

GREAT MISSENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 12th September 2016
at the Memorial Centre, Link Road, Great Missenden
at 7.30 p.m.

Public Forum: Representatives from Prestwood Nature including Jenny Smith, Secretary, and John Obee, Project Leader for Boug's Meadow, who provided background information and history of Boug's Meadow.
Malcolm Appleby from Lighthouse regarding request to use Buryfield in 2017.

Present: Councillor - A.Hewett - Chair
Councillors: K.Allan: C.Baxter: R.Hougham: S.Humphreys: M.Johnstone: V.Marshall:
K.Pither: C.Plested: T.Stevenson.

1. Apologies: Councillors: L.Cook: M.Lee: G.Maher: V.Martin.

2. Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs K.Allan and v.Marshall – item 6e ii)

3. Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2016 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising: None.

5. Councillor vacancies

One applicant has expressed interest but was unable to attend this meeting. They hope to attend the October meeting.

6. Reports from Committees

a) Planning Committee

i) The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2016 were **agreed** and **confirmed**.

ii) Local Plan meetings

The council discussed holding public meetings in the parish following the CDC briefing session on 26th October. It was agreed to hold meetings in Ballinger, Great Missenden and Prestwood sometime in the two weeks after 11th November. The clerk would start to investigate hall availability and was investigating whether someone from CDC would be available to do the presentation.

b) Open Spaces and Lighting Committee

i) Request from Lighthouse to use Buryfield 2017

The council agreed to the request from Lighthouse to use the Buryfield from Sunday 16th July to Monday 31st July 2017, together with the additional request for a wedding reception in the 'Ark' marquee on Saturday 22nd July, with the following conditions:

- Improved marshalling for parking especially on Church Street
- Breathable membranes to be put down under the marquees to protect the grass
- The extra event – wedding reception – was a one off
- There were to be no fireworks or BBQ's during the whole event
- The Black Horse area should be used for car parking in 2017 rather than the school playing field

ii) Greenlands Lane – plot 11 – site of polytunnel

The council agreed, as an exception, to the proposed amended siting of the polytunnel. The letter detailing the conditions would be amended.

iii) Request for a lock for Chequers Lane allotments

The council agreed to fit combination padlocks at both entrances to the Chequers Lane allotments. The council also asked for the 'no dogs' posters to be renewed, except for allotment holders.

iv) MVAS update

The parish council working party consisting of Cllrs A.Hewett, S.Humphreys and T.Stevenson had met and produced an agenda for the meeting between representatives from Community Speedwatch, Misbourne NAG, the police and the parish council on 26th September to discuss progress with the MVAS units. The council approved the agenda.

v) Open Spaces Society – Highways under threat – for information /comment

Information noted about the Deregulation Act. The clerk was not aware of any outstanding requests to BCC from the parish council.

vi) Planned vegetation works at Great Missenden – railway line

The council agreed that a request should be made for the railway authority to hold a public meeting to inform residents and also for them to send individual letters to all those residents affected by the work. The parish council request to be copied to local district councillors.

vii) LAF – a) local area priorities b) Active Bucks activities / venues

Cllr A.Hewett would email details of these topics to all councillors in the next few days.

viii) Devolution Working Party – update

Cllr T.Stevenson provided an update on progress with the maps which were almost complete, ownership queries of some areas to be raised with BCC and wildflower area issues. The tender documents were almost finalised and Cllr S.Humphreys proposed a vote of thanks for all the good work done so far by the working party. Obtaining costings and quotes was still work in progress. Cllr T.Stevenson proposed that the council resolves not to enter into a devolution contract for the remainder of the year 2016-17 (seconded by Cllr C.Baxter) and the council unanimously agreed. (BCC have offered a half year contract Sept 2016 to March 2017).

ix) Great Missenden Definitive Map Modification Order

This map modification order relating to a PRow leading south east from Widmere Field was noted.

c) Finance & General Purposes Committee

i) Insurance information and quotes from Came & Co

The three quotes provided by Came & Co were considered by the council. The insurance is currently with Aviva. Cllr M.Johnstone proposed that the council accept the quote from Hiscox and take advantage of a further discount by entering a 3 year binding agreement. This proposal, seconded by Cllr K.Allan, was agreed by majority vote.

ii) Tree survey quotes

The council considered the quotes for the tree reports from Bartlett Consulting, John Morris of the Chiltern Woodland Project and Merewood Arboricultural Services and by majority vote agreed to accept the quotation from John Morris. The clerk would confirm with the insurance company that this report would be sufficient for insurance purposes.

iii) Quotes for repair of Gryms Dyke play equipment

Both companies had confirmed that it was not possible to re-use the second seat. The council agreed to accept the quote from Playground Facilities for the repair.

