

PADBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of Padbury Parish Council held at Springfields Pavilion
on Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr. D. McGahey, Chairman
 Cllr. P. McHenry, Vice-Chairman
 Cllr. M. Bailey
 Cllr. S. Dickens
 Cllr. D. Gibbs
 Cllr. F. Morris
 Cllr. K. Roberts

Also present: Deborah O'Brien, Parish Clerk
 District Councillor S. Renshell & Bucks CC Councillor J. Chilver

14 members of the public attended including the following who spoke at the meeting in relation to the Bloor Homes proposal and development in general: Tony Sears, Michael Williamson, David Hamilton, Geoff Harper, Humphrey Harte, Kevin Hodges, Dennis Carey and Chris Neal. Some residents made their comments known by letters presented before and at the meeting.

Comments by members of the public before the meeting:

Is there a Village Plan? – Cllr McGahey explained that this was carried out in 2008 and was a consultation which highlighted priorities. It carries no weight and is not a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Roberts added that this was updated in 2011/12 but very few responses to questionnaires were received – less than 13% and this has been overtaken by the Localism Act.

Mr Williamson has set up an action group which currently has 40 e-mail addresses reflecting 37 households participating. He advised that there are currently large sums of money available from the Government towards funding Neighbourhood Plans. Cllr Roberts advised that these can take up to 1 year to complete and must be led by the PC but cannot be undertaken by the PC alone. There must be community involvement throughout. Part of the process requires notifying AVDC and developing a fully costed action plan. It is a complex project which can be delayed or thrown out if guidelines are not met. A Neighbourhood Plan is not a shield against development – it is supposed to identify development in a community. Great Horwood is about to issue its NP and this can be seen on AVDC's website. It has taken 3 years and gone through 2 Committees.

The question was asked as to how this would help against the Bloor Homes Development. It won't – the Bloor development will be judged on the plans and criteria in place on the date the application was made. Estimates were given of costs between £10-20,000 with a grant of up to £8,000 available. Community Impact Bucks offers assistance in developing a Plan.

It was suggested that the balance of funding required could be arranged through resident funding and an offer of fundraising was made by Mr Harte.

Bucks CC Cllr John Chilver advised that the Plan would have to be at a very advanced stage to carry any weight. (Winslow for instance has had success as theirs is so far along). Anything in the Neighbourhood Plan would be superceded by the VALP and National Plan. If the Village was to underestimate the number of homes needed, the VALP would overrule the Neighbourhood Plan. The state of the village sewerage system was raised – how would 1/3 more people affect this? What about dangerous parking in the village which is already a problem?

Will the amount of money and time spent be worth the weight that the plan may or may not hold? – A Neighbourhood Plan is not just about development.

Central Government is frustrated by the Planning System. Has the Parish Council been given any indication of the number of houses needed in the Vale? Cllr Renshell advised that this may be known later in the summer.

Why doesn't the County have a Plan? Planning is handled by AVDC not the County. The 'new plan' was rejected in 2014 as insufficient consultation with neighbouring authorities such as Milton Keynes and Luton had been carried out and the number of homes needed was drastically underestimated. 13,500 homes were estimated over 20 years – this may rise to 25,000 homes over 20 years.

How much development in the village is acceptable? The VALP will ultimately supercede any under-planned number of homes.

It was stressed by a resident that we still need to start a Neighbourhood Plan for future protection.

Cllr McGahey thanked all for attending and then closed the meeting to the public.

73.0 Apologies

Members noted that there were no apologies.

74.0 Declarations of Interest – members noted that Cllr Morris declared a Pecuniary Interest in development relating to the Call for Sites.

75.0 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the meeting of the Parish Council held on:

- Tuesday 9th December 2014 PPC/06/1415

76.0 Sports Field, Play Area & Woodland

- 76.1 Cllr Gibbs agreed to remain as Chair of this committee. **RESOLVED to** accept Cllr Gibbs decision to remain. Cllr Gibbs would like to be kept informed of all activities pertaining to the committee.
- 76.2 CCTV – **RESOLVED that** the quote for CCTV installation received from A. Picketts Electrical (£760 incl labour) is accepted and that Cllr Bailey will make arrangements for installation plus research other options.
- 76.3 Tractor Oil Leak – **RESOLVED that** Robert Dickens will make repair.
- 76.4 Removal of old Cricket Net metal supports – Cllr McGahey advised that this has been done. It was agreed that the posts will not be sent for scrap.
- 76.5 Long-term lease for the Tennis Club – **RESOLVED that** the contract should be amended to reflect a right of 1st refusal
- 76.6 Bucks UTC – repair programme – to be completed – Cllr Gibbs to follow up
- 76.7 Electrical repairs to Sportsfield shed – Members noted that these are complete
- 76.8 Youth Club – Members noted that the Youth Club is re-opening on 30/01/15 with 30 paid members. Cllr Gibbs is to raise the issue of housekeeping with the Football Club. **RESOLVED that** the Youth Club Leader may have a set of keys to the Pavilion.
- 76.9 Marquee – Members noted that Bucks UTC will be building a storage system. An advert has been placed in the Pump for an erector of the Marquee . A village event is planned for late June or early July. A booking for rental has been received.
- 76.10 Members noted that the showers do not appear to be working. A quote for their repair is to be obtained.

77.0 Planning

77.1 The following applications were considered:

- 14/03687/APP – Fair View, Lower Way – Conversion of roofspace and 2 storey side extension. Erection of new dwelling. **RESOLVED not to object.** (4 councillors had no objections; Cllrs Gibbs & Dickens objected; 1 councillor abstained)
 - 15/00088/ATC – Lower Way Cottage, Lower Way – Crown reduction of 4 Leylandii by 30-40%. **RESOLVED not to object.**
- 77.2 Planning Decisions – **RESOLVED to note:**
- 14/03126/APP Holly Hill Lower Way Single Story Extension – AVDC Decision: Householder Approval
- 77.3 Village Questionnaire and Meeting on 24th January
Members noted that responses were being received and Cllr Roberts is collating them and preparing a report for the meeting. District Cllrs Monger & Renshell have indicated that they will attend the meeting in an advisory capacity.
Members also considered whether or not the housing questionnaire should be open to non-residents such as parents using the school or pre-school. **RESOLVED that** the questionnaire is only open to residents.
- 77.4 Neighbourhood Development Plan
There was general discussion regarding the potential for a Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that all councillors would educate themselves regarding Neighbourhood Plans, utilising resources such as Community Impact Bucks, the Great Horwood Plan (via AVDC website), article on Neighbourhood Planning in Clerks & Councils Direct etc. A decision on proceeding is to be made at the next Parish Council meeting after input from the Village Meeting on 24/01/15.

78.0 Finance

78.1 **RESOLVED to note** that the balances for the Bank accounts are as follows:

Santander Springfield Sport Legacy a/c	£ 8095.09 (as at 29 th December 2014- presumed)
Barclays Community Current a/c xxx959	£ 11978.19 (as at 29 th December 2014)
Barclays Reserve savings a/c xxx909	£ 3003.83 (as at 29 th December 2014)
Barclays Play Area a/c xxx970	£ 3005.79 (as at 29 th December 2014)
Barclays Millennium Wood a/c xxx198	£ 1900.00 (as at 29 th December 2014)

78.2 **RESOLVED to** make the following payments:

Presented at meeting:

D. O'Brien - £378.76 – (December Salary £225.92 Backdated Salary 09-11/14 £163.80; One-time NALC settlement £12.50; Postage expenses £16.14 less PAYE £39.60) cheque 101625

HMRC - £39.60 – cheque 101626

Eon - £165.30 (£137.75 + £27.55 VAT) Quarterly maintenance Sept qtr – cheque 101627

Eon - £28.16 (£23.47 +£4.69 VAT) – photocell replacement – cheque 101628

A.Picketts - £320.00 – Repairs to electrical wiring in groundsman's shed – cheque 101629

Eon - £144.61 (£120.51 + £24.10 VAT) – unmetered streetlighting – cheque 101630

BALC - £1.50 – Rural Housing Document – cheque 101631

M. Jackson - £180.00 – Locking of gates (6 mos) – cheque 101632

F. Morris - £30.00 – Gratuity for Xmas Tree – cheque 101633

78.3 **RESOLVED to note** the following income:

Interest - £0.37 Savings a/c; £0.37 Play Area a/c

Tennis Club dues 2014/15 £500.00

Youth Club dues 2014/15 £100.00

78.4 Income and Expenditure reports

RESOLVED to accept the income and expenditure reports of 29/12/14 and bank reconciliations as submitted.

