



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 7th June 2021 at 7.30 p.m.
Great Missenden Memorial Centre**

Public Forum:

One representative – regarding a request for dog waste bins in South Heath
Bucks Councillors Peter Martin, Mimi Harker and Heather Wallace.

Present: Councillor K Pither, Vice-Chair (chaired the meeting)
Councillors: C Bunting, L Cook, S Humphreys, M Johnstone, M Lee, I Lovegrove,
V Marshall, V Martin, C Ormesher, R Pusey, T Stevenson

Also present: Jane Hennessy - clerk

1. Apologies: A Hewett, C Baxter, J Brooke, S Rhodes

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on **17th May 2021** were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising

- The Grundon bin has been delivered for Buryfield. Cllr Humphreys has arranged for a chain and padlocked it to a pole in the car park by the adventure playground. It will be emptied once a week.
- Cllr Humphreys reported that the repairs to the shelter on Prestwood Common have now been completed by Playground Facilities, with the repairs to the wet pour surface at Grymsdyke & Buryfield remaining.
- PCSO Chris Ging had advised that he will be seconded to Amersham for a period over the summer months. He also advised the intention to restart the Community Speed Watch at the end of June. The police recommended a handheld device and a request for the parish council to purchase one will be on the July agenda.
- Cllr Johnstone advised that the e-petition agreed for the transfer of ownership of Prestwood Recreation Ground was being amended. It would be circulated for information and then planned to be placed on the Bucks Council website from 21st June for one month.
- The new deputy clerk will be joining the parish council on Wednesday 16th June, ahead of Chris Thompson's departure on Friday 25th June.
- Two streetlights have been arranged for LED upgrade, following reports of them not working, one in Winslow Field and one in Hobbs Hill. These will be at a cost of £305 + VAT each. Approved by Cllr Pither as chair of Open Spaces.
- Cllr Johnstone reported on the recent meeting with Cllr Pither and Breeze, ladies cycling group, to discuss locations for further bike parking. Cllr Johnstone has also met with Highways to discuss the practicalities of permission for new bike racks on Bucks Council land. The next step is to arrange a meeting with other interested parties, GMPRG, GMVA, Breeze to discuss this further. Cllr Lovegrove offered to attend this meeting with Cllrs Pither & Johnstone.

5. August Meeting – Proposal to cancel meeting

The parish council resolved not to cancel the August meeting.

6. CCB Nomination – Bucks Parish Councillor Vacancy

It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Marshall would put herself forward for nomination, after Cllrs Ormesher & Bunting stepped down from the nomination process.

7. Parking

i) Bucks Council coach parking - update

The update regarding the completed and approved (under clerk's delegated powers) Access Licence and traffic management plan pertaining solely to Great Missenden Combined School's car park construction work was noted. The car park work was due to start on Friday 4th June. Bucks Council's solicitor is now working on the draft documents for the Deed of Mutual Easements ahead of the planned start date for the coach turning circle at the beginning of July. There are further questions that the council need to consider regarding this paperwork, however it was proposed by Cllr Pither, and resolved by majority, that as Cllrs Rhodes and Hewett have been working on this project and were not able to attend the meeting this evening, an EGM should be called to discuss this so that they were able to attend and inform the council. A one page document stating the facts to date for the parish council was also requested. Thanks were asked to be noted to Cllr Rhodes for his work on the Access Licence.

ii) Car park management - update

The council noted the update that comments were still awaited from Bucks Council regarding the draft Deed of Variation to the lease for the car park management. The clerk has been chasing Bucks Council for a response as has the parish council's solicitor.

8. New meeting room – quote for security alarm

The council resolved to accept the quote from Homeguard for a separate alarm system to be installed in the new meeting room. This will give the council more flexibility and control to use this room independently of the parish office, if required. The quote is for £350.00 + VAT and an additional £82.00 + VAT for an annual maintenance agreement.

