

# Worminghall Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting

Held on **Thursday November 14th, 2013**

**Present:** Cllrs: Dr. Weaver, (Chair), Cllrs: Rowe, Tasker, Showell (VC), Grierson, Dst Cllr Hawkett, & 5 members of the public.

**1/ Apologies:** Dst Cllr Hawkett,

**2/ Declaration of Interests:** None declared.

**3/ Minutes** from meeting October 17th 2013: Signed as a true record & agreed by all Councillors.

**4/ Community Led Plan:** The Steering Committee will meet on Tuesday Nov 21st at 8pm in the Village Hall. They have asked if the Parish Council would fund the hire of the hall for them. As this is a sub-committee of the Parish Council, all Councillors agreed to this request. They have requested the completed questionnaires for clarity on certain items, Clerk has asked that they remain confidential and are returned to her for destroying.

The Parish Council was given £250 from Community Action Bucks to begin the 'Plan' and then were given another £250 on completion of the questionnaire. This funding was provided towards printing, advertising, distribution and admin costs.

**5/ Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign:** This has been part funded by the Bucks County Council Local Area Forum (£2,250). The Local Area Technician has re-assessed the locations chosen by the Council, and there are now only two. On the verge outside No 29 Clifden Road and on the verge on the corner of Menmarsh Road at the crossroads. Clerk awaiting agreement from County Council.

Village Signs: Clerk met with Bucks County Council representative who agreed new signs with Bernwood logo, new sign for the Church and new sign for the Village Hall and agreed to waive the fee.

**Planting at crossroads:** Planters were acceptable to Local Area Technician, Council agreed to place at 3 of the locations underneath the new village signs. Sponsors to be sought.

**De Fibrillator training** to be given by Chairwoman Dr Helen Weaver on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**December 2013 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm** – all welcome. Defibrillator has been insured by the Council and will be held in a locked box located at The Clifden Arms. Flyers to be made by Dr W. for distribution & Clerk to put advert in Bernwode News.

**6/ Ditches Footpaths & hedges:** All done, and off the agenda. Thank you householders.

**7/ Local Area Forum & Neighbourhood Action Group:** Priorities were listed for 2014. Traffic calming is still on top and Local facilities were on the list, which could help our Village Hall with funding for their new window and car park.

**8/ Neighbourhood Watch:** Howard Stones has kindly offered to re-start this group up, but was a little disheartened when no one responded to his letter. Police Community Support Officer – Sue Jones has agreed to help him, and Diane Brown will send a new NHW sign for Old Farm Close – all Councillors agreed to this request. PCSO Sue Jones would like to know how many residents are registered and receive the Police Alert e-mails. Mr Stones has kindly agreed to attend PC meetings and up-date us as necessary.

**9/ Planning.**

42A The Avenue Worminghall Buckinghamshire HP18 9LE

Single storey front extensions. Raise roof to create new first floor with front and rear dormer windows and 4 no.s rooflights and a new rear chimney. No objections.

Hill Coppice – Certificate of Lawfulness applied for 13/ 02904/ACL. Opposed because due process was not followed for planning permission at the time the building was erected.

**10/ Planning Up-dates:**

Lake View, Oakley Road. Enforcement Officer will research planning application history.

20 – 24 The Avenue, Bucks County Council will be resolving this at some time in the future.

To be removed from the agenda.

Camo Skips: Aylesbury Vale District Council sent them a warning letter about littering the highway. Clerk reported soil dump.

**11/ Finance & Expenditure:** Opening Balance: £4044.21

Clerk's salary 21hrs @ £9.59 plus ink = £222.86

Village Signs payment returned £221.76

S 137 payments made to The Village Hall Fund £250

S137 payment made to the Church towards the up-keep of the Churchyard. £250

Councillor Weaver Expenses £15.60 – kindly donated to funds towards the MVAS

All Councillors agreed payments and cheques were signed.

Closing balance: £3543.11.

The Council Risk Assessment was reviewed - no up-dates.

Precept for 2014 was discussed and a 10% increment was agreed by all Councillors.

Increasing the precept by £350.00 from £3,500 to £3,850.

The decision was made due to the loss of income from Tax benefits and an increase in expenditure for village amenities. Although the Village Hall & the Church do not have an automatic rite to funding, recent unforeseen expenses have left them dependent on the Parish Council for donations.

**12/ Correspondence:** Contingency plan up-date.

**13/ Any Other Business:** Meetings were agreed to revert to bi-monthly.

All Worminghall committees will be invited to the Annual meeting in May to present their accounts to comply with the Freedom of Information Act & in the interests of transparency.

**15/** The next meeting will be on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in The Village Hall.

Closed 9.10pm.

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