

GREAT MISSENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 13th June 2016
at the Memorial Centre, Link Road, Great Missenden
at 7.30 p.m.

Public Forum: Bidy Lee regarding dangerous parking situation on the Rignall Road
Roz Thomson, Head Teacher of Great Missenden Church of England Combined
School regarding school plans for a drop off zone
John Pope, Sarah Yalden & Hope Eaton – parents from Great Missenden School
regarding car parking at the Memorial Centre and presentation of petition
(which was not left with the council).
Sgt Nicky Upton regarding school car parking and the petition.

Present: Councillor - A.Hewett - Chair

Councillors: K.Allan: C.Baxter: L.Cook: S.Humphreys: M.Johnstone: G.Maher: V.Marshall:
K.Pither: C.Plested: T.Stevenson.

1. Apologies: Councillors: R.Hougham: M.Lee: V.Martin.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2016 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising: Minute 10 b v) Parking charges in Great Missenden – Cllr A. Hewett advised that the new charging tier would be over 9 hours rather than over 8 hours.

5. Councillor vacancies

No applications have been received so far.

6. Reports from Committees

a) Planning Committee

i) The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2016 were **agreed** and **confirmed**.

ii) Nomination of Kings Head as a Community Asset

The parish council agreed unanimously to re-nominate the Kings Head as a Community Asset. The application needed to be revised to take account of the tribunals comments and Cllr L.Cook agreed to revise the details as soon as possible.

b) Open Spaces and Lighting Committee

i) Request to keep chickens – Spurlands End Road, plot 2b

The council agreed to the request subject to the usual conditions. Cllr C.Baxter commented that the run seemed large.

ii) Memorial Centre car park – correspondence

Following the lengthy discussions during the public forum the council asked the clerk to write to Mr Pope thanking him for coming to the meeting. The councillors had listened to all the comments but as advised during the public forum, the parish council have no control over the Memorial Centre Management Committee which operates the facilities of the Memorial Centre. Since the safety of the children is of concern, the council asked the clerk to contact CDC to investigate the conversion of a parking space into a 'no parking – turning space only' to enable drivers to turn

safely rather than having to reverse. The council agreed that if it did receive the petition (not left) it would pass it on to the Memorial Centre Management Committee.

iii) Centenary Fields Programme

The council agreed not to join the Centenary Fields Programme.

iv) Update from Lighthouse

The update was noted and the council asked the clerk to thank Lighthouse for all their hard work and effort they had put in to planning for car parking and traffic arrangements.

v) LAF transport proposals – 2017-18 – deadline

The amount of LAF funding was uncertain but ideas still need to be put forward. The clerk would collate a list of outstanding issues for the July meeting. Cllr A.Hewett commented that Prestwood should be considered. All councillors should consider any ideas they have and bring them to the July meeting.

vi) Concept for Project to create improved village centre in Prestwood

The council agreed to set up a working party consisting of Cllrs C.Baxter, L.Cook, A.Hewett, K.Pither and C.Plested to formulate a response from the parish council. With a deadline of 11th July council approval for the response would have to be agreed via email.

vii) MVAS analysis – blind data

The council noted the results of the analysis and that in all cases except one, speeding was worse when the units were set to 'blind' i.e. not flashing.

viii) Parish event 11th June 2016 - update

Full council congratulated the working party on their efforts and the successful event on 11th June. The event had gone well and it had been a good day. The bands were a success and the beer tent had been a success. The demonstrations by Abbey Gym Club and the Chiltern Academy had gone down well. The WI had also had a successful afternoon. The number of raffle prizes had grown and the error with the date meant that although the prize giving had to be delayed until 7 pm on 11th July it provided a further opportunity to sell more tickets, which could be collected from the parish office. More photos were needed for 'The Source' – especially of the dog show.

ix) CDC Sports and Playing Pitch Strategy

The clerk would email the questionnaire to all the councillors so that they could all fill it out individually. The replies to be sent back to the office so that they could be forwarded to the research company.

x) Dangerous parking along Aylesbury Road

The email concerning dangerous parking near the Black Horse was noted. This would be referred to the LAF parking working party and Cllrs A.Hewett and K.Pither were awaiting details of a site visit which was being planned by a representative from Tfb.