78.5 Bank

Members noted that despite sending as 1st Class, signed for, the Post Office has not delivered the mandate changes to Santander. New paperwork was signed for re-submission. P.O. to reimburse.

78.6 HMRC/PAYE

Members noted that HMRC still has not removed the incorrectly charged £350 owing from 2013/14. Clerk is liaising with HMRC who are actioning the removal of the amount.

78.7 Precept/Budget 2015/16

Members considered the revised budget and requested that the charges for 2015/16 for the Tennis and Football clubs are corrected to reflect £600 and £700 respectively. The Clerk is to contact Mr Wrigley regarding the amount charged for Pump advertising in an effort to offset more of the printing costs. In addition Mr Wrigley is asked to consider having the printing re-quoted to see if a cheaper solution is available. Members noted that the Clerk will be making the precept request of £15,200.00 by 23rd January 2015.

78.8 Asset Register

Members are to provide final information regarding the asset register by the February meeting.

79.0 Other Parish Council Business

79.1 Members noted that the 3 replacement streetlights have not yet been received by Eon – Clerk is liaising. Members further noted that Western Power has agreed to compensate the Parish in the amount of £921 in respect of the streetlight they erroneously removed. Clerk will bill when Eon invoice is received.

79.2 Tractor Insurance – **RESOLVED to** cancel the NFU Mutual policy due for renewal on 16/1/15 at a cost of £224 and add the tractor to the Parish's regular policy with AON. Balance of year will cost £53.81 (until June) and this will save the Parish approx. £80 per year.

79.3 Play Around the Parishes – Members noted that the school groups have suggested a date during the first 4 weeks of August. Clerk will make the booking.

80.1 Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) – nothing to report

80.2 Buckinghamshire County Council

- Members noted that the Clerk will attend the conference 'Parish Councils Delivering More' on 24th February at Adams Park.

81.0 Correspondence – members noted circulated in between meetings via e-mail:

- Rural Services network – email updates
- AVDC News for the Parishes
- Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership – newsletter
- AVDC Planning Bulletins 50, 51, 52 & 53
- UK Power Networks: Preparation for possible severe weather event
- Great Brickhill, Wing and Ivinghoe Local Area Forum REMINDER
- Bucks Cc MyBucks Christmas 2014

- AVDC Unitary Council for Aylesbury Vale – press release
- Community Impact Bucks Newsletters
- Buckinghamshire Community Funding Fair 2015
- December's Parish factsheet from TfB
- BALC S137 amount for 2015-16 (£7.36)
- AVALC AGM 2014 MINUTES & PRESENTATIONS
- Results of the Parish Rural Sounding Board Survey
- BALC F12-14 Financial Briefing - Pensions Update
- Community Impact Bucks Upcoming Workshops, Events and Information Sessions for Jan/Feb 2015

82.0 Highways

- 82.1 Members noted that the MVAS hinge post has been installed by the allotments.
- 82.2 Verge damage at top of Main Street/A413 – Clerk to contact Langston & Tasker to complain
- 82.3 Cllr Chilver advised that an extra £5 million has been allocated for road repairs. Old End and Springfields are amongst the areas to be repaired. Please let Cllr Chilver know any other areas in need of attention.

83.0 Date of next meetings – Padbury Parish Council

RESOLVED to note that the meeting dates for the balance of the municipal year are:

- 10th February
- 10th March
- 14th April

General Election – 7th May 2015

Meeting closed at 10:00 p.m.

Signed Date
Chairman