9. Reports from Committees

a) Planning Committee

i) The minutes of the meeting held on **1st June 2021** were agreed in principle. As some councillors had not received them before the meeting all councillors were asked to submit any queries before the end of Tuesday 2nd June – when the minutes would be confirmed. It was suggested that the planning information on the parish council's website could be updated to be more informative. Cllrs Lovegrove and Bunting will submit revised wording.

b) HS2

Cllr Johnstone presented the following information.

i) General Overview

- HS2 activity is unfortunately continuing to be scaled up across the North Chiltern area. There is devastation towards Wendover, archaeology around Gryms Ditch and the two viaducts, including ground testing for the viaduct supports. Durham Farmhouse has been demolished and further excavations continue to the end of August.
- Jones' Hill Wood will be handed over to EKFB during June as a recent legal challenge pertaining to barbastelle bats habitat was not upheld. An estimated 40% of the wood has been removed. Security remains on site along with a small number of protestors.

ii) HS2 Construction

- Leather Lane & Bowood Lane crossing points for the 'yellow brick road' have been built but not completed yet. Work will resume to finish off the crossing points, including Rocky Lane, in July.
- The Chesham Road Intervention Shaft (CRIS) bellmouth is wider than expected. There will be a public presentation on CRIS, expected in July.
- Plans for the north portal to the Chiltern tunnel are becoming available. The impact is being assessed as major earthworks are needed to support the tunnel headwall. It is likely that Weights & Measures will be demolished.
- The chalk trial by the haul road in Great Missenden is completed and the land will be reinstated to grassland in July. A pond is to be dug out and a culvert built from the portal as part of a water management programme. A security gatehouse will be completed in July.
- Mulbery Park Hill's roof tiles have been removed in an attempt to encourage bats to move to the new bat house.
- HS2 are still being held to account on tree removal. EKFB arboriculturists have conducted surveys of the trees in both Leather & Liberty Lane and the results will be presented shortly. EKFB are also being questioned on how trees can be saved along the diverted footpath GMI/2.
- Bucks Council are employing two local HS2/EWR traffic marshals to work with HS2 Traffic Control Site Officers (TCSO's) to resolve issues under the council's powers. Bucks have refused to approve the increased HS2 construction traffic on the A355 and A413 in light of the A413 becoming the main construction route in the area. HS2 has appealed to the Secretary of State and a Planning Inspector is to be appointed. In the meantime HGV movements are restricted to 12 a day each way.
- Little Missenden Vent Shaft – a decision has been made for a full weekend road closure to build a signalised junction. This is from 9pm Friday 18th – 5am Monday 21st June.

c) Open Spaces and Lighting

i) The minutes of the Open Spaces Committee meeting held on **27th May 2021** were agreed and confirmed by majority vote.

ii) Land at London Road – Update

Cllr Pither advised that a meeting was being arranged with The Misbourne School, AFC Lightning and Cllr's Hewett & Pither. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss AFC Lightning's options for additional pitches, following their confirmation that Ballinger Common was not suitable for them. Cllr Pither also updated the council to confirm that a letter would be drafted to The Misbourne School confirming the meeting earlier this year. This would be completed following Cllr Hewett's return from holiday later this week. A copy will be forwarded to all councillors.

iii) Ballinger Common – Request from Ballinger Waggoners Cricket Club (BWCC) on behalf of Gateway School

The council approved by resolution the request by BWCC for Gateway School to use Ballinger Common for cricket on Tues, Wed and Friday each week from 8th June to 9th July, with a longer event on 2nd July.

iv) Offer of bench from Prestwood WI for Prestwood – for approval

The council considered the request from Prestwood WI for one further bench to be installed on Prestwood Common. On recommendation from the Open Spaces Committee, the council resolved to suggest that the bench would be more suitably installed on Prestwood Recreation Ground. However, the parish council agreed to offer to take delivery of the bench and store it in the meantime, the costs of installation are being met by the WI and

then ownership will then be handed over to the parish council. The parish council is happy to write to Bucks Council, on behalf of Prestwood WI, to make a formal request for permission to site the bench there.

v) Email from resident – request for dog waste bin at South Heath

The council discussed the request from the resident of South Heath for three dog waste/litter bins to be installed. The parish council had recently been advised that Bucks Council will not install any further dog bins as dog waste can be put in litter bins. Cllr Peter Martin was asked to confirm this. Cllr Johnstone advised that this had been brought to the council some years before, at which time the residents of South Heath were not in favour of litter or dog waste bins. The resident presented a petition with 34 signatures of local residents supporting this request. It was understood that the subject was also under discussion at the Wood Lane Residents Association meeting on 10th July. The parish council agreed to await information from Cllr Peter Martin and feedback from the Wood Lane meeting before making a decision.

