

Worminghall Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Thursday 7th December 2017

Present: Cllrs: Skates, (Chairman), Showell, (Vice Chairman), Bramley, & 17 members of the public.

1/Apologies –received from Cllr Hopcroft & Dst Cllr Rand who attended but entered at item 8.

2/ Declaration of Interests: Cllr Bramley to item 8, although the Clerk advised that all residents have an interest as it was such a small village with a contentious application as this, and as long as the item was discussed openly in a public forum, he could make his comments as a member of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee.

3/ Minutes from meeting November 16th, 2017, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4/ Neighbourhood Plan – The 6week consultation period ended on 17th November 2017 and since that date the primary focus of the Steering Group has been on reviewing the responses received back and assessing whether based on the feedback, it would be appropriate to update the draft Neighbourhood Plan and associated reports.

In total 40 responses were received of which 30 were from residents of the village, the significant majority of which were supportive of the draft plan. In addition, a further 10 were received from other organisations which were consulted as part of the process. In general, these provided constructive comments in terms of providing more content or clarification to support the plan's key policies and in the case of AVDC, additional very helpful recommendations to improve the flow and formatting of the report, The only significant negative feedback was from Rectory Homes who have put forward changes to the plan and specifically the assessment of possible sites for future development which effectively ranks their site ahead of the others identified during the process.

The draft plan that was sent out to councillors by email on 1st December for consideration at today's Parish Council meeting, reflects the changes the steering group currently consider should be made to the plan following the consultation. There are further responses we need to review which may result in more changes but consider these will be minor in nature and not fundamental to the plan. If they are, we will obviously report this back to the councillors.

Based on the above, The Neighbourhood Planning Committee **is seeking Councillors agreement that the steering group is authorised to finalise the plan and associated reports over the coming weeks**, we are ideally targeting to complete this by the xmas holidays so that we are in the position to formally submit them to AVDC by the end of the year. AVDC will then be in a position to commence their own consultation early in the new year which is the next part of this process.

We hope we have your continued support.

Resolution: All Councillors agreed to this version of the Neighbourhood Plan being used as the basis for submission to AVDC.

5/ Village Amenities: Road Safety Week Nov 20th to 27th in conjunction with BRAKE.

Winning posters were displayed in the village, Cars are still parking on the pavement.

Traffic calming. The Clerk spoke to Area Technician he provided a price list for gates but no quote yet.

Sentinel may still be a consideration.

The Church is finding it difficult to find funding. Clerk to put it on the agenda for February.

Street lighting: Clerk had 3 quotes for streetlights 3 lights are to be replaced with LEDs

Clerk commented on VALP re- installing a Gas supply in new homes.

6/ Ditches & hedges: Enterprise Inns responded to Clerk's second letter but didn't understand where the ditch was. A site visit with Cllr Hopcroft and Dave Smith to be arranged if possible.

7/Local Area Forum: Next meeting Dec 14th 7pm. Chairwoman to attend.

8 Planning New: 17/04268/APP | Erection of 16 no. residential dwellings (Use Class C3) and creation of new areas of public open space (including provision of a LEAP), creation of a new access off The Avenue (including demolition of The Croft residential property), and parking and garaging, landscaping and all enabling and ancillary works. | Land At The Avenue Worminghall Buckinghamshire HP18 9LD.

David Ullathorne (a representative from Rectory Homes) answered many questions raised by the residents and the application was discussed in an open forum.

Clerk to ask for an extension as no yellow notice is posted.

Councillors present Opposed the application as it does not conform with policies in the Neighbourhood Plan and it would be harmful to the character of this part of the village. Councillors present agreed to attend a committee hearing if required.

The NP Steering Group will be commenting on this application independently.

17/04359/APP | Two storey rear extension 7A Menmarsh Road Worminghall Buckinghamshire HP18 9JT. Again, no yellow notice has been posted and Clerk to ask why. No objections.

9/Finance & Expenditure:

Clerk's salary 20 hrs @ £9.99 per hour £199.80 plus Amazon vouchers for poster competition winners £30. £229.80

Grass cutting £460 +VAT £552.00

Printer for Clerk to add to Asset register £59.99

J Skates Poster competition lamination £25.00

Sally Chapman NP Consultant £1,425.00

All payments agreed by the Council.

10/Correspondence : A Ball is being held by Thomley Centre April 21st 2018.

The mobile library is under threat and seeking consultation with users.

11/Any Other Business:

The Parish Council is seeking another Councillor

12/ Date of next meeting Thursday 1st Feb 2018 at 8pm in The Village Hall.

13/ Meeting closed 8.57.

The website address is:

<http://www.worminghall-pc.co.uk>

Acronyms:

BMKALC Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils

NP Neighbourhood Plan

LAF Local Area Forum

VALP Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan