

# Worminghall Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting

Held on Thursday November 6th, 2014

**Present:** Cllrs: Dr Weaver (Chairman), Showell (Vice Chairman), Tasker, Grierson, & Rowe, Dst Cllr: Rand, and 11 members of the public.

Apologies accepted from: Dst Cllr Hawkett, Cnty Cllr Aston & Dst Cllr Edmonds

**2/ Declaration of Interests:** Cllr Rand declared an interest in item 9.2 below.

**3/ Minutes** from meeting September 11th 2014: were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**4/Community Led Plan:** The Steering Committee was thanked by the Chair and congratulated on the plan. A ‘kick off’ meeting will be arranged with any willing members from that Steering Committee and Cllrs Grierson and Tasker to come up with a list of Action points for the next meeting of the PC. The plan produced for the Cllrs was a colourful brochure costing £5.70. It was thought that this should be produced for all households (220) but at a more reasonable cost. Cllr Grierson agreed to find a quote. An insert with dates of a ‘litter pick’ and next meeting to be delivered with brochure.

**5/ Village Amenities:** A sign saying ‘Buckinghamshire’ for the Waterperry Road. Cllr BS has agreed to pay the cost of this and to clean it £400. Clerk to request again.

A nomination form for a “Right to Bid” to preserve The Clifden Arms for the village, The form was finally submitted and we will hear if we are successful in 7 weeks time.

Almshouses – A new Clerk to be appointed by the Trustees and Mr Drummond to step down as Clerk and become a Trustee. He has already been to a Parish Council meeting to accompany his wife on the Almshouse Committee and it was agreed by the Councillors that he become a Trustee without attending their next meeting.

**Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign:** Cllr BS to put into action again at the weekend. Batteries should be with him by tomorrow.

**Parish grass cutting,** Mr Gregory has been asked to quote to cut the verges which BCC usually cut, weed kill the footpaths and kerb lines 2 x a year during growing season as and when necessary. AVDC are going to quote for the work but this will not commence until 2016.

**Ditches and hedges:** As mentioned in the Village Plan, maintenance of ditches are the landowners’ responsibility although they may not be included on the deeds to the property. and they have a duty to pass drainage water onwards. Hedges also have to allow good visibility if adjacent to the highway and road signage has to be visible. Trees should also be maintained to a safe standard. Waterperry Parish Council are assisting to improve the condition of Waterperry Road, Oxford County Council have marked several potholes and dangerously exposed concrete drain sets. The Flood Management Team are visiting Worminghall Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Nov at the request of the Local Area Technicians who did a walk round last week and raised some issues.

Streetlight damaged by hay bailer on Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. Clerk to obtain quote for replacement. Ask farmer to fund.

**6/ Local Area Forum & Neighbourhood Action Group:** The Vale of Aylesbury Plan will not be ready until 2017.

Although most of the Parishes voted against funding a feasibility study for a cycle path from Aylesbury to Haddenham, this was overruled by the Cabinet Minister and £6,000 of funding was awarded for this purpose.

Wifi to be funded up to £1,000 from LAF funds kindly donated by BCC. Cllr Grierson to action and apply wifi access restrictions subject to discussions at their next meeting. Village Hall Committee will also discuss the payment of the Direct Debit required by BT at their next meeting. Parish Council will continue the funding after the contract ends. Trading Standards

Stickers for doors to be obtained by Clerk and Neighbourhood No Selling Area to be registered and implemented. Next meeting: Cuddington Dec 17<sup>th</sup>.

**7/ Neighbourhood Watch:** No up-date.

**8/ Planning New:** 14/03010/APP Widening of existing kerb and creation of access to site Holly Brook Farm. Oakley Road. Previous application number: 14/02074/COUAR. No objections.

8.1/ 14/03020/APP Erection of single storey extension to the rear of Units 27-29 Wornal Park. No objections. The Parish Council couldn't see any reason to object to storage units which are an internal modification which should not result in extra traffic.

### **Planning**

9/ Ashlea 31 Clifden Road, erection of single storey front extension and installation of flue on south elevation. **No objections.** Approved.

9.1/ 14/02709/APP The Pool House, To remove requirement of full Code 9 certification. No objection.

9.2/ 14/00519/APP Use of land off Oakley Road for stationing of 3 gypsy caravans plus 3 hardstanding utility day rooms and stable block for horses. Councillors had previously unanimously objected to this application in an open forum meeting held on April 10<sup>th</sup> this year. Bucks CC Highways had previously strongly objected and recommended refusal to the application on the grounds of highways access. These access objections were reversed after the agenda for the AVDC hearing was issued on Friday Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. The Chairwoman apologised for any inconvenience caused to residents who may have attended to find it cancelled. The new date for the hearing at The Oculus, Gateway, Gatehouse Way, Aylesbury, is now Thurs Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and all resident would be welcome to attend to show their interest.

### **10/Planning Up-date:**

14/00793/ACL Lake View, Oakley Road. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing use - change of land and continued use of residential mobile home.

Unanimous objection. Refused. Decision: Enforcement notice issued.

**13/02904/ACL** Hill Coppice Certificate of lawfulness applied for Opposed . Refused. Appeal in progress.

### **11/ Finance & Expenditure:**

Opening Balance £3263.93

Clerk's salary: 32 hrs @ £9.59 £306.88

Joe Cunnane Planning Consultant £1,300

Richard Gregory – Footpath clearance £50.00

Received 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of precept £1,925.00

Eon Electricity for streetlighting £55.04

Closing Balance: £3477.01

All payments agreed by the Council.

The precept was discussed in an open forum and it was deemed necessary to raise the precept by £2,000 another discussion will take place at the next meeting after the Council and residents have had time to consider this increase. There are items in the CLP which will require funding.

Chairwoman will attend Oakley Parish Council to see if she can raise more funding for the Planning Consultant to oppose 9.2 – the inappropriate planning application on a greenfield site and to put a note in the BN to request more donations.

**12/ Correspondence:** The Avenue potholes, repairs being made. A request for a donation towards the up-keep of the Churchyard was received and Councillors agreed to pay £300 to the Parochial Church Council. There is also an allocation for a donation to the Village Hall.

**13/ Any Other Business:** Camo skips has been asked not to park on the verge of the East Spinney site and BCC will write to them. This verge was re-instated by Bucks re-cycling when they left and is owned by Buckinghamshire County Council.

**14/** The next meeting will be December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in The Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.48pm.

The website address is:

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

**Acronyms:**

LAT:	Local Area Technician	BCC:	Buckinghamshire County Council
CLP	Community Led Plan.	BN	Bernwode News