

**PADBURY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a meeting of Padbury Parish Council held at Springfields Pavilion**  
**on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.00 p.m.**

The Annual General Meeting opened at 7.30PM

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**Present:** Cllr. K. Roberts, Chairman , Cllr. S. Dickens, Vice- Chairman , Cllr. M. Long, Cllr. M. Williamson, Cllr. V.Murray, Cllr P Burton

**Also present:** Jo Bonney, 1 member of the public

Comments from the floor before the meeting

Mr Jake Rigg, a resident in the village explained how he has spent the last year developing a hydro turbine that they are prototyping and testing. He brought along a 3d printed model. He explained that it is designed to sit in weirs and a 1.5m diameter turbine should be able to produce enough power for 300+ houses.

There is a 2m weir as the Padbury brook splits to go to Padbury Mill. It is in a poor state of repair and will need expensive maintenance and this could be a good trial site. He would like to rent and develop the site as a local business.

Mr Rigg asked the council members if they know who owns the site. No Councillor does know. Cllr Dickens gave some historical information about the site and asked how much water would be required. Mr Rigg explained that by his calculations the mill would not have to work full time. He explained there may be a need for an abstraction licence, and various other environmental considerations (such as migration of fish), but the only part of the turbine that would be in view would be a small laundry basket sized housing over the top of the turbine that would transfer the generated power.

Mr Rigg will visit the owners of the Mill to request permission to investigate the site for trial use in the future.

**1.0 Election of Chairman to the Parish Council for 2016/17 Municipal Year**

**RESOLVED that** Cllr Kenneth Roberts was nominated and elected as Chairman. Cllr Roberts accepted the position, but made members aware that he may have to step down midterm if external commitments made it necessary. He assured members that he would not leave suddenly and there would be plenty of time to find a replacement. Cllr Roberts signed his acceptance of office.

**2.0 Election of Vice-Chairman to the Parish Council for 2016/17 Municipal Year**

**RESOLVED that** Cllr Stephen Dickens was nominated and elected as Vice-Chairman. Cllr Dickens accepted the role, but expressed a concern that he would not be a suitable Chairman should Cllr Roberts step down. All agreed that this would not be the expectation on a long term basis, and all value his local and historical knowledge. Cllr Dickens signed his acceptance of office.

**3.0 Apologies** - members noted apologies from Cllr F Morris

**4.0 Declarations of Interest** - None

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

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 - PPC/10/1617 with amendments to attendees. Cllr Morris was present at the meeting.

Additional point to 121.2 Cllr Burton will review planning applications and documents relating to HS2 and report back to the Council.

**6.0 Appointment to Committees - RESOLVED that** Councillors will take responsibility for:

Planning – Michael Long

NBPPC – Michael Long. Cllr Long to email NBPCC to advise them of his role and request that he be added to the correspondence list. Cllr Roberts advised that this is a worthwhile organisation to belong to and support, as they look at the overall planning picture and can express their opinions to AVDC for consideration.

Village Hall – Fred Morris

School & Pre-School – Vicky Murray

LAF – Michael Williamson

BMKALC – Ken Roberts – Cllr Roberts advised that this is another useful body to be part of as they are a gateway to the national bodies and a good source of legal advice.

**7.0 Planning**

**7.1 Planning applications received from AVDC**

17/01184/HPDE - 30 Springfields Padbury - The erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 4m.

As this is an application under permitted development the councillors are made aware of the application, but do not discuss or comment.

17/01561/APP - Land at Fair View Lower Way - Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of two detached dwelling with single garages. Single garage for Plot 1 previously approved and currently under construction

Updated to

Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of three detached dwellings with single garages, including an amendment to plot 1 as previously approved under application number 16/01496/APP

All members **Resolved** to object to this application for the following reasons;

Overdevelopment of Site; Overcrowded view from the main road; The dwellings do not fit with the characteristics of the village and affect the setting of the conservation area.

Cllrs considered a letter from a resident regarding the damage and disruption that is being caused by the current building works on this site. Resolved for the clerk to contact TfB to advise them of the danger being caused by site traffic, along with the mud and debris being left on the Road. Clerk to respond to the resident and inform him of our shared concerns and the follow up actions that we will take, including objecting to the application and referring the issue to TfB. The letter should also bring to his attention the change in application to build 3 houses on the site.

**7.2 Decisions made by AVDC**

16/00482/AOP – Land Adjacent to West Bourn – Public Participation Meeting -6th April - **Approved**

**7.3 Other Planning issues:**

15/01216/APP – Demolition of existing garages 23-25 Old End. Permission has been given to continue with the foundations that included future development, but only the approved plans should be built above ground.

Members discussed where the drainage is going and how we can find out if they are feeding into a main sewer or old drainage system.

