

Worminghall Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Thursday March 20th 2014

Present: Cllrs: Dr. Weaver, (Chair), Cllrs: Rowe, Showell (Vice Chair), Grierson, & 4 members of the public.

1/ Apologies: Dst Cllr Hawkett, Cllr Tasker.

2/ Declaration of Interests: None declared.

A discussion on frequency of meetings and communication between Councillors began, and was suspended til after the public left. The outcome was that meetings would be pre-arranged at 6 weekly intervals. From May 1st the Councillors should represent the village and act accordingly, another meeting was inserted for April

3/ Minutes from meeting January 16th 2014: were agreed and signed by the Chair.

4/ Community Led Plan: They hope to have a draft plan to present to the village by June for discussion and feedback, and a final plan by September. Their next meeting is April 9th.

5/ Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign: This has been part funded by the Bucks County Council Local Area Forum (LAF). Training will be given to Councillor Bryan Showell who has volunteered to look after the sign, and Cllr Rowe will assist.

Contingency Plan: Consent was given and a copy is in the Village Hall and in the Church. Clerk to submit to Resilience Team.

Planting at crossroads: Cllr Weaver's husband to be asked to help. It was decided to abandon attempts to enter the Best Kept Village this year due to signage being delayed. Could the CLP Committee take the tidiness of the village up for the future?

Parish Grass Cutting: Clerk obtained two quotes for cutting of footpaths the quote from Richard Gregory who already strims the Churchyard gave a more competitive quote, and after the paperwork is signed from the Rights of Way team, he will be employed to take this on.

Annual meeting May 1st: Clerk invited all Village Committees to attend, we are a small village and the Parish Council feels that this would be a great platform for all the individual groups in the vicinity to communicate with the rest of the village in interest of transparency and good governance, funds raised and distributed will be made public

Ditches & Hedges: Cllr Weaver congratulated Cllr Rowe on the work she has done to clear the ditches, which has helped drainage in the village while other areas are deluged. No 41 Clifden Road, ditch will be cleared, Clerk to write to the Flood Management Team to ascertain who is responsible for clearing the watercourse between Ickford & Worminghall. Clerk to ask Clerk at Ickford to implement instructions from TFB for all Riparian Landowners to clear their ditches and trim hedges for safety along Ickford Road. The tenant at Lowerbrook Farm kindly arranged clearance of the ditch on his rented land.

6/ Local Area Forum & Neighbourhood Action Group:

The difference between the groups:

The Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) is run by Thames Valley Police.

The Local Area Forum (LAF) is run by Buckinghamshire County Council. It sets priorities for the area, which are addressed by members, who include parish, district and county councillors. The LAF has a budget to spend on local projects which address the priorities

BALC hold a quarterly Parish liaison meeting with the County Council before formal BALC meetings. These are county-wide meetings, so don't address local issues.

Cllr Rowe attended NAG/LAF. Prevention Matters, is a new initiative and welcomes any age group applying. leaflets are on notice boards.

There is a budget of £750,000 available to aid and support people in villages, an initiative run to assist residents in many ways. Marcia is the team leader and has a case worker (Carl) to

interview anyone interested. Cllr Grierson to take this to the next Community Led Plan meeting.

The urban cut is done twice a year with 2 additional for visibility.

There are 13 crews 'Jet Patching' pot holes in our area. Our gulleys have been emptied.

7/ Neighbourhood Watch: No report given.

The Community Support Officer has said that she will attend the Annual May meeting.

8/ Planning. 13/03387/APP -1 The Avenue Worminghall Buckinghamshire HP18 9LD

Demolition of existing single storey rear extension. Two storey and single storey rear extensions, detached garage and store. The Parish Council supports this application. Permitted

13/03143/APP

32 The Avenue, side extension of roof over garage for accommodation at 1st floor level. Remove rear box dormer + 2 dormers at front and 2 at back. No objections. Permitted

9/ Planning Up-dates:

Hill Coppice – Certificate of Lawfulness applied for 13/ 02904/ACL. Refused

Lake View, Oakley Road. Enforcement Officer will research planning application history. No up-date. Clerk to ask the District Councillor to enquire on Council's behalf. Is it necessary to register a business? Cllr Grierson says not.

10/ Finance & Expenditure:

Opening Balance	£3168.88
Clerks Salary & Expenses 23 hrs @ £9.59	£326.06
Village Hall Hire	£130.00
Parish Council's contribution towards MVAS	£71.36
Closing Balance	£2641.46

Mr Potter has kindly agreed to conduct the internal audit again this year. Mazars, the Parish Auditors have waived their fee for Councils which receive small precepts from this year

11/ Insurance: Three quotes were obtained, and all Councillors agreed to renew with Hiscox for a 3 year agreed fee of £342.89 per annum. This quote was the cheapest, but with the same cover.

Camo Skips: Clerk took the LAT to see where they are parking their containers. Chair said that they are honking horns as they pass each other on the road. Creating noise nuisance.

12/ Correspondence: Matter Arising, (an online publication) was circulated to mothers with young children as it was pertinent to them.

13/ Any Other Business: A new Planning Application was received 14/00572/AOP but couldn't be discussed as it arrived too late to go on the agenda. A meeting was arranged for April. This may be of interest to the CLP.

14/ The next meeting will be April 10th at 8pm in The Village Hall.
Meeting closed 9.15pm.

The website address is:

<http://www.bucksvoice.net/worminghall-parish-council/>

Acronyms:

MVAS: Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign

NHW: Neighbourhood Watch

LAF & NAG: Local Area Forum & Neighbourhood Action Group

PCSO: Police Community Support Officer

LAT: Local Area Technician

AVDC: Aylesbury Vale District Council

BCC: Buckinghamshire County Council

CLP Community Led Plan.

TfB Transport for Bucks
BALC Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils