

# Worminghall Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting

Held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2015

**Present:** Cllrs: Dr Weaver (Chairman), Showell (Vice Chairman), Tasker, Skates, Stones, Dst Cllr Rand & 8 members of the public.

Apologies: Received and accepted from the Clerk– P Rowe took notes in her absence. Thanks were given to Penny Rowe.

**2/ Up-date to Declaration of Interests:** None.

**3/Minutes** from meeting October 8th 2015: were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4/Community Led Plan:** Clerk contacted the local Parishes and Shabbington were embarking on a NP and would keep us informed. Shabbington wanted to cluster with us but the Cllrs said it was too late for us to cluster with them as we had devolved from March 2015.

**5/Village Amenities:** Rights of way footpath gates, BCC to begin work in the New Year.

**Buses:** Cllrs viewed the letter from Andrew Clarke in response to the letter WPC had sent. It was agreed to send his response to Margaret Aston to see if she could have any influence on whether the bus could and should, at least, turn at the pub, where it should rather than in Old Farm Close where it does currently. This would at least help with the problem of the elderly people getting on the bus at the south end of the village.

**Devolved services:** The Clerk had a meeting with the new LAT and several outstanding matters have been resolved. Clerk stated that since devolvement, Worminghall had been neglected and emails from her to the LAT's were ignored.. The clerk was thanked, in her absence, for the fantastic progress she had made in such a short time as there were so many of these items that had been outstanding for a long time. Thanks were also extended to the new LAT.

**Parish grass cutting-** We have received the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of this funding, Mr Gregory has done another cut of all grassy areas in the village and the parish council commended him on the improvement to the grass-cutting services since he had taken over.

**Camo skips** It seems that empty skips are the responsibility of AVDC and full skips and containers, parking on the roadside/verges is the responsibility of BCC. There is to be a meeting between all parties on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cllr Rand was very helpful in clarifying why there were so many problems getting all the necessary parties involved together because it was such a complex problem.

**6/Footpaths & ditches:** The gulleys and curb weirs are to be cleared in the next few weeks and repairs made. The sign posts at the crossroads are to be fixed properly.

The LAT is to contact the Environment Agency regarding the lack of a pipe for drainage under the shared access to 20,22 &24 The Avenue.

**7/Local Area Forum & Neighbourhood Action Group:** December meeting sensibly cancelled as there were not enough items on the agenda that needed immediate attention and the meeting has been re-convened for January.

VALP – Clerk attended. Chairwoman apologized that she could not attend and thanked clerk who went at short notice. A lot of important issues were brought up .all can be viewed online. Notes at bottom of these minutes.

Kingswood Gypsy Appeal hearing to be held at The Oculus Nov 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am.

Councillors conference Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30 – 6.30 Amersham. Ask Clerk for details.

**8/Planning:** New 15/03403/AOP: Unanimous objection as the Parish Council would like to see more compliance with the CLP. It was noted that the PC were happy that the area was

developed but that it needed affordable housing and a play area rather than executive homes.

**9/Planning:** Ref/00053/APP. No decision yet.

10/Planning up-date: **14/00793/ACL** Lake View, Oakley Road. Appeal dismissed.

**13/02904/ACL** Hill Coppice Certificate of lawfulness applied for Appeal dismissed, building to be demolished.

**11/Finance & Expenditure:**

Opening Balance –	£5268.19
Received 2 <sup>nd</sup> tranche of devolution fund	£581.56
Clerks Salary & Expenses 23 hrs 30m @ £9.59	£225.37
Clerk's annual allowance	£75.00
R Gregory – grass cutting	£265.00
Closing Balance	£5284.38

The Precept was reviewed and Cllrs decided that it should remain the same. £6,850 for 2016-17

Donations for the Parochial Church Council and the Village Hall Committee were requested.

It was agreed that £350 would be given to each to recognize inflation.

All payments agreed by the Council.

**12/Correspondence:** Letter requesting funding by a Councillor in Oakley was received to pay for equipment for her to become a First Responder. Cllrs agreed to donate £200 to this worthy cause. Worminghall's defibrillator is due for an inspection. Chairwoman Weaver has stated that she is happy to check it annually in December and for the coming years and she will report to the PC that he has done this.

**13/Any Other Business:** MVAS currently not working BS to fix. HS will assist if necessary. Crooked "road sign "reported on Waterperry Rd, signs at crossroads fallen off.

14/Public questions: Deer signs were suggested for the other side of M40. It was pointed out that this was in the area of Waterperry PC.

15/ Meeting closed 21.30pm. Next meeting will be on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2016

The website address is:

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

**Acronyms:**

AVALC Association of Vale of Aylesbury Local Council

BCC: Buckinghamshire County Council

CLP Community Led Plan.

LAT Local Area Technician

NP Neighbourhood Plan

PCSO Police Community Support Officer

PC Parish Council

## **VALP: Meeting held at The Oculus, 12.11.15**

Consultation closes 4<sup>th</sup> Dec

Draft Local Plan due Spring 2016 when another consultation will begin.

Adoption of new VALP due in mid 2017.

The Government has said that if AVDC did not stick to the deadline, then they would write the plan for them.

Aylesbury area will build 21,300 new homes and squeeze 15 homes per acre by making parking areas and homes without garages and more in the way of 2 and 3 bed homes, making 22% affordable.

No bungalows will be built in the plan as they are not profitable for obvious reasons, although 13% of new homes will be for 'elderly' (their definition of elderly is over 60). Gypsy and Travellers and Show people – currently there is a need for 60 pitches but the Government's definition of Gypsy has changed and they will have to establish if they have a history of travelling and if they wish to do so in the future. Therefore this allocation may change and be less than 60.

Some pitches may be included in the new developments.

There was a proposal to make all temporary sites permanent, but Mr Williams said that if a site is not suitable then this would not happen.

A new settlement/s may be developed over a 10 year period to run along the A421 which links East/West - Bicester to Bedford then onto Cambs by 2020. This would commence with 4,000 homes and then surgeries, shops, play areas etc.

Although the new East-West rail link has just been delayed, there would be no need to delay building.

Aylesbury to Risborough would also be on the route for a possible new settlement. Core settlements could be expanded by up to 50%.

If a small community already has 100 homes then it would not have to take any more as that is the expected growth for a village location.

The adjacent villages to the town of Aylesbury will have to absorb the growth and any small village which has facilities and amenities (shop, pub, VH) will be shown as a large village.

I think Worminghall is still a small village – Quanton has just been up-graded, they have a Post Office (only 2 hours) shop VH, Pub and tennis courts. They also have the railway nearby.

There is expected to be more employment in the area and therefore more office space would be required.

Compulsory Purchase – If land is required the land owners will be asked to sell their land but in the case of CP if there is 1 objection, this would not be possible and an alternative should be found