



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 8th August 2022 at 7.30 p.m.
Great Missenden Memorial Centre, Great Missenden

Public Forum: Cllrs Lovegrove & Gladwin observed the meeting via Zoom.

Present: Councillor A Hewett - chair
Councillors: J Brooke, L Cook, S Humphreys, M Johnstone, M Lee, V Marshall, V Martin, C Ormesher, K Pither, S Rhodes, T Stevenson.

Also present: Jane Hennessy, Clerk

22/119 Apologies

Cllrs: C Bunting, J Gladwin, I Lovegrove, R Pusey

22/120 Declarations of Interest:

Item 125 – Cllrs Stevenson, Cook & Pither

22/121 Minutes – The minutes of the meeting held on **11th July 2022** were agreed and signed as a correct record, with minor amendments.

22/122 Matters arising

- The repairs to Prestwood Community Centre are due to go ahead on 13th August. There has been further vandalism and it is not clear that the spare boards will be enough to make all repairs. The contractor will advise.
- The information regarding recent thefts of catalytic convertors of cars parked at Great Missenden railway station was noted.
- The clerk reported that the Buryfield car park management lease was progressing and was hopeful of a conclusion soon.
- The microsurfacing of Church Street by Transport for Bucks (TfB) is due to go ahead 16th & 17th August. The council have previously agreed for free parking in Buryfield for the duration of these works and this has been confirmed with Bucks Council. A query has been raised with TfB regarding the relatively short notice for residents and access to Church Street via St Peter & St Pauls access on Frith Hill.
- Sexton Fencing have quoted £320 + VAT to re-install the collapsible bollard on Prestwood Common, to move one of the existing collapsible bollards and provide and install a further static bollard. Cllr Pither, as chair of Open Spaces committee has approved this quote.
- The accessible swing at Buryfield pocket park toddler area has been damaged. It has been taped off and quotes will be provided for replacement.
- Cllr Pither reported on meeting with local police and allotment holders at Nairdwood Lane allotments to discuss vandalism. This area will be included in the PCSO's patrol.

22/123 Clerks Delegated Powers for decisions – it was discussed and approved by resolution that any requests from Great Missenden School to access the school via Buryfield would

not need full council approval, but the decision would be made between the chair, vice-chair, one councillor and the clerk.

22/124 **Waste Collection**

There was discussion around the continuing reports of non-collection of waste and recycling by Bucks Council in some areas of the parish. Cllr Hewett reported this was largely due to a change Bucks Council have made to the rounds areas. Cllr Hewett also reported a discussion with a member of the waste team at Bucks Council who was actively monitoring the collections to help improve the service. Cllr Rhodes advised that he would be raising a complaint as a resident and would update the parish council on any progress.

22/125 **Prestwood Community Centre (PCC)**

1. Repair Café – request for free use of PCC for 2023 – Cllr Stevenson requested free use of PCC for 12 meetings (once a month) of the Repair Café – this was resolved by majority vote.
2. External lighting – quote for approval – the council resolved to accept the quote from Martin Wheeler for a maximum of £650 to replace 3 x LED lights at Prestwood Community Centre. This is as a result of vandalism.

22/126 **Community Board**

1. Church Street bollard project – Cllr Rhodes proposed that the bollards installation on Church Street square was re-considered by the council. This was seconded but did not receive majority support.
2. Wycombe Road – request for speed limit reduction – the council discussed the request from the Community Board for assistance in requesting a speed survey on Wycombe Road between Lodge Lane and Holy Trinity Church & Hildreths. The request for a reduction in speed limit at this location has been requested at Community Board meetings. The Community Board has also indicated that they would be able to help with the costs for this, under the small grants scheme. The council discussed the request and approved by majority vote to proceed with the application and the grant request but to review the results of the speed survey before proceeding with any request to reduce the speed limit in this area.

22/127 **Speeding** - The council discussed the two emails from residents regarding speeding on Lodge Lane and Ballinger Road. Both these areas are covered by the council's speed signs, when they are in operation and the residents have been informed of this. The Ballinger resident will also be advised of the speed survey that was carried out a few years ago and the outcome from that. Details of both emails have been passed to the Community Board who are discussing speeding at specific areas in the parish.

