



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Great Missenden Memorial Centre, Link Road  
Great Missenden, Bucks HP16 9AE**

- Public Forum:** - Representative from Leather Lane Conservation Group  
- Resident regarding pride flags  
- Resident regarding the Community Speedwatch taster session  
- Resident regarding London Road, Prestwood speed survey

**Present:** Councillor A Hewett – Chair

**Councillors:** C Bunting, L Cook, J Gladwin, S Humphreys, M Johnstone, M Lee, I Lovegrove, V Martin, C Ormesher, K Pither, S Rhodes, T Stevenson

**2024/066 Apologies** – Cllrs C Bains, V Marshall, R Pusey

**2024/067 Declarations of Interest**

Item no. 075 – Cllr Martin

Item no. 098 – Cllr Pither

**2024/068 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2024** were approved and signed.

**2024/069 Matters arising:**

- The contractor has replaced the two tennis nets and will clean the courts when the weather improves, this is against credit owed to the parish council.
- The sign at Greenlands Lane allotment is broken, the post is rotten. Cllr Pither approved for Sextons to replace the post and repair for a cost of £70.
- The DBS for Cllr Bains has had to be resubmitted at a cost of £19.20 – this was approved by Cllr Johnstone.
- A recent enquiry regarding the double yellow lines on Chequers Lane has confirmed that the recent shorter length relining that was completed is the correct length, as confirmed with Bucks Highways.
- Bucks Council have notified the parish council of some filming in June which will require closure of Great Missenden High Street. The date has not yet been confirmed.
- The Dementia Bus, organised by the Community Board is visiting on 15<sup>th</sup> May and will park in Buryfield car park.
- The Buryfield steps and bollard replacement have now been completed.
- The bus stop on the Link Road, Great Missenden is due to be replaced between 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April.
- The slide from the multiplay equipment at Buryfield which is being replaced has been sold for £150 and the funds will be put towards the replacement equipment.

**2024/070 Parking – consultation response submitted – further info from Bucks Council**

Confirmation that the objection email to the proposed car park charges was noted. As was the information that the parish council could fund further enforcement in the area and/or payment from the parish council towards further free parking. Cllr Rhodes will draft a further letter to the Parking Manager with the council's objections to these parking changes.

**2024/071 Speeding – Wycombe Road, Prestwood – survey & update** – the update has been posted on the website and has over 500 responses currently, 75% of responses are in favour of reducing the speed in this area. The council agreed to keep the survey open to encourage further responses. The suggestion of extending the 30mph

further than Peterley Lane towards Little Kingshill was also discussed but would need to be considered once the survey had been concluded.

**2024/072 London Road, Gt Missenden – speeding - proposal to submit application to HS2 Road Safety Fund** – the council approved the proposal to submit an expression of interest via Bucks Council for safety improvements on London Road particularly in the area by The Misbourne school.

**2024/073 Pride Flags** – it was agreed by majority vote that the council would fly flags for pride month in June, in Great Missenden and Prestwood. New flags will be purchased to comply with local authority regulations, and this was agreed as the cost is less than applying for consent to fly the progress pride flags. As the flag poles and brackets are owned by the GM Chamber of Trade, and therefore covered by their insurance, it was requested that written consent is obtained from each business and/or resident where a flag is to be displayed. Cllr Pither volunteered to obtain a quote for the flags and also the written consent.

**2024/074 Community Board – Honor Road Scheme** – Bucks Councillor Peter Martin confirmed that due to residents’ opposition to the amended parking scheme on Honor Road, it had been agreed to pause the scheme and review it. It was highlighted by the parish council that this pause should not delay the Broombar Lane parking restrictions.

**2024/075 The Cage – replacement door and frame – quotes** – the council approved the quote from Ballinger Workshop for £1,410 + VAT to replace the wooden door and frame on the Cage. The clerk was asked to check if the building was listed.

#### **COMMITTEES - Planning**

**2024/076 Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2024** were approved with amendments and will be signed at the next Planning Committee meeting.

**2024/077 Greenlands Lane - Oak Tree – suggested mitigation sites** – the two suggested sites on the verges on Greenlands Lane & Kiln Lane were discussed and agreed and a map will be prepared and sent to Bucks Council.

#### **2024/078 HS2- Update**

**1. Chiltern Tunnel North Portal** – Florence broke through on 27<sup>th</sup> February, Cecilia will take another 4 weeks. The process of dismantling the tunnel boring machines will take up to 6 months and has been given permission for 24/7 hours of work. Local residents have contacted Sarah Green, MP to ask why HS2 extended hours are necessary and what mitigation measures will be put in place. ITN interviewed residents regarding the breakthrough. HS2 Ltd’s communication regarding the dismantling has been forthcoming and it appears that Align have been informing residents of the impact. Align’s communication team went door to door in the vicinity of the portal on 28<sup>th</sup> February and also provided a leaflet drop.

Communication on mitigation is that as the work will be carried out 18m below the surface level in a cutting this will shield noise and light. Noise receptors will monitor operations. Noise reduction panels will also be erected around the working area to muffle sound.

**2. Sinkholes** – a 4<sup>th</sup> sinkhole has appeared on Frith Hill.

**3. Other Issues** - water discharge – the north portal is the only site along the tunnel that has Environment Agency permission to discharge clean water directly into the Misbourne. The attenuation ponds and the discharge is being monitored and over recent weeks, with more moderate rain fall the discharge has ceased.

Leather Lane – Align have been reviewing new options for the design of the re-aligned overbridge and mitigations measures for wildlife. An update is awaited.

Community Improvement Initiatives – residents of South Heath and Ballinger have been encouraged to provide suggestions and discuss them as HS2 drop-in events. Cllrs Johnstone & Bains will evaluate the suggestions and the council agreed that a consultation with all residents by way of a survey would be the next step.

Roadworks continue in March and April along the A413 towards Wendover.

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

- 2024/079 Buryfield Zip wire – proposal to consider Tiger mulch surfacing quote** – the council resolved the quote from Southern Landscapes for £4,320.00 + VAT to replace the grass matting under the new zip line with Tigermulch in green (woodland blend).
- 2024/080 Buryfield Adventure play area – proposal to extend entrance hardstanding** – the council approved the quote from Proludic for £1,906 + VAT by resolution to extend the hardstanding area at the entrance to the play area.
- 2024/081 Path – Buryfield & Prestwood Recreation Ground** – it is likely that the path work will start in May, possibly starting on Prestwood Recreation Ground as the fair will be on Buryfield from the 20<sup>th</sup> May.
- 2024/082 Multi play equipment Buryfield and Prestwood Rec** –  
Buryfield – the installation is underway despite it being very wet last week.  
Prestwood Rec – estimated to start on 15<sup>th</sup> April after the easter school holidays. The certificate of lawfulness is due to be determined on 28<sup>th</sup> March.  
The costs from Proludic have altered slightly as the full discount hadn't been applied to the multiplay equipment orders and therefore the discount owed has been taken off the wet pour orders. The totals are now as follows:-  
Buryfield – multiplay £47,906.49, wetpour surfacing £11,720.95  
Prestwood Rec – multiplay £42,907.42, wetpour surfacing £11,720.95  
An additional quote for £1,157 + VAT from Proludic was approved by resolution. This is to move the bench and the bin at Prestwood Recreation Ground as part of the multiplay equipment project.
- 2024/083 Prestwood Common – path width** – it was discussed that the Prestwood Common path width was reduced due to grass growing over the edges. A maintenance plan should be considered and it was agreed to review the path width in a couple of months.
- 2024/084 Chequers Lane – dog waste bin – disappearance** – it was noted that this bin has disappeared. The council approved by resolution the cost of £286.00 + VAT for Bucks Council to replace this bin.
- 2024/085 Potter Row – Maple Tree – request to reduce height of tree** – the council did not approve the request to reduce the height of the maple tree, by majority vote. It was resolved to continue to regularly monitor the tree and take advice on future maintenance as and when required, to ensure the protection of the adjacent property and the longevity of the tree.
- 2024/086 Tree Request – Collings Walk – update** – the update from the arboriculturist advising that he did not see the trees as posing a significant risk of harm was noted and it was agreed that he will visit the trees in June for an additional inspection.
- 2024/087 Martinsend Lane – proposal to consider streetlights** – the proposal to investigate the costs involved to install two streetlights on Martinsend Lane was not approved by the council.
- 2024/088 Westrick Walk – request to clear vegetation** – the quote from Sexton's to cut ivy, cut back shrubs and remove rubbish from a council owned area at the end of Westrick

Walk was resolved at a cost of £195 + VAT. It was noted that it would not be the responsibility of the council to remove the ivy that has grown up the adjacent house.

- 2024/089 Allotments – vehicle access** – the decision to prohibit vehicles from driving onto allotment sites due to the recent wet weather was agreed. It will be discussed again at the April meeting.
- Finance and General Purposes**
- 2024/090 Review of the effectiveness of internal control** – this was reviewed, accepted and adopted by resolution.
- 2024/091 Disciplinary & Grievance policy** – this was reviewed and adopted by resolution.
- 2024/092 Prestwood Village Hall – update on grant** – the update regarding the delay in obtaining the full funding for the toilet refurbishment project was noted and it was resolved to earmark the £10,000 grant for the village hall into the new financial year.
- 2024/093 Bank Accounts – transfer from current to deposit account** – it was resolved to transfer funds from the main current account at Lloyds to the deposit account, to take advantage of the interest rates. Enough funds will remain in the current account for day to day business.
- 2024/094 Legal Notices – LTN 87 – procurement, Email address briefing, NALC update to model employment contract** – noted.
- 2024/095 Payment of accounts for March 2024** - numbers **43 – 60** for the sum of **£17,328.06 (inc VAT)** were all agreed for payment and petty cash items for March of **£54.80** were ratified. (Transfer of £75.95 from current account to petty cash.) It was noted that there would be second payment run in March to include the completed multiplay at Buryfield.
- Editorial Working Party**
- 2024/096 ‘The Source’** – Cllr Hewett thanked all contributors for their articles.
- 2024/097 Twitter – proposal to delete account** – this was resolved by majority vote.
- 2024/098 Reports from Representatives to outside Groups**  
– Cllrs Johnstone & Martin attended the recent Great Missenden Village Association meeting and provided updates on the parish council’s projects for Great Missenden.
- 2024/099 Clerk’s Report** – noted.
- 2024/100 Matters for information** – none.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

#### **Future Meetings**

- a) Planning Committee – 7.30 p.m. Tuesday 2nd April 2024 – Great Missenden Memorial Centre**
- b) Parish Council – 7.30pm Monday 8th April 2024 – Prestwood Village Hall**