

# GREAT MISSENDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
at the Memorial Centre, Link Road, Great Missenden  
at 7.30 p.m.**

**Public Forum:** 1. Mr. David Lyddiatt, Mrs. Barbara Rowett and Mr. Michael Fulham all concerning the state of the Prestwood Common car park  
2. Mr Gary Housley and Mr. Paul Renault of Swarco Ltd. suppliers of MVAS

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. A. Hewett (Chair)  
Councillors: Mrs B. Barker: S. Barrett: M. Bennett: Mrs C.A. Eaden:  
S. Humphreys: M. Johnstone: Ms. S. Judges: G.W. Maher: Mrs. K. Pither:  
Mrs. L. Swayne: W.D. Tavernor:

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs. Mrs. B. Gover: M.W. Lee: P. Pugh:

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Mrs. Pither in Item 5 (b) (ii)

## **3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

## **4. Matters arising**

The Clerk was reminded that two MVAS sites proposed had been queried by the Council but only one had been reviewed. Agreed that he would contact BCC/Swarco as a matter of urgency to revisit and re-assess the siting of the Wycombe Road groundscrew as the Council considered the proposed site to be dangerous and distracting to motorists.

## **5. Reports from Committees**

### **a) Planning**

**i) The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were **agreed** and **confirmed**.**

The matter of the proposed future status of the Pheasant Public House at Ballinger was discussed at some length. The Planning Committee had recommended refusal of the recent application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for continuation as a residential unit as an inappropriate method of obtaining what was, in effect, a complete change of use.

### **ii) Development Delivery Plan Document**

CDC had raised several queries on the Council's original submission to the DDPD. It was agreed that Councillors should submit their proposed responses to Cllr. Johnstone by 13<sup>th</sup> March for collation and consideration by the Planning Committee.

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

### **i) email from CDC requesting details of free parking days requirements.**

The Clerk had ascertained that a free day's parking applied to all three car parks in the Parish and it was agreed that the Council would apply for the five free parking days on Saturdays 30<sup>th</sup> March, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 14<sup>th</sup> December and 21<sup>st</sup> December.

### **ii) Request from GMCG to use Buryfield for a Farmer's Market- parking and stands.**

This was agreed subject to the usual conditions and to the grass surface being in a sufficiently firm condition to minimise damage which would be chargeable to the organisers.

### **iii) Request from Great Missenden Pelicans CC for support in their fight against a 1,380% increase in rent imposed by their new landlord.**

The ground on which the Cricket club plays had been purchased by a small property company in Ludlow who had immediately imposed the above increase on the club which they would find completely unaffordable.

It was agreed that the Council would lend their support by writing to Cheryl Gillan (with a copy to the Club) expressing the Council's deep concern about the potential for the loss of an important local sporting facility for young people provided by a club which had been formed 112 years ago.

### **iv) Request from HS2 Ltd to use Buryfield for a roadshow on 30<sup>th</sup> May.**

This was agreed subject to the usual conditions and a fee of £500.00

### **v) Proposed letter to the proprietor of the Origins Wine bar re the planting of trees on Buryfield.**

The proposed text of a letter was agreed for immediate dispatch.

### **vi) Proposed location for a MVAS Groundscrew on Prestwood High Street.**

The proposed location, opposite Barley View House and some 85 metres from the junction of Green Lane with the High Street was agreed.

### **vii) Proposal to have the Pheasant Public House at Ballinger added to CDC's list of Community Assets.**

This was approved by a majority vote.

### **viii) Request from Great Missenden Stop HS2 to use Buryfield on 30<sup>th</sup> May.**

This was agreed subject to the usual conditions but free of charge in view of the fact that this would be a service to the community manned entirely by unpaid volunteers.

## **c) Finance & General Purposes**

### **i) Payment of Accounts for March**

It was resolved that accounts numbers 180-195 in the sum of **£36,964.87** for **March** be agreed for payment and petty cash items of **£43.75** be ratified.

**ii) Request for installation of dog waste bins at each end of Great Missenden High Street.**

In view of potential difficulties in identifying a suitable site at the village end of the High Street it was agreed to purchase just one bin for installation at the end of Whitefield Lane.