c) Finance & General Purposes Committee

i) Approval of the Annual Accounts and Governance Statement 2015-16

Copies of the accounts and the Annual Return, together with an updated risk assessment and the suggested distribution of funds into the various reserves, had been circulated to all the Councillors. The accounts had been subjected to an independent internal audit and there were no matters of concern. The distribution of reserves, the Annual Governance Statement and the

Accounting Statements for 2015-16 were duly approved and adopted unanimously by the Council. The documents will be signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

ii) Request for grant - PYCAG

The council, by majority vote, agreed to the grant request from PYCAG.

iii) Quote from Sexton – clearing vacant allotments

The council, by majority vote, agreed to the quote for strimming only the vacant plots. Cllr K.Allan suggested that further advertisement of the vacant plots to attract new tenants could reduce these costs in future.

iv) 2016-18 National Salary Award – SLCC

The council agreed to adopt the SLCC national salary award.

ix) Payment of accounts for June

It was **resolved** that accounts numbers **21-44** in the sum of **£12,492.25** for **June** be agreed for payment and petty cash items for **£241.03** be ratified.

d) Editorial Working Party

i) 'The Source'

Cllr A.Hewett advised that the article about the new swing at Ballinger Common would be in the next issue of 'The Source' together with photos and coverage of the parish event on 11th June. Cllr K.Allan suggested repeating the article on vacant allotments. Cllr T.Stevenson offered to prepare an article about the MVAS units and interpretation of the data for the next issue of 'The Source'.

e)HS2

i) House of Lords Select Committee update

A total of 414 petitions have been rejected under locus standi rules on the grounds that the petitioner was not specially affected by the proposed line. Cllr M.Johnstone had been in the House of Lords today representing a South Heath group. The House of Lords are stricter than the House of Commons with regards to letters of authority. One petition very close to the line was granted locus. Counsel for HS2 suggested that the local parish council could pick up the concerns of those residents who have had their petitions challenged, especially with regard to the haul road. This may mean that the parish council may need a longer slot to present the cases for the petitioners who are concerned about the haul road as well as those parishioners closer to the line in South Heath.

There is currently a Select Committee procedural review to determine if the House of Lords has the authority to propose additional provisions to the Bill.

ii) Chiltern Long Tunnel group – approval of grant

The council approved a grant of £5000 to be made to the Long Tunnel group towards the cost of experts to support the case with the proviso that the Procedural Review currently scheduled for the 30th June confirms that the House of Lords has the authority to propose an Additional Provision to the High Speed Rail Bill. Otherwise the spending will not be worthwhile and could be better used for expert witnesses to support the council's appearance.

iii) Relocation of haul road

HS2 are raising obstacles with regard to the relocation of the haul road. It is the construction compound which is causing an issue. Currently different options are being reviewed. Proposals from HS2 regarding plans to mitigate the problems at the two roundabouts are awaited.

7. Reports from Representatives to outside Groups.

i) Report from Memorial Centre Management Committee

Cllr G.Maher reported that the committee room redecoration was almost finished. The next project was the toilets. The new access control system had been installed.

ii) Report from BMKALC meeting – Unitary Council proposal

Cllrs C.Plested and R.Hougham had both attended different versions of this meeting but had come away with the same ideas. The notice of meetings had been very short and the meetings had been poorly attended. These were preliminary meetings to express views but had not given time for parish councils to be properly consulted. Based on a report from Ernst and Young there were various proposals to change council structures in order to save money. There is a lack of information in the report about the future of parish councils. The timescale was very short with a report due out in September and a plan to implement before the next elections. The current structure has a high level of financial waste and the aim is to centralise staff and funds. Cllr C.Plested felt that the parish council should take a lead in advertising potential changes to the parishioners.

8. Clerks Report

None

9. Any other business.

- Cllr S.Humphreys was under the impression that the Buryfield car park was being resurfaced with a hard finish but the clerk advised the finish was always going to be a loose material
- Cllr S.Humphreys reported that at the last councillor surgery there had only been one resident who had complained about the noise of the Prestwood Colts event.
- Cllr K.Allan queried the issues with the parking situation on the Rignall Road
- Cllr K.Pither reported that the alley by the side of Chequers Lane allotments was getting overgrown with vegetation
- Cllr A.Hewett reported that the footpath from the Black Horse to the Link Road needed to be cleared

The meeting closed at 22.05

10. Future meetings

a) Planning Committee – 7.30 p.m. Monday 4th July 2016 in the Parish Office

b) Parish Council Meeting – 7.00 p.m Monday 11th July 2016 in Great Missenden Memorial Centre