

GREAT MISSENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 10th October 2016
at Prestwood Village Hall
at 7.30 p.m.

Public Forum: Eva Neupauer-Jones from Missenden Abbey regarding plans to apply for a new licence to allow regulated entertainment within the grounds.
Anna Brazil regarding her application to be co-opted onto the parish council.

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

1. Apologies: Councillors: L.Cook: V.Martin.

2. Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2016 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising:

Cllr K.Pither raised the issue of the start time of the December meeting. The clerk would sort this out for the next meeting.

Cllr A.Hewett advised that the LAF local area priorities and the Active Bucks activities and venues had been discussed at the LAF meeting on 5th October.

5. Councillor vacancies

The council discussed the application for the parish council vacancy, as under the co-option process, the parish council must still consider whether or not to co-opt any person that applies. Although the councillors appreciate the enthusiasm and the interest shown by the applicant in local affairs, the council decided, by a democratic vote, not to co-opt this applicant onto the parish council as it felt there could be conflicts of interest.

6. Reports from Committees

a) Planning Committee

i) The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2016 were **agreed** and **confirmed**.

Regarding item 4 v) CDC/SBDC Joint Local Plan - Potential Introduction of CIL - the planning committee had agreed to hold a separate meeting before the November planning meeting starting at 6.30 pm to discuss comments and produce a document for full council approval. All councillors were welcome to attend this meeting and Cllr A.Hewett agreed to chair this meeting. The clerk would circulate the email originated by Cllr C.Baxter to all councillors.

b) Open Spaces and Lighting Committee

i) Request from Greens Funfair to use the Buryfield

The council approved the request from Greens Funfair to use the Buryfield from 17th to 24th October inclusive, weather permitting. The fees would remain the same. The clerk would ask Greens to avoid the areas of grass that have just been seeded if at all possible.

ii) Prestwood Nature email to BCC & CDC re Bougs Meadow

The email from Prestwood Nature to various councillors at BCC and CDC was noted. It was also noted that Cllr M Tett had replied to Prestwood Nature.

iii) Planting a tree on Buryfield - Fawcett

The council felt that a silver birch might not be the most appropriate tree due to their shallow roots and asked for additional tree type suggestions. It was also felt that the area adjacent to the adventure playground where the picnic tables are might not be the best location due to the potential for vandalism. Perhaps in this area, but a mower width from the fence line might be more appropriate.

iv) MVAS update

The notes from the MVAS review meeting on 26th September had been circulated. Cllr K.Pither queried whether the MVAS units could be fitted to existing street furniture. Any of these potential sites would need to be separately assessed.

v) Youth offending team – suggested list of work

The council agreed that the suggested list should be forwarded to the Youth Offending Team:

1. Siding out / widening the path on the Buryfield
2. Weed clearing on boundary fence with culvert on Link Road
3. Clearing plots and grass cutting on allotment paths which are vacant
4. Removal of the mounds that have accumulated on the vacant allotments

It was queried whether or not these teams would be able to weed kill the cleared areas.

Cllr A. Hewett advised that the team used their own equipment, had their own insurance and would remove all waste.

vi) Plans for GM Combined School and access

The school had presented their plans at an open meeting on 22nd September. The project is funded by BCC. The land directly outside the school gates belongs to the parish council and the council would like to keep all the existing car and coach parking. The school plans have been separated into two applications, one for the classroom expansion and one for the set down area. Although similar plans were presented in 2005 which the parish council did not object to, the village has got a lot busier since then with the opening of the Roald Dahl museum in 2005.

The parish council concerns are:

- Loss of coach parking
- Loss of car parking spaces
- Issues with traffic turning right from the Buryfield onto the Link Road

vii) Local Infrastructure Priority Datasheets (CIL & S106 Workshop Material)

All the LAF applications from the parish council, both past and current, have been taken into consideration by BCC. No further priorities were suggested.

viii) Devolution Working Party – update

Cllr T.Stevenson reported that the work on the maps was now complete. Only two areas were being put forward for wildflower management due to caution about the height of vegetation which might impact sight lines. The invitation to tender was also complete. As soon as BCC respond about the map copyright question the dates on the tender document would be added and the documents sent to the agreed list of contractors requesting them to quote.

c) Finance & General Purposes Committee

i) Ideas for budget 2017-18

Cllr M.Johnstone reported that Cllr S.Humphreys had submitted some budget proposals and he requested councillors to send further ideas for next year's budget to himself and the clerk. Cllr M.Johnstone would arrange a meeting of the Finance committee.

ii) Referendum Principles for English Parishes - consultation

The council considered the latest news information concerning the referendum principles for English parishes together with the DCLG's 'The 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement' technical consultation paper. In response to the questions 4 to 7 on the technical consultation paper the council agreed to respond accordingly:

- Question 4 – No – agreed by majority vote.
- Question 5 – not applicable because the answer to question 4 is no.
- Question 6 – No – agreed by majority vote.
- Question 7 – No – agreed by majority vote.