**iii) Request for installation of a dog waste bin on Green lane adjacent to the farm entrance.**

This was agreed

**iv) Installation of new litter bins on Prestwood Common.**

Both the litter bins on the Common, one just a few weeks old, had been vandalised completely. The Assistant Clerk had researched the market for more robust models and after extensive discussion it was agreed that as an experiment the Council would install a vandal proof model adjacent to the corner of the Youth Club building.

**v) Quotation from Lane's Landscapes for landscape maintenance at Greenside etc.**

Some Councillors expressed disquiet at the annual cost of maintaining the area and were of the opinion that all the shrubbery should be cleared completely and the whole area grassed over to provide a play area for local children. It was pointed out that the shrubbery had been planted at the specific request of adjacent residents to prevent such use which had proved to be noisy and disruptive.

Cllr Bennett proposed that the quotation be agreed subject to an immediate survey of all the residents involved to ask them what they want in the future. This was agreed.

**vi) Quotation from P.Kernan Tree Surgery for remedial work necessary resulting from the annual tree inspection.**

The Clerk confirmed that all the works scheduled were necessary from a safety point of view rather than just cosmetic, in line with insurance company requirements.

The quotation was approved.

**vii) Offer from GMVA to make a donation towards the cost of the alterations to the tennis courts entrance.**

The offer together with a second, as yet unconfirmed offer would provide approximately 50% of the quoted cost. In addition further assistance, still to be quantified could be made available by a local charity which would be approaching the Clerk to obtain facts and figures for consideration.

In view of the above offers it was agreed therefore that the work should go ahead immediately in time for the forthcoming busy period for the tennis courts subject to confirmation of the second offer.

**d) Editorial Working Party**

**i) Website.**

The Clerk reiterated the urgent need to convene a meeting of the Editorial Working Party to assess progress to date. He pointed out that the Assistant Clerk had done a great deal of work in inputting data but it had now reached the stage where the EWP needs to get involved in rounding off the whole project.

Accordingly he asked members of the EWP to email him with available daytime dates for the meeting to take place within the next 7-8 days in order that the Provider's representative can be present to answer any last minute questions and to continue with the training programme.

### **e)HS2**

Councillor Ms. Judges gave a resume of progress/events since the last meeting.

i)The results of the Judicial Review are scheduled for publication on 15<sup>th</sup> March

ii)Stop HS2 has taken a shop in Amersham on the Hill which will be the venue for a Saturday morning (16<sup>th</sup> March) public Q&A session with Cheryl Gillan amongst others

iii)Community Forums are having a hard time with HS2 Ltd. who appear to take no heed of the views expressed by local residents and meetings are becoming somewhat acrimonious as a result (this is not confined to The Chilterns-CF's all along the proposed route are experiencing similar treatment)

## **6. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE GROUPS**

### **i)Memorial Centre Management Committee-progress on boiler repairs and handover of the books of account by the outgoing Treasurer.**

Cllr. Maher reported that following an inspection by the Committee's own CH engineer, the boiler work carried out by the contractors following the recent renovations was found to be faulty but he was still awaiting the full report as well as the invoice for an emergency call out during the renovation work period.

As to the books of account he had been assured that the handover would be complete by 31st March delays to date being down to the poor health of the Treasurer.

### **ii)Appointment of a representative to the newly formed Prestwood Village Association.**

Agreed that this should be shared between Cllrs.Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Swayne.

## **7.CLERK'S REPORT**

### **Attendance by Councillors at CDC meetings.**

After extensive discussion it was agreed that in the first instance such attendances should be limited to full Council meetings rather than every committee going.

To that end the Clerk was asked to send out a list of forthcoming Council meetings together with an attendance rota for Councillors to complete but to continue his practice of sending out agenda for all CDC committees just in case an item of interest to the Parish warrants any extra attendances.

### **8. Any other business**

**i)** Cllr Tavernor had received a complaint that some Nairdwood Lane allotment tenants were not keeping their plots in an acceptable condition and requested that the annual meeting with Allotment Liaison Officers be convened fairly soon Clerk to follow-up on both matters.

**ii)** Cllr. Johnstone enquired why Christmas lights are still in place on Station Approach. Cllr Mrs. Pither advised they are scheduled for removal this coming weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March.

### **9. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- a) Planning Committee – **7.30 p.m. Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013** in the Parish Office
- b) Parish Council – **7.30 p.m. Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013** in the Memorial Centre.

The meeting closed at 21.50