vi) Buryfield Adventure Play Area - Slide

A recent reported incident resulted in an inspection of the surrounding area at the bottom of the slide in the Buryfield Adventure play area by Cllrs Baxter and Pither. It was suggested that a small dip in the grass, which was possibly due to the recent wet weather, was filled in with soil. Graham Sexton has been asked to complete this work. The annual play equipment inspection is due shortly and will highlight if any further action is required.

vii) Noticeboard in Prestwood – request from GMPRG

The council resolved to support the request from GMPRG to replace the current parish owned noticeboard by the Prestwood car park, with a larger one with two sides, one for parish notices and one for community notices. It was requested that the new noticeboard is lockable and that the current noticeboard is retained for the parish council to resite to the Community Centre.

viii) Proposal for a barrier to GMMC car park

The council resolved to form a working party to investigate options for a barrier across the Memorial Centre car park, following complaints from hirers that other non-hirers were using the car park. Cllrs Pither, Lovegrove, Cook, Brooke and Humphreys agreed to join the working party. It was also resolved that a letter to both Great Missenden Combined School and The Misbourne is sent to ask parents to be reminded that the car park should not be used for school pick ups and drop offs.

ix) Request from Gateway School to use Buryfield or Ballinger Common

The request from Gateway School to use either Buryfield or Ballinger Common between 2-5pm each week on Tues, Wed and Friday throughout the term for a variety of sports was discussed. It was agreed that Cllrs Pither, Lovegrove and Humphreys meet with Gateway School to discuss further and report back to council.

x) Fly tipping – response for noting

The response from the Office of the late Rt Hon Dame Cheryl Gillan following the request for support for an increase in the value of fixed penalty notices was noted.

xi) Biodiversity Policy – update for approval

The biodiversity policy presented by Cllr Marshall was resolved for adoption.

xii) Existing bench on Prestwood Common – update for noting

The update from Cllrs Pither and Humphreys regarding their meeting with a resident asking for a bench to be moved due to the increase of anti social behaviour opposite their home was noted. It was agreed with the resident that the situation would be monitored over the summer and any anti-social behaviour would be reported to the police and the parish office.

d) Finance & General Purposes Committee

i) Payment of accounts for June 2021

It was **resolved** that accounts numbers **40-52** in the sum of **£13,667.17 (inc VAT)** be agreed for payment and petty cash items of **£70.10** be ratified.

13. Editorial Working Party

- i) The Source - Cllr Ormesher advised that there was a meeting planned ahead of the next edition of The Source. Cllr Bunting offered to submit articles on dog waste and biodiversity.
- ii) Cllr Ormesher updated everyone on the progress of the council's Twitter account, the number of followers are still quite low. An article in The Source was suggested.

14. Reports from Representatives to outside Groups.

- GMPRG – Cllr Johnstone gave an update following the recent GMPRG meeting. He also advised that GMPRG had asked for the parish council to consider sharing draft minutes. It was agreed not to change the current practice, which is not to publish minutes until approved by full council and to encourage all interested parties to attend council meetings or to phone the clerk for any updates on specific issues.
- Cllr Lovegrove would like it noted that he was unaware that meetings of Great Missenden Chamber of Commerce had been taking place. He was awaiting a copy of minutes and contact details of this meeting. The clerk will follow this up.

15. Clerks Report

- i) The clerk's progress report was noted.
- ii) The clerk confirmed that the Memorial Hall and Committee Room had been booked for the July & August full council and planning meetings respectively.
- iii) The leaving date of the deputy clerk and the annual leave dates of the clerk were noted.

16. Matters for information

17. Future meetings

- a) Planning Committee – **7.30 p.m. Monday 5th July 2021** -Committee Room, GM Memorial Centre
- b) Parish Council Meeting – **7.30pm Monday 12th July 2021**– Great Missenden Memorial Centre

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.