22/128 **Meeting Dates / Location** – The council noted the bookings at Prestwood Village Hall for the September & November meetings. The village hall committee have kindly agreed for these bookings to be free of charge.

22/129 **Proposed footpath diversion (Great Missenden)** – the council agreed that they had no objection to the proposed diversion of public footpath no.1(F) (part) Great Missenden.

COMMITTEES - Planning

22/130 1. **Minutes** – the minutes of the meeting held on **1st August 2022** were agreed and confirmed.

2. **Neighbourhood plan** – it was reported that Bucks Council have offered a remote meeting with any interested councillors and it was agreed that all councillors should be invited to attend. The clerk will arrange dates.

3. **Draft letters for approval** – the council approved the draft letters for Arki’s Farm PL/21/3838/FA, Land at Great Missenden railway Station PL/21/0534/FA and 6 Rignall Road ES/22/00317/OPDEV, with minor amendments.

22/131 **HS2- Update**

A summary of the latest update was presented by Cllr Johnstone

1. **Chesham Road Intervention Shaft** – steel for the 8th section ring in progress, excavations are about half way down the 46 m depth and working hours have been re-confirmed at 8am-6pm Monday – Saturday.
2. **North Portal** – The D-walling of the headwall is complete and barrettes should be completed by the end of October. The permit for working hours has been renewed unchanged for six months and continues to be 7am-10pm – Monday – Saturday. South Heath cutting – EKFB have been excavating the cutting but are to hand over shortly to ALIGN for the works up to the GMI12 overbridge to prepare for the arrival of the Tunnel Boring Machines and prepare for the building of the ancillary portal buildings. The EKFB construction compound by Park Hill will be moved to the other end of the internal access road at Wendover Dean.
3. **Water Usage** – HS2 are using a large amount of water but are now taking steps to reduce consumption.
4. **Judicial Review on lorry routes** – On July 21st the High Court dismissed the appeals by Bucks Council to quash the decisions made by the Planning Inspectors to allow the environmentally damaging lorry routes submitted by HS2 Ltd. Bucks Council are bitterly disappointed with the courts decision but have decided not to appeal. Lorry movements of high and large goods vehicles for this August are estimated at 1,180 a day through the Frith Hill roundabout.
5. **Route wide injunction** – the first campaigner has been imprisoned for 100 days, fined £1,400 and likely to be pay court fees. On 26th May the case was heard in Birmingham District High Court for the granting of a route wide injunction to prevent protestors disrupting the works along the entire line

Open Spaces and Lighting

22/132 **Land at London Road – update from working party meeting** – Cllrs Hewett, Pither, Bunting, Humphreys and Stevenson met and discussed options for the parish council owned land at London Road. Options suggested including community growing scheme (all or part of land), land swap or arrange for a commercial valuation of land. It was resolved by the council that the first step would be for Cllrs Hewett & Pither to meet with The Misbourne. The clerk will arrange a meeting.

22/133 **Land at London Road – request from resident – boundary vegetation** – the council agreed a one off cut of this area (only on the parish council owned land), but for this to be done at the end of September to allow seeding, in line with the biodiversity policy. The clerk was asked to obtain quotes.

22/134 **Ballinger Waggoners Cricket Club** – the parish council resolved the following amendments to the draft licence:-

- 21 year term with 3 year termination period
- remove the requirement for 50% membership in the parish
- amend the wording around property owned by the club

The clerk and Cllr Rhodes will meet to confirm the changes required.