iv) Request for grant – The Chilterns Dial-a-Ride

After much discussion the council declined to offer a grant to Chilterns Dial-a-Ride.

v) General maintenance – Buryfield - estimate

The council agreed to proceed with the general maintenance for the whole of the Buryfield as quoted by The Plant Specialist.

vi) Ideas for budget 2017-18

Cllr M.Johnstone requested councillors to send ideas for next year's budget to himself and the clerk. Cllr M.Johnstone would arrange a meeting of the Finance committee.

vii) Invitation to Chiltern & South Bucks Joint Strategic Partnership Meeting

Cllrs C.Baxter and A.Hewett volunteered to attend this meeting on 16th November.

viii) Payment of accounts for September

It was **resolved** that accounts numbers **76-93** in the sum of **£10,720.44** for **September** be agreed for payment and petty cash items for **£171.77** be ratified.

d) Editorial Working Party

i) 'The Source'

Cllr A.Hewett reported that the following articles had been prepared for the next issue of 'The Source' – MVAS & speeding, suggestions for new parking areas in Great Missenden, councillor vacancies and councillor surgeries.

e) HS2

i) General update

Cllr M.Johnstone reported that Simon Kirby , CE of HS2, was moving to Rolls Royce. Chris Grayling, the transport secretary, says that the project is still going ahead.

The parish council working party met with HS2's Engagement Officer and his manager and they were taken on site visits around the parish. HS2 have launched a survey to improve their community engagement.

Survey teams are starting work in the area where they have permission from private landowners.

Many meetings with HS2 have been set up as HS2 are trying to resolve areas under discussion.

There is a meeting planned with Cheryl Gillan in Great Missenden to discuss a short tunnel extension to either Leather or Liberty Lane where it is flatter and safer.

ii) Mitigation

- **Tunnel extension to Liberty Lane – request for grant**
- **Bucks CC traffic proposals – confidential**
- **GMPC general mitigation – confidential & letter from Prestwood Nature**

The short tunnel extension would move the portal from South Heath to probably Liberty Lane which is the best mitigation for Great Missenden. REPA have commissioned a report from OTB Engineering to cost this additional tunnelling and Cllr M.Johnstone proposed a grant of £1500 to REPA from reserves to go towards the cost of the OTB report. The previously approved grant of £5000 towards the long tunnel report was no longer needed. This proposal was seconded by Cllr A.Hewett and the council voted unanimously in support of this grant.

With regards to the relocation of the haul road, the sift report has been examined and responded to but the main issue is that BCC will not have enough time to use the Transport and Work Act Orders (TWAO) to secure the land required. BCC are still negotiating with HS2 and pushing to relocate the haul road which is the second best mitigation for Great Missenden. Further discussions about mitigation are continuing. The mitigation proposals from Bucks CC which include traffic flow improvements have been circulated. The parish council have also produced a mitigation list (via email approval) and this has also been circulated. Both lists are confidential so as not to jeopardise discussions with HS2.

iii) Next steps – traffic survey

The next steps are:

- Preparation for the Select Committee hearing although no date has been confirmed yet (likely to be after 20th October)
- Collect input from parish petitioners who were denied a hearing in their locus standi challenges
- Meet with BCC TfB to discuss the traffic mitigation proposals
- Run our own traffic survey with guidance from TfB. Volunteers will be needed for this.
- Take up an offer of meeting with HS2 to discuss concerns and issues covered in the PRD

7. Reports from Representatives to outside Groups.

Cllr S.Humphreys reported that the Memorial Centre Management Committee were working on a project to improve the toilets and repair the outside edge of the floor in the main hall. Members of the committee are putting the chain up in the car park.

Cllr V.Marshall reported that she had attended the AGM of the Great Missenden branch of Age Concern. They are looking for a new chairman and they have already recruited a new treasurer and lunch club organiser.

8. Clerks Report

i) Confirmation of meeting date to discuss proposals for streamlining local government in Buckinghamshire

The clerk requested all councillors to put the 21st November in their diaries.

9. Any other business.

- Cllr T.Stevenson asked if anyone else would like copies of the devolution grass cutting maps.
- Cllr K.Allan asked if people were aware of the groups who meet on the Buryfield in the evening. The clerk advised that the police are already aware.
- Cllr S.Humphreys reported that GM Combined School were progressing their plans for a turning space in the school grounds. The question over rights of way over parish land was raised and Cllr A.Hewett confirmed that BCC have a copy of the parish land registry document.
- Cllr K.Pither suggested that the allotment prize giving should start at 6.15
- Cllr K.Pither queried the start time of the December meeting.

The meeting closed at 21.40

10. Future meetings

a) Planning Committee – 7.30 p.m. Monday 3rd October 2016 in the Parish Office

b) Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 p.m Monday 10th October 2016 in Prestwood Village Hall