**8.0 Finance****8.1 Account Balances:**

RESOLVED to not that the balances for the Bank accounts are as follows:  
 Barclays Community Current a/c xxx959 £14056.55 (as at 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017)  
 Barclays Reserve savings a/c xxx909 £8012.59 (as at 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017)  
 Barclays Play Area a/c xxx970 £10331.55 (as at 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017)  
 Barclays Millennium Wood a/c xxx198 £4425.00 (as at 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017)

**8.2 Between meetings:**

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 No payments were made between meetings

**8.3 Resolved to make the following payments:**

Bob Gough – Pavilion Maintenance – Chq 101840 - £37.50  
 Mr F Morris – Tractor Battery (£95 + £19 Vat) – Chq 101841 - £114.00  
 T J Haycock – Electricity Supply for Water Heater – Chq 101842 - £84  
 Came & Company – Council Insurance – Chq 101843 - £1799.03  
 Mrs M Rose – Internal Audit – Chq 101844 - £39.05  
 Jo Bonney – Clerks Salary – Chq 101845 - £219.34  
 Jo Bonney – Clerks Expenses – Chq 101845 - £139.05  
 HMRC – Clerks Salary Tax – Chq 101846 - £18  
 Riley Power Machinery - Lawn Mower Service – Chq 101847 - £398.20  
 Mr H Paxton – Sports Field Mowing April 17 – Chq 101848 - £117.00  
 Phillips Print – Padbury Pump April – Chq 101849 – £236.64  
 J Bonney – New Notice Board – Chq 101850 - £169.32  
 AVALC – Donation – Chq 101851 - £21

**8.4 Resolved to note the following income:**

Interest – Amounts will be confirmed when statements are received  
 20<sup>th</sup> April – AVDC – 1<sup>st</sup> Precept Payment - £9250.00

**8.5 Income and Expenditure reports**

Resolved to accept the income and expenditure reports of 30/4/17 and bank reconciliations as submitted together with all worksheets in the accounting workbook.

**8.6 Annual Audit & Governance**

Members noted the successful completion of the Internal Audit and confirmed 5<sup>th</sup> June – 14<sup>th</sup> July 17 for the exercise of public rights

**8.7 Parish Council Insurance**

Clerk advised members that we are in a long term agreement with Came & Co and therefore no alternative quotes were compared

**9.0 Other Parish Council Business:**

- 9.1 Weir at Padbury Mill discussed with Mr Rigg before the meeting. Members had no further comments
- 9.2 Clerk advised members that we have volunteers to maintain the MVAS speed sign and restart the Speed watch campaign. Cllr Morris to get the new battery for the MVAS camera
- 9.3 Cllr Burton will produce a list of all historical documents that he has and make suggestions on which should be logged and stored, and which could be disposed of. He will bring this list to a future meeting for approval.

9.4 Following a letter from a concerned resident, Cllrs discussed the low interest in the pub and the possibility that the Four & Twenty Pub/Restaurant could be subject to change of use, and if the Council would support and be involved in an attempt to make the building a community asset.

All **Resolved** to agree that the Parish Councils only role would be to facilitate a public meeting. The Parish Council have no intention of running it as a project should the pub becoming a community asset be the proposed way ahead, and would not see itself acting in any role.

9.5 All resolved to pay the £20 donation to AVALC

9.6 Cllr Roberts informed members that the village fete in June will no longer be taking place at the sportsground, and has been moved to the Church Yard. The Council has no more involvement.

9.7 The Councillors would like to thank Tina Mitchell and all those that helped with the litter pick over the last week. It is very much appreciated.

9.8 Clerk highlighted jobs that needed doing around the village, including , replacing the MUGA boards, replacing the felt on the bus shelter, putting up the new notice board. Clerk asked if this was something that Cllr Dickens and Cllr Morris would be happy to do. If time taken to do this work is given for free, Cllrs to advise Clerk on time taken, as this should be budgeted for in the future. Cllr Murray also pointed out the low flying branches on many of the trees around the village.

9.9 Clerk to fill out the feedback forms for the Community Chest grant and advise that we have purchased the boards, but have not been able to put them up at this time. We will send photos once the work has been started and completed

9.10 Cllr Murray commented that the pavements around the war memorial and Bennets Close are in a bad state of repair. Cllrs reminded that this work will be done as part of a capital project by Transport for Bucks. Clerk to send a reminder.

9.11 Cllr Murray informed councillors that the Produce Show committee would like to give out seeds to every household with a view to encouraging entries into the Produce Show in September. Arrangements on how this will be organised will be confirmed. Clerk to speak to show secretary.

#### **10.0 Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC):**

10.1 Nothing to discuss

#### **11.0 Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC)**

11.1 Cllr Roberts will attend the Unitary Engagement Sessions for the Town & Parish Councils and report back at the next meeting.

#### **12.0 Correspondence circulated in between meetings via e-mail:**

- Cllr Roberts will continue to attend the BMKALC meetings if they are run efficiently
- Cllrs noted the setting up of the Police and Crime Commissioners Victims First Website
- Cllrs were made aware of changes to the Development Management and Strategic Development Management Committee dates May and June 2017
- Cllr Dickens will guide members of the Stewkley historical society around the village and share his local knowledge.
- Cllrs made aware that BMKALC now have more staff to offer more services to Parish Councils
- Minutes of April NBPCC meeting had been circulated between meetings
- Progress of Church roof replacement. AVDC have still not indicated whether planning permission is required to change materials.

- Housing white paper consultation was circulated between meetings. No comment necessary from PPC
- BMKALC Matters Arising newsletter feedback request was circulated between meetings
- Cllr Roberts advised that AVALC will be meeting with AVDC later in the month to discuss how AVDC deal with planning enforcements and how much control Parish Councils have over how S106 fund can/should be spent, or the introduction of an infrastructure Levy.

**123.0 Highways:**

Nothing to Report

**124.0 Any other Business**

None

**125.0** Suggested dates for next meetings were confirmed as

13<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 19<sup>th</sup> September

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed.....Chairman Date.....