- 22/135 **Gateway School – request for charges for use of Ballinger Common** – the council resolved to charge £500 per annum to Gateway School for use of Ballinger Common, term time Tuesday – Friday 2pm & 4.30pm. Gateway would also need to contact Ballinger Waggoners for any arrangements regarding the pavilion.
- 22/136 **Request to Use Ballinger Common – Chesham ladies U13s football club** – the council discussed this request and expressed concerns on the ground being overused and the request did not reach majority support.
- 22/137 **Trees – updates & quotes for approval** – the council resolved the following:-
1. Potter Row allotments – oak tree – this is leaning over and needs to be removed on safety grounds following advice from the tree surgeon and the arboriculturist. There is also a spruce tree on the north area of Potter Row allotments which is also leaning and should be removed on safety grounds. The quote from J&D Clark for £1,340 + VAT was resolved. The work can be carried out on the 17th August 2022.
 2. Greenside – oak tree – following a report from a resident the tree surgeon has confirmed that this tree is diseased (honey fungus) and needs removing. The council approved the quote from J&D Clark to £3,280.00 + VAT.
 3. Buryfield – request from resident – the council considered the request from a resident that borders Buryfield to reduce the height of the trees that border their property and agreed to monitor these trees, as the arboriculturist has not raised any safety concerns.
- 22/138 **Allotment Tenancy Agreement – draft update** – the council resolved by majority the proposed updates to the draft tenancy agreement, with amendments.
- 22/139 **Request for temporary signage on Buryfield – Pottery exhibition Oldham Hall** – the council approved the signage in Buryfield on 18th & 19th November by resolution.
- 22/140 **Buryfield - vertidrainng and sanding -quote for discussion** - the council discussed the quote from Agripower, approximately £6,800 and the clerk was asked to obtain two further quotes.
- 22/141 **Allotments – request for shed – for approval**
 The following were approved by resolution:-
 Chequers Lane – plot 14A (polytunnel)
 Chequers Lane – plot 15A
 The request for the shed at Greenlands Lane – plot 15 was declined as it was larger than the 6’ x 4’ required size.
- 22/142 **Land at Link Road – update** – the update from Bucks Council requesting a detailed plan including costing was noted. Cllr Hewett suggested that a meeting be arranged with Bucks Council in mid September, and in the meantime arrange to meet with local groups such as Chilterns Conservation Board and The Chiltern Rangers to ask for their assistance with the project. This was agreed by the council.
- 22/143 **Misbourne Greenway – draft letter** - the council ratified the draft letter to be sent to Gareth Williams at Bucks Council stating environmental concerns regarding the greenway from Wendover Station to Great Missenden.
- 22/144 **Prestwood Recreation Ground – update** – Cllr Hewett advised that the legal paperwork has just been received by the parish council’s solicitor and we hope to have their comments through shortly. Given this progress it was agreed that a survey should be used to see what improvements the residents would like to see on Prestwood Rec. Cllrs Hewett & Pither will work on a survey which will then be advertised in the next edition of The Source.

Finance and General Purposes

- 22/145 **Parish Warden – for discussion** - Following the working party discussion between Cllrs Hewett, Pither, Bunting, Humphreys and Stevenson, the recommendation to move forward with a two hour a day contractor was agreed. The working party will create a job description for approval by council.
- 22/146 **NALC – legal topics notices** – the update of LTN7, LTN8 and LTN40 were noted.
- 22/147 **Payment of accounts for August 2022** – it was resolved that accounts number **93-114** in the sum of **£21,364.25** including vat for July be agreed for payment and petty cash items for July of **£47.79** be ratified.

Editorial Working Party

- 22/148 **'The Source'** – Cllr Hewett reminded all for article ideas for the October/November edition of The Source.
- 22/149 **Website – request to advertise Repair Café & Climate Café on PC website** – approved by all.
- 22/150 **Reports from Representatives to outside Groups** – none.
- 22/151 **Clerk's Report** – noted.
- 22/152 **Matters for information**
1. The Colts refurbishment –Swish Fibre Community are offering community funding up to £5k and the Colts should apply.
 2. Two meetings proposed, in Great Missenden and Prestwood, regarding the Community Fridge location.

Future Meetings

- a) **Planning Committee – 7.30 p.m. Monday 5th September 2022 – Great Missenden Memorial Centre**
- b) **Parish Council – 7.30pm Monday 12th September 2022 – Great Missenden Memorial Centre**

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.