



**Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held at 8pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Fairford Leys Centre, Hampden Square, Fairford Leys**

**Present:** Cllrs Cole (Chairman), Walland, Poland-Goodyer, Baughan, Hritcan, James, Wadlow, Wylde, Blandford and Harvey.  
K Gray (Clerk to the Council)

1 member of the Public in attendance

**1. Apologies for Absence**

To receive and accept apologies for absence notified to the Chairman or Clerk

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies for absence from Cllr Andrew (work commitment).

**2. Declarations of Interest**

To receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest

To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

- No declarations made and no dispensations requested.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024**

To accept and sign the minutes held on the above date as a true record.

RESOLVED: To receive, accept and sign the minutes of 1/2/24 as a true record.

**4. Clerk's Report**

To receive a report from the Clerk on matters dealt with and taking forward.

- To note that the Annual Parish Meeting will start at 8pm on 4<sup>th</sup> April (Councils Annual Report) followed by the April meeting of the Parish Council.
- Councillors requested an official opening of Webbs Meadow Park refurbishment and Cllr Poland-Goodyer to arrange a suitable date and time.

**RESOLVED:** *Chairman to suspend Standing Orders to allow questions from the public & any reports.*

**5. Questions from the Public & Reports**

- Resident asked a number of questions relating to crime, social activity, Hs2, parish council led community events, litter concerns etc and received relevant answers and advice.
- Cllr James gave an update from the Aylesbury Community Board meeting and a Police update.
- Cllr Harvey asked for clarification on the future maintenance payments for the rising bollards. Apparently there has been a decision by Buckinghamshire Council not to fiancé any future repairs.

- Cllr Hritcan reported that it is common practice now for motorbikes to be riding on pedestrian areas and cutting through blocked off, with bollards, roads. What, if anything, can be done about this? There is no immediate actions that can be taken but people need to report these matters to the police if it is causing problems.
- Cllr Poland-Goodyer & Cllr Sarah James (Bucks Council) gave the following written report to the parish council for inclusion in the minutes:  
Aside from confidential casework, work has been progressing on
  - **Arcott Way/Keen Close** – Cllr Sarah James has been chasing this. As Cllrs we have been given a date of 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024
  - **Aylesbury Garden Town** – There was a meeting in February with the major focus on the Town Centre regeneration plan (I am unsure of what iteration this plan is, but there has been a few). There was talk of the Gardenway project and I expressed (on behalf of the southern parishes) a lack of engagement from Aylesbury Garden Town about this.
  - **Community Garden** – Work is almost complete
  - **Oxford Road Yellow Markings and Safety Cameras** – Consultation resulted in a positive outcome in regards to this scheme so we are awaiting scheduling

During February, Buckinghamshire Council set their budget/precept for the next financial year. It has been set at the maximum of 4.99% allowed before they have to go to a referendum. A bad tempered meeting with personal insults thrown across the floor and petty grandstanding which, as ever, is not conducive to a thorough debate on the terms of the budget.

It is worth noting that our precept compares favourably to other similar parishes in terms of cost per household. This needs to be factored in with the additional services and activities that we provide as a devolved service (having this power due to the qualifications of the clerk is invaluable in that it saves households money and means that the standards of streetscaping and the overall appearance of Fairford Leys is maintained), Coldharbour Parish Council is really good value for money. There is one parish in the north of Aylesbury that is the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> most expensive place to live in all of Buckinghamshire!

It is also worth noting that Buckinghamshire Council continues to collect the special allowance of Aylesbury residents (Aylesbury Town areas) of close to £54 per household that Aylesbury Town Council do not receive. So Aylesbury Town Councils precept is a similar level to ours, it is just boosted by the additional £54 in ‘special expenses’ that Bucks Council decide is due from Aylesbury Residents. Again, another local authority providing exceptional value for money.

Alongside the Chairman we met representatives of HS2 in our monthly meeting. The continued monthly liaison between CPC, Aylesbury Town Council and HS2 has been fruitful to the community. Since the decision was taken by CPC to accept the fact that HS2 was happening these monthly meetings have been fruitful in terms of mitigating some of the planned works by HS2 in our area and working for what is best for our residents (compare this relationship to other areas and you can really see the benefits).

We were at the planting of a new ‘tiny forest’ in Walton Court and exploring if there is a possibility for one in Fairford Leys. We continue to support and assist the Prebendal Farm Street Association and have secured Community Board funding for them and their activities.

- Cllr Cole gave an update from the parish council representative meeting with Hs2, Aylesbury Town Council, Ernest Cook Trust and EKFB. Further road closures expected on A413 and A41.

