

# GREAT MISSENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
at the Memorial Centre, Link Road, Great Missenden  
at 7.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs.B.Gover (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs A. Hewett (Vice Chairman)  
Councillors: Mrs B. Barker, S.Barrett, M.R.Bennett, Mrs C.A. Eaden, M. Johnstone,  
Ms S.Judges, M.W. Lee, G.W.Maher, Mrs K.A.Pither, P.L.W. Pugh and W.D.Tavernor

**Apologies:** Councillors: M.J.Cunnane, Mrs L .J. Swayne and Mrs K. Vargas

## 1. Open Forum

i) Claire Quilley, transport Officer from Bucks County Council attended the meeting to present to Councillors her report on the installation of Residential Parking Bays in the Misbourne Estate. She was of the opinion that introducing such bays may well be counter productive for residents and the wider community. She recommended that an independent village wide review of parking be undertaken which would take into account all the parking issues in Great Missenden.

District Councillor Seb Berry pointed out that the LAF Community Partnership had already agreed to install a residents parking scheme in the Misbourne Estate

Jacky Stat from Aylesbury Road reported that there was a severe parking problem at Mobwell too. She requested that County Council put in Residents only parking at this location as well.

The matter would be discussed again at the next LAF Community Partnership meeting, where the community would decide if the allocated funds should be spent on an independent review or a formal consultation for residents only parking in the Misbourne Estate.

ii)Cia Birch reported that children cycling on the pavements was becoming a serious problem. The Clerk would alert the PCSO.

iii) Ernie Wickens, the new Chair of Great Missenden Village Association attended the meeting to introduce himself and the new secretary of the group Mrs Sarah Creak

## 2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made

## 3. Minutes

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

## 4. Reports from Committees and Working Parties

### a) Planning Committee

#### i) Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were **agreed and confirmed**.

#### ii) Consultation on Schedule of Proposed Significant Changes to the Core Strategy for Chiltern District Submission Document

The deadline to submit comments on the above was 5<sup>th</sup> August. Councillors **agreed** that Councillors Brenda Barker, Anne Hewett and Carole Eaden should submit a comment on behalf of the Council to convey Councillors' concerns about the increase in housing provision for the Chiltern District to 2026 which has had to be increased from 2,400 to 2,900. Councillors are concerned that while it is not planned that this increase should impact on Great Missenden Parish it may have to if it proves impossible to build sufficient housing in the main settlement areas of Chalfont St Peter, Amersham and Chesham

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

### i) Minutes from the meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011

Councillors **ratified** the following **recommendations** made at the above meeting

- That the clerk should obtain a report and quote from the Water Company for changing the size of the bore on the supply pipe to all allotment sites
- That the grass at Greenlands Lane should be “topped” to a length of 6-9”

The proposal to prepare more allotment land at Greenlands Lane was declined. People on the waiting list should be offered plots at Chequers Lane, if they did not want to wait

### ii) Gates for Potter Row Allotments

One new gate had already been installed at Potter Row Allotments. It was now **agreed** to provide a new gate into plot Number 1 in the centre of the hedge bordering the road, as directed by the Highways Engineer. This gate should be a 6’ door type to maintain security

It was also **agreed** to install a gate to plot Number 7. Mrs Kenyon had already purchased the gate

### iii) Masons Fair

The above Fair had requested to come to Buryfield. This was a different Fair to Greens fair, which usually comes in May and sometimes October. After some discussion, Councillors **agreed** to invite Masons Fair to come so long as it was at a different time of year.

### iv) Chiltern Railways request to park on Buryfield

Chiltern Rail had requested to use Buryfield for extra parking while work was being done on the Wycombe to London Line. Councillors **declined**.

## **c) Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

### i) Dog waste bin on Wycombe Road

Councillors had visited the site on Wycombe Road opposite Sixty Acres Road and ascertained the best spot for the bin. Councillors **agreed** to this and to the cost of £300 for a large bin and £185.12 per year to empty the bin.

