved** that accounts numbers **43-63** in the sum of **£12,757.40** for **July** be agreed for payment and petty cash items for May **£95.72** be ratified.

There was some discussion about the work done at the car park on Prestwood Common and the Council agreed that the contractor had done the work properly and as specified.

d) Editorial Working Party

Cllr A.Hewett thanked everyone for producing their resumes and photos for 'The Source' and everyone agreed that 'The Source' had produced a good article. Further articles for future issues of 'The Source' were discussed during the meeting and Cllr M.Lee also agreed to refresh an article about the Chequers tree.

e)HS2

i) General update

Cllr M.Johnstone reported that the visit from the Select Committee had taken place on Monday 22nd June. Lots of preparation had gone into the visit including posters and handouts including maps, views and key point information. Cllr M.Johnstone thanked everyone, which included both visitors and residents, who had turned out at the visit stops and it was felt that a co-ordinated and

concerned approach had gone down well with the Select Committee. The only issue was a 'sea' of signs which caused some complaints to TfB.

The Select Committee are hearing the tunnelling petitions from the major petitioners, CDC, BCC, CCB, Chiltern Society, CRAG and REPA, starting from today until July 21st. The presentations can be listened to live on the parliamentary website. It is expected that the Select Committee will make a statement on 22nd July.

It had been decided that a letter to the Prime Minister and P McLoughlin, the Transport Secretary, detailing the Conservative commitment to protecting AONB's, and which the Parish Council supported, would not now be sent until after 22nd July.

The Petition Response Document, which is HS2's response to the GMPC petition, has now arrived. It seems to be a standard response for the Central Chilterns area and just restates the position in the Hybrid Bill and the Environmental Statement. There is an error in it – Weights and Measures is not closed!

The running order for the Select Committee in September has just been published and GMPC is due to present its petition on 21st September.

In order to formulate the response to the PRD, the Council agreed to set up a working party consisting of Cllrs M.Johnstone, A.Hewett, K.Pither and C.Plested.

Further changes have been made to the MP's on the Select Committee.

Additional Provisions 2 and an associated Environmental Statement have also just been published together with a Supplementary Environmental Statement SES, so there are two consultations running at the same time. Any work on this will be included in the working party remit.

The Council expressed their thanks to Cllr M. Johnstone for all the time and work he is doing on the HS2 project.

ii) Impact on tourism

Cllr M.Johnstone explained the details about the enclosed paper, which estimates the impact of HS2 on tourism. Time did not allow for the work to be done by Tourism South East which the Council had agreed to provide a grant towards at the June meeting. The Council agreed to support the estimates used in the proposed paper.

6. Reports from Representatives to outside Groups.

None.

7. Clerks Report

i) Date for additional Parish Council meeting in Prestwood

Of the available dates, the Council chose to hold the October Parish Council meeting in Prestwood Village Hall. This was the date of the allotment prize giving and was a good date to select as most of the allotments are in Prestwood.

ii) Training for new Councillors

Four Councillors had expressed an interest in the formal Councillor training provided by BMKALC and they had all been enrolled on the courses. Other members of the Council expressed an interest in hearing a review and feedback of the training once it had taken place.

8. Any other business.

- Cllr T.Stevenson suggested that the double yellow lines on Prestwood High Street outside Crossroads Garage should be policed.
- Cllr R.Hougham would get details of the locations where the wheelchair user had experienced access difficulties so that they could be reported to TfB and the police.
- It was suggested that TfB be asked to resurface the alley that runs beside Chequers allotments.

- The Clerk confirmed that a response from Moat Lane school had just been received today.
- Cllr K.Pither noted that the next Parish Council meeting would be in Great Missenden.
- Cllr K.Pither commented that it had been difficult at times to identify the individual allotment plots during the recent judging.
- Cllr M.Lee reported that there had been concern about the height of fruit trees as agreed at the recent Allotment Liaison Officer meeting.
- Cllr B.Barker advised that the half hour parking outside ScizzorHandz in Prestwood was not long enough.

The meeting closed at 22.30

9. Future meetings

- a) Planning Committee – 7.30 p.m. Monday 3rd August 2015 in the Parish Office
- b) Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 p.m. Monday 10th August 2015 in the Memorial Centre