



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30p.m.  
Prestwood Village Hall, Wycombe Road,  
Prestwood HP16 0NZ**

**Public Forum:** None.

**Present:** Councillor A Hewett - chair

Councillors: J Brooke, C Bunting, L Cook, J Gladwin, S Humphreys, M Johnstone, M Lee, V Marshall, V Martin, K Pither, R Pusey, S Rhodes, T Stevenson.

**Also present:** Jane Hennessy, Clerk

2022/205 **Apologies**

Cllrs: I Lovegrove, C Ormesher

2022/206 **Declarations of Interest**

Item 231 – Cllr Hewett

Item 232 – Cllrs Pither, Cook & Bunting

2022/207 The minutes of the meeting held on **1<sup>st</sup> November 2022** were agreed and signed as a correct record.

2022/208 **Matters arising**

- It has been reported that the lighting in Buryfield Car Park is not working. This has been reported to Bucks Council, as the car park managers, and they have contractors looking into the problem. It may be a problem with the electrical supply to the feeder pillar behind the Parish Office, however this is not where the parish council had understood the electrical supply to the lights was from. Further clarification is being sought.
- A change to the meeting dates and locations for 2023 was noted. This was due to Prestwood Village Hall availability and an additional bank holiday announced today on 8<sup>th</sup> May for the coronation.
- The Wycombe Road, Prestwood speed survey is due to commence this week.
- The neighbourhood plan working party are meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm.
- One of the High Street traders asked that the parish council be made aware that they are unhappy that they would have to pay the cost of a pitch (£35) at the monthly Great Missenden Market, in order to prevent a competitor stall being present. It is understood that other traders do have this agreement with the organiser.
- The regular bootcamp on Buryfield on Saturday morning has ceased, due to numbers.
- A resident asked that the parish council are made aware that children are building camps out of wood/rubble on a green area in Westrick Walk, Prestwood.
- The PIR floodlights outside the parish office and on the Memorial Centre which were not working have now been repaired at a cost of £305 (approved by Cllr Hewett as chair).

2022/209 **Community Board – Honor Road/Broombar Lane Prestwood parking review – for noting** – the remainder of the parish council's commitment to £10,760.00 of funding towards these projects was noted. Copies of the letters that are proposed to be sent out as part of the consultation were also noted, with a request that the whole of Broombar Lane residents are included in the consultation.

- 2022/210 **Climate Change & Environment Working Party - Update from conference** – Cllr Bunting updated the council on the recent BMKALC Climate Conference and the useful information obtained, including the importance on being able to change behaviour, environmental policies which can be included in neighbourhood plans and green bus stops.
- 2022/211 **Prestwood Community Centre (PCC) - Electric smart meters** – the council agreed, by majority vote for E-On, the current energy suppliers, to install smart meters at the Parish Office and Prestwood Community Centre.
- 2022/212 **MVAS Meeting** – Cllr Hewett reported on a recent meeting held with Swarco and other local parish councils who have been affected by battery thefts from their speed signs. Swarco are going to work on further security solutions and in the meantime it was agreed that no signs would be put back up.
- 2022/213 **Councillor Surgery - rota 2023** – the proposed rota was approved. It was agreed to alternate between Great Missenden and Prestwood and that the councillors attending each surgery would advise the clerks of the location each month, in time for posters to be distributed.
- 2022/214 **Chiltern Academy annual community project** – the council noted the information on the types of projects that Chiltern Academy can undertake for their community project in June. Councillors were asked to email the clerks with any suggested projects.
- 2022/215 **Great Missenden Village Improvements Project** – the council noted the update that the project was awaiting the streetworks licence 171 from Bucks Council before the project can start. Cllr Hewett advised that she was still awaiting prices for the maintenance of the flower beds for the council's consideration.
- 2022/216 **Request for defibrillator Prestwood Common** – it was agreed by resolution to support Prestwood Colts request for an external defibrillator at Prestwood Common. It was agreed that the pavilion would be the most appropriate location and the parish council would encourage the Colts to submit a grant request for assistance with this purchase.
- 2022/217 **Sheepwash Pond – proposal to consider ownership** – the update from Land Registry showing no registered owner for Sheepwash pond was noted, as was the update that the land was not registered with Bucks Council as either a village green or common land. As Prestwood Nature have been maintaining the land they would be best placed to submit an adverse possession claim on the land, if they wanted to. Alternatively, Prestwood Nature could continue their good work and look for local grants to help with clearing up the area. Cllr Bunting suggested an article in The Source to raise the profile and rally volunteers.
- 2022/218 **Great Missenden Summer Event** – the request from the GMVA to form a fete committee, with representatives from the parish council, traders and other local organisations to organise an annual fete in Great Missenden was discussed. It was agreed that this was a good idea and that individual councillors should put themselves forward. It was noted that there were possible plans for a Prestwood event (organised by Plan-it Prestwood) on the coronation weekend in May 2023.
- 2022/219 **Proposed Diversion Of Public Footpath No. 35 (Part) Parish Of Great Missenden** – the council discussion the footpath diversion and resolved to support it by majority vote.

#### **COMMITTEES - Planning**

- 2022/220 Minutes of the meeting held on **1<sup>st</sup> November 2022** were approved and will be signed at a later date.
- Two applications; Barn conversation within green belt – Peterley PL/22/3395/FA and The Pheasant, Ballinger PL/22/3643, were discussed and agreed for both to be called in

to the BC Planning Committee. (This will be done under clerks delegated powers as both applications had been submitted after the agenda had been sent out.)

