

# Worminghall Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting

Held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

**Present:** Cllrs: Skates, (Chairman), Showell, (Vice Chairman), Bramley, Hopcroft, Dst Cllr Rand & 6 members of the public.

2/Apologies accepted from: M Aston.

3/ **Declaration of Interests:** None

4/**Minutes** from meeting Sept 8th 2016: were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5/Helen Fincher presented the case for a Unitary Council, re-structuring Buckinghamshire County Council. The main offices will close and be sold off as assets of around £1 billion could be realized. It is proposed to have 19 'Boards' locally placed for residents to frequent for help and advice, with powers and a budget of £2m.

The Planning Dept will be split into 5 Local Area Committees.

They hope to save £45m over a 5-year period and reduce the Council tax rate. Top salaries will be cut and jobs will be re-designated. They hope to have the new system running in 2 years' time if the proposals are accepted: **View the details here:**

<http://futurebucks.co.uk/business-case/>.

Many questions were asked and the Councillors completed the survey supplied at the end of the meeting.

It was also mentioned that Aylesbury Vale District Council is in the process of consultation on its own Unitary Council and did not want to merge with the County Council's plans.

6/**Community Led Plan, Neighbourhood Plan** – Landowners have been written to in preparation for the residents' questionnaire which will be sent out after this consultation together with a map. Then residents will have their say on the potential sites identified and when all the information has been accumulated.

There is a page for the NP on the current Parish Council website.

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

Or just google Worminghall Parish Council and all the pages will come up.

It is also posted on the large notice board for anyone without computer access.

7/ **Village Amenities:**

**Streetlight safety certificate**, 3 quotes were obtained by the Clerk and Sparx Electrical will carry out the inspection which should be undertaken every 8 years. It was suggested that the LED lamps be up-graded as the lights are dim compared to the latest streetlight which was replaced this year.

**MVAS:** Charged batteries to be given to Cllr Hopcroft to replace and turn the device around to face down the Menmarsh Road.

**Dog Fouling** signs are up.

AA Art in Action signs have been removed.

**Bt Phone kiosk:** Clerk contacted BT and they do not replace modern boxes with old red ones. I was informed that the Worminghall box was on a list for removal at AVDC offices. The Councillors agreed to have a new **website** to be designed by 'Impact' which will bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century this will cost around £1,000. There may be a grant available to fund part of this from the NP.

8/ **Ditches & hedges:** No problems as yet as we have not had the rainfall to test them.

9/ **Camo skips:** They are suspending their services and re- letting the premises. Clerk contacted AVDC Enforcement & BCC to make them aware and cease the use of the verges.

**10/Local Area Forum:** One Sentinel Speedwatch device is to be purchased for our area. It will record car registrations and speed and automatically issue letters to offending motorists. Next meeting:

**11 Planning:** 16/02933/APP Caraiman, 69 Clifden Rd, single storey side ext with roof lantern, single storey front extension & part garage conversion into habitable accommodation & roof lantern to existing conservatory. No objections. Approved.

16/02941/AOP Coldstream Farm application for 3 dwellings to reflect the surrounding area. Majority objection as it does not fit in with the Community Led Plan or (Future Neighbourhood Plan). There have been minor amendments to this application. Coldstream Farm also has an appeal in progress for 5 dwellings 16/03403/AOP on this site Cllr Skates volunteered to attend the Committee hearing if available. AVDC refused this application on appeal.

16/02581/ACL Certificate of Lawfulness to change agricultural land to residential garden. No objections. Certificate issued.

### **16/COUAR - WORMINGHALL**

Town Farm Waterperry Road Worminghall Buckinghamshire HP18 9JN  
Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of agricultural barn into two dwelling houses.

The majority of Cllrs supported the application which was refused by AVDC. Another application **16/03892/COUAR** was made for the same conversion and again the Councillors supported this application.

16/00808/AOP Land To The Rear Of 21-39 Clifden Road Worminghall

Outline planning permission with access and layout to be considered and all other matters reserved for the erection of 12 dwellings, including 4 x 4 bedroom, 5 x 3 bedroom and 3 x 2 bedroom dwellings, with garaging, parking and access road. Awaiting decision from AVDC. PC Decision: There was a majority view that supported a development of houses in this area. However, there were general concerns raised (by a majority of Cllrs) about there being too many houses proposed to be built in the space available. It was felt by a majority of Cllrs that a reduction in the number of 4 bed houses, in particular, and a re-positioning of the footpath would better accommodate the concerns of many local residents who, amongst other points made, were concerned at the proximity of the new houses to the existing dwellings. The reduction in the number of bigger homes would also improve the ratio of smaller more affordable properties which supports the objectives of the Worminghall Community Led Plan. This approach will also increase the space for a reasonable play area (very much supported by the PC). Determination date June 24<sup>th</sup> but Delayed.

**16/01234/ACL** - Lake View, The Spinney, Oakley Road.

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing use - change of land and continued use of residential mobile home. This is another caravan and not the same as in 2014. Opposed. Certificate issued for existing use. July 2016. Councillors had a majority objection to the application. It is still building in the open countryside.

Planning up-date: 15/01018/APP 42a The Avenue, amendments to windows overlooking neighbour will be complied with in the spring after the tenants have moved out.

### **12/Finance & Expenditure:**

Clerk's salary @ £9.99 per hour £174.83

Mazars - External Auditor: £30

N Hughes – defibrillator batteries: £16.99

Eon Streetlighting: £88.86

2<sup>nd</sup> Tranche of precept received: £3,425.00

Parochial Church Council for The up-keep of the Churchyard: £300.00

All payments agreed by the Council.

The quarterly review was approved and the budget it is not expected to be exceeded.

The precept is to remain unchanged from last year - £6,850.00

**13/Correspondence :** Dealt with above. – 1/Camo Skips. 2/Amendments to House In The Avenue. 3/Donation to the Church Council.

**14/Any Other Business:** Cllr Skates requested re-payment for John Skates' costs for NP.

**The Parish Council is still seeking another Councillor.**

**15/ Date of next meeting** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 8pm in The Village Hall.

**16/Meeting closed** 9.30pm.

The website address is:

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**Acronyms:**

CLP Community Led Plan.

BMKALC Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils

BCC Buckinghamshire County Council

MVAS Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign

AVDC Aylesbury Vale District Council

NP Neighbourhood Plan