The council felt that as it was responding to the consultation it was not necessary to write a separate letter to the local MP.

iii) Modernising Local Government in Bucks Business Case – email

The additional documents were noted. The council did not want to submit any questions in advance of the presentation by BCC on Monday 21st November.

iv) Possible District Association for Chiltern Town & Parish Councils

Of the three options put forward, there was a majority vote for option 3 – to become part of the existing South Bucks Association of Local Councils.

v) LTN's reviewed – LTN 14E, LTN 59 and LO2-16

Cllr M.Johnstone summarised the above LTN's. There were two routes for introducing bylaws – LTN 14E. LTN 59 confirms the current process. All three documents were noted.

vi) Quote to repair toddler swing Gryms Dyke

The quote had not been received so this was deferred.

vii) Payment of accounts for October

It was **resolved** that accounts numbers **94-109** in the sum of **£17,130.56** for **October** be agreed for payment and petty cash items for **£200.56** be ratified.

d) Editorial Working Party

i) 'The Source'

Cllr A.Hewett thanked everyone for their contributions to the articles for 'The Source'. The next copy deadline was 28th November and potential articles included the allotment competition prize giving and the cheque presentation to Scannappeal.

e) HS2

i) Update on local meetings - Haul Road, Traffic Flow including additional car parking, Mitigation

Cllr M.Johnstone reported that activity has increased in recent weeks with a meeting hosted by Cheryl Gillan with HS2 and OTB Engineering, a meeting hosted by the parish council working party with HS2, and meetings with both BCC and CDC councillors. The GMPC HS2 working party held an update discussion with James Burton. The Select Committee programme office has offered a date of Tuesday 8th November to GMPC – in the afternoon following CDC's hearing.

The HS2 Working Party asked the council to ratify the following decisions:

1. The M2 proposals listed under the Atkins Report section on Traffic Flow (all items up to the section on the Odyssey Report) noting the two maps at the back of the report.
2. Mitigation – Appendix A - the comments that have been made on the Odyssey Report
3. Mitigation – the list at Appendix B – GMPC Mitigation

In summary the main concerns remain as:

- Impact of the portal – both construction and operation
- Impact of the temporary haul road on parishioners living close by, school children and children using the play areas and skate park, increased traffic in the village and impact on businesses and tourists in the village.

The asks of the parish council remain as:

- Extension to the Chiltern Tunnel throughout the AONB or to Liberty Lane. Including the OTB Engineering option of a mined tunnel.
- Relocation of the haul road to just south of Leather Lane following the assurance given in January reviewing the location of the haul road from the South Heath portal. If the HS2 project is delayed GMPC will ask for an assurance that the relocation of the haul road will be revisited.
- Safety of the school children and the users of the council's play areas. Consideration should be given to close the skate park during construction. HS2 have offered ARMCO barriers. Safety issues need to be pushed with HS2.
- Mitigation for the effects of increased traffic and haul road disturbance.
 - To include improvements to the traffic flow on the A413. In principle the M2 proposals from the Atkins report are acceptable but with no dedicated right turn from the Link Road onto the A413 and the loss of no more than two parking spaces on each side of the junction with the Link Road.
 - Bucks CC have commissioned a report from Odyssey Markides to address mitigation in Great Missenden. The working party are generally in favour but comments have been made on the report.
 - GMPC have submitted its own mitigation list. The mitigation suggested has generally to lessen the direct impact of HS2.

The parish council ratified all of the above items and thanked the working party for all their hard work.

Further meetings are planned with BCC and between BCC and HS2.

ii) Appearance before HoL Select Committee

The working party still feel that GMPC should appear before the Select Committee on 8th November in order to reinforce concerns over the impact of HS2 on parishioners living around the portal and the safety of children in the vicinity of the haul road. The working party consider that the assistance of James Burton is an advantage.

The HoL Select Committee members were planning a site visit on 19th October but with no community engagement planned.

Cllr M.Johnstone reported that running our own traffic survey is still an option.

7. Reports from Representatives to outside Groups.

i) LAF meeting update - Wednesday 5th October

Cllr C.Plested reported on the many issues discussed at the LAF meeting.

- The police advised that Speedwatch was effective. There had been some anti-social behaviour on Prestwood Common including youths climbing onto the Scout Hut roof. Parking was still causing some issues.

- BCC were planning a consultation about introducing yellow lines on parts of the London Road, Rignall Road and Upper Hollis to address road safety issues.
- TfB advised that they would forward a list of their subcontractors and they reported on white lines.
- Prevention Matters reported a lack of response from Great Missenden in general.
- Health Trust reported on initiatives to support older people staying at home and in the community

The LAF local priorities were reviewed and updated. Bids for funding in 2017-18 would need to address one of these priorities and match funding would be necessary.

The next meeting would include a report about Adult Learning.

8. Clerks Report

i) Meeting dates for 2017

The meeting dates were noted. It was suggested that two meetings should take place in Prestwood – perhaps April and October depending on hall availability.

9. Any other business.

- Cllr C.Baxter raised the issue of the bright lights at the rear of the flats on Honor Road again. A further email had been sent.
- Cllr K.Pither raised the issue of the visit to the waste disposal site, suggested that more people should be invited to the allotment prize giving and asked about the thank you letter for Mr Hildreth.
- Cllr A.Hewett thanked Cllr G.Maher for all his contributions and hard work on the parish council over the years and said everyone would be sad to see him go at the end of the month. He will be missed.

The meeting closed at 22.05

10. Future meetings

a) Planning Committee – 7.30 p.m. Monday 7th November 2016 in the Parish Office

b) Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 p.m Monday 14th November 2016 in Great Missenden Memorial Centre