2022/221 **HS2- Update** – Cllr Johnstone updated the council, a summary of which is below.

**1. Chesham Road Intervention Shaft** – Work is to start shortly on the internal structures and headhouse. A request from local farms to spread excavated chalk on their land was rejected by HS2 on quality and assurance grounds. The tunnel boring machines should pass through here October/November 2023.

**2. North Portal** - work on the barrettes and tunnel headwall continues. The building of the 96 barrettes will be completed in November. Working hours have been extended to 31 December 22 from 7am-10pm Monday – Saturday. South Heath cutting earthworks have been limited by deteriorating weather and shorter days. EKFB construction compounds around Park Hill are being move to Wendover Dean/Rocky Lane. The earthworks to build the embankments for the viaducts and for the conveyor has continued. As the main construction activity for the Wendover Dean Viaduct starts EKFB will begin to receive steel beam deliveries. Abnormal length loads of up to 30m will be needed and the decision has been taken to carry out these deliveries around 8pm.

**3. Leather Lane – Save Our Oaks** – The position of the new overbridge on Leather Lane is still not decided. The removal of Ilona the lone oak is also not decided. The parish council hold the view that the case has not been made for the felling of the oak tree. EKFB’s view is that the alignment of the earthworks adjacent to the mature oak tree have already been included in the recent Schedule 17 application. A response is awaited from Madelyn Sutton regarding this. In the meantime, the parish council are seeking views from Bucks Council’s ecologists and infrastructure planners.

**4. Various Updates** – The Wendover conveyor has been assembled and due to problems full operation has been delayed until November. There are overnight closures planned on A413 before Christmas, Rocky Lane has some lane closures but timing is uncertain. Frith Hill (South Heath leg) is closed from 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Johnstone will set up a virtual meeting for the HS2 working party members to share some updates.

#### **Open Spaces and Lighting**

2022/222 **Land at London Road**

**1. Update on options for land** – there was discussion regarding future plans for the land at London Road, these included a community growing scheme, a purchase of the land by The Misbourne School, a shared use Misbourne School/community growing scheme. A further suggestion was proposed to consider planning permission options on the land and a valuation. It was also suggested that a land swap could be proposed. It was agreed that the first stage should be a consultation with the parish. An article will be prepared for The Source in the new year.

**2. Request to cut hedge/trees on London Road** – the request to cut back the hedge & trees bordering the Land at London Road, adjacent to the road was noted and the clerk asked to obtain a quote.

2022/223 **Prestwood Recreation Ground** – it was noted that the parish council’s solicitor has returned the draft lease to Bucks Council with comments. A response is awaited.

2022/224 **Land at Link Road** – the council noted that a response from Bucks Council is awaited and although scheduled to be available for this meeting, was now delayed to the December meeting. Diary pressures was given as the reason.

- 2022/225 **Buryfield – vertidrain and sanding** – the council approved by resolution the revised quote from Agripower for £5,875 + VAT to vertidrain and sand Buryfield.
- 2022/226 **Playground Repairs** – the clerk advised difficulty in obtaining quotes for playground repairs as four companies approached will only maintain equipment that they have installed. Chesham Town Council are unable to help due to workload. Given the need for these repairs, the council resolved to accept the quote from Playground Facilities, to carry out the repairs in the moderate risk category. This was resolved to a maximum of £7,000 + VAT.
- 2022/227 **Request to use Buryfield car park – Boxing Day classic vehicle show** – the council approved the request from Green’s Funfair to use Buryfield car park for a classic car display on boxing day.
- 2022/228 **Streetlight Repair** – the increase in the cost, of £34.65, due to a different shield required for the light in Walnut Way was approved by resolution. Total cost, including LED replacements in The Pines is now £1,157.55.
- Finance and General Purposes**
- 2022/229 **The Cage – wall** – the council noted that Chris Webb is no longer able to assist with the work required to the wall adjacent to The Cage. Further contractors will now be approached.
- 2022/230 **Budget Ideas** – Cllr Johnstone reminded all councillors for their suggestions for next years budget. A meeting of the Finance Committee will be arranged before the December council meeting with the aim for a draft budget to be presented in December.
- 2022/231 **Request for grant – GM Traders** – the grant for £2,000 for Great Missenden Christmas tree lights for the tree outside the library was approved by resolution.
- 2022/232 **Request for grant – Plan-It Prestwood** – the grant for £1,520.35 for the Prestwood Christmas event at the village hall was approved by resolution.
- 2022/233 **Payment of accounts for November 2022** numbered **158-182** in the sum of **£26,033.98** (inc VAT) were agreed for payment and petty cash items for November of **£87.75** be ratified.
- Editorial Working Party**
- 2022/234 **‘The Source’** – Cllr Hewett requested any articles for The Source be submitted to the editorial team and that a meeting of the working party will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm.
- 2022/235 **Reports from Representatives to outside Groups** – none.
- 2022/236 **Clerk’s Report** – noted.
- The clerk advised that the NJC pay increase for 2022/23 had been agreed, as had a increase of one day in annual leave for the clerks. These are both contractual.
- 2022/237 **Matters for information**
- Cllr Stevenson requested additional information from the local Repair Café be added to the parish council website.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

#### **Future Meetings**

**a) Planning Committee – 7.30 p.m. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Great Missenden Memorial Centre**

**b) Parish Council – 6.30pm Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Great Missenden Memorial Centre**