**RESOLVED: Chairman to reconvene meeting under Standing Orders.**

**6. Decisions by the Resources & Personnel Committee and Leisure Committee Meetings**

Council is asked to receive and approve the minutes & decisions of the above Standing Committees.

- To note that the Resources & Personnel Committee met this evening at 7pm  
RESOLVED: Noted
- To note that the Leisure Services Committee is scheduled to meet at 7pm on 4<sup>th</sup> April.  
RESOLVED: Noted

**7. Riverine Corridor Update**

To receive an update and make such decisions, as necessary.

Report from the Clerk on land transfer situation.

The clerk gave an update on the recent communication raising concerns from Taylor Wimpey about Bucks Council now delaying the transfer further due to their request for significant legal fee payments. The Clerk has requested that local Ward Members for Bucks Council investigate this and raise the concerns of constant delays on the land transfer which should have been completed a number of years ago.

**8. Parmiter Close Playground**

Proposal from Cllr James that this park is used for a dog park with the remaining benches and the installation of a dog bin. Approx cost for bin is £200 and installation of additional fencing and agate is £500. Total approx. cost £700.

RESOLVED: That the proposal be accepted and the Clerk to arrange the refurbishment endeavouring to do so with limited financial output where able.

**9. Finances and Orders for Payment**

To agree and authorise the following orders and retrospective orders for payment:

• S Webb	Reimbursement	£30.70	3781
• PA Turney	Maintenance	£327.40	3782
• AVS Fencing	Maintenance	£35.39	3783
• Ernest Cook Trust	Allotment Rent (2024)	£1,134.00	3784
• Ernest Cook Trust	Barn Rent (2024)	£100.00	3785
• Colourpoint Group	Minutes Book Binding	£520.00	3786
• Clear Insurance	General Insurance 2024	£10,385.10	3787
• Clear Insurance	Vehicle Insurance 2024	£2,408.96	3788
• AVS Fencing	Maintenance	£33.00	3789
• Spaldings	Maintenance	£269.28	3790
• CH Morgan	Maintenance	£203.86	3791
• Goodfellers	Tree works/riverine	£5,346.00	3792

**Finance Report:**

RESOLVED: To receive, note and agree/accept the Councils Financial statements, income and expenditure report as at 31/1/24, emailed to all councillors.

**10. Devolved Services Agreement 2024-2025**

Councillors have been copied into the proposed Devolved Services Agreement (DSA), Funding from Bucks Council to the Parish Council is £2,872.60.

Aylesbury Town Council is the current “Cluster Lead” for Coldharbour Parish Council but the Parish Council carries out its own maintenance works with any assistance required and

close working where necessary between both councils.

Coldharbour Parish Council is responsible for the required works as listed in the agreement.

- Council to agree and sign the Devolved Services Agreement between Buckinghamshire Council and Coldharbour Parish Council.
- Coldharbour Parish Council to formally agree to continue the current arrangements with Aylesbury Town Council as the Cluster Lead.
- The Clerk to the Parish Council to continue managing the DSA for and on behalf of Coldharbour Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the Devolved Services Agreement be accepted and signed and to continue the cluster arrangement with Aylesbury Town Council and the Clerk to continue the management of the agreement.

## **11. Planning Applications**

To receive, comment and to either object, support or oppose the following planning Applications.

To consider late applications presented by the Clerk.

To consider Ernest Cook Trust Permission on all planning applications.

To note and formally agree decision/comments made under delegated authority.

- **24/00300/APP**                      **28 Pottery Close, FL**  
Householder application for two storey side extension.  
RESOLVED: Object/Oppose  
The proposed two story side extension by reason of its siting, massing, height and design would overwhelm the original building and be detrimental to its character and appearance. It would constitute overdevelopment of the site and negatively affect the street scene, appearing dominant. We are also concerned to note that the proposed window in the first floor of the extension would significantly increase the level of overlooking of the neighbouring property reducing their privacy to a level below acceptable.
- **24/00595/APP**                      **10 Cursley Path, FL**  
Householder application for single storey rear extension  
RESOLVED: No Objection

## **ERNEST COOK TRUST COVENANTS**

**Permission is sought from the following residents regarding their properties:**

- **28 Pottery Close, FL**  
Householder application for two storey side extension.  
RESOLVED: Refused.  
The proposed two story side extension by reason of its siting, massing, height and design would overwhelm the original building and be detrimental to its character and appearance. It would constitute overdevelopment of the site and negatively affect the street scene, appearing dominant. We are also concerned to note that the proposed window in the first floor of the extension would significantly increase the level of overlooking of the neighbouring property reducing their privacy to a level below acceptable.
- **10 Cursley Path, FL**  
Householder application for single storey rear extension

RESOLVED: Granted

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.56pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_