### ii) Request for a grant from Great Missenden Parish Revitalisation Group

The above group had requested a grant for up to £1,000 to help with the printing, distribution and road show costs to publicise the first draft of the Village Design Statement. Councillors **agreed** to this. The exact amount needed would be asked for in September

### iii) Payment of accounts

It was **resolved** that account nos.47-68 inclusive for June in the sum of £15,921.93 be agreed for payment and that petty cash items for June/ July in the sum of £93.13 be ratified.

## **c) ‘The Link’ Editorial Committee**

### The Future of The Link

Councillors discussed whether to have a regular page in The Source rather than continue with The Link. This was for economic reasons and the fact that the Link and The Source sometimes produced similar articles which was unnecessary duplication. The Link is published twice per year with 12 pages and the Source is produced 5 times per year. The cost of the hosting a regular page in The Source would be negotiated but was likely to be cheaper than producing The Link.

After some discussion, Councillors **resolved** to produce one last issue of The Link in autumn this year, and then to take steps to host a regular page in The Source.

Councillor Bennett would start a dialogue with the Editor of The Source to this end. The Council would need to have complete editorial control over its own contributions.

## **5. Reports from outside Groups**

### i) HS2

#### Consultation response

Councillors Mike Johnstone, Brenda Barker, Brenda Gover and the Clerk had worked on the Consultation response of the Council and produced bullet points of comments they felt the Council should make. The outline of a covering letter was also proposed.

Councillors made a couple of further suggestions and **approved** all the statements in the document. Councillors then **agreed** that the above Councillors should finalise the documents along the lines presented and submit them to the Government in good time to meet the deadline of 29<sup>th</sup> July. A copy would also be sent to Cheryl Gillan MP

#### Meeting at Whitehall with Cheryl Gillan MP

The Chairman had recently met with other Parish Council Chairmen to update Cheryl Gillan MP on the opinions and progress of the campaign against HS2. Councillors informed Ms Gillan of the main arguments they would be submitting in the response form and also highlighted issues over the on-line response form and dissatisfaction with the Road shows.

Ms Gillan recommended that the Parish Councils write to HS2 LTD expressing their dissatisfaction with the Road Shows particularly the sound demonstration and the lack of information. Also there was little or no information about alternatives eg Maglev systems

The results of the consultation would come at the end of the year, after the select committee hearing in October and the Environmental Assessment report due in December

### ii) Station Approach Notice Board

Great Missenden Village Association had written to the Council requesting that the above notice board be tidied and refurbished. Co-incidentally, the Great Missenden Community Group had offered to do this. The Council **agreed** that Great Missenden Community Group should tidy the notice board when necessary and let the Council know when in their opinion any repairs or refurbishment needed to be done. Councillors remembered that the Parish Council had paid for the installation of the notice board many years ago, but that it had always been used as a free community notice board

### iii) Connect 4

In a reply to a letter sent to Connect 4 on 27<sup>th</sup> May, Neil Spencer now invited Councillors to attend some of their activity sessions. Cllr Karen Pither and Cllr Laurel Swayne would attend. Councillors still wanted more details of how many Great Missenden Parish youngsters attend the activities.

### iv) Update Newsletter from NAG

Councillors **noted** the above

## **6. Clerk's Report**

### i) Re-grading of Assistant Clerk post

In recognition of the significant increase in his duties and responsibilities, the Council **resolved** to increase the salary of the Assistant Clerk to reflect this, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011. Councillors **agreed** that the exact amount should be decided by Cllrs Gover, Bennett, Hewett and Tavernor.

## **7. Items of Urgent Report**

No items reported this month

## **8. Future Meetings**

It was **resolved** that the next meetings be held as follows:

- a) Planning Committee – 7.30 p.m Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 in the Parish Office
- b) Parish Council Meeting – 7.30 p.m Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in the Memorial Centre.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm.