



Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 8pm on Thursday 1st February 2018
Fairford Leys Centre, Hampden Square, Fairford Leys

Present: Cllrs Cole (Chairman), Lambert, Baughan, David, Wilde, Jarvis, Poland, James, Eastwood
K Gray (Clerk to the Council)

5 Residents

C Lambert (Bucks Herald)

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed back to the parish council, Cllr Nikki Eastwood. He also informed everyone that Colin Minton had resigned, with immediate effect, as a parish councillor. The Clerk has issued the relevant notification for a Vacancy of Parish Councillor. The Chairman asked the minutes to show the Council's appreciation for Mr Minton's commitment to the role of parish councillor and for his contribution to parish council and community work during his time as a parish councillor.

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence notified to the Chairman or Clerk
RESOLVED: To accept apologies from Cllr Pattinson (prior 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

- Cllrs Lambert and Cole made a declaration of interest on planning application 17/04317/APP.
- No dispensations requested.

3. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 7/12/17 as a true record.

4. Clerk's Report

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

- The Clerk informed council of arrangements for the March meeting of the council and councillors were reminded to check the AVDC planning website for any additional applications that will need to be considered.

RESOLVED: Chairman to suspend Standing Orders to allow questions from the public and any reports from councillors

5. Questions from the Public & Reports

- Resident spoke in favour of her planning application and councillors asked various questions. The Clerk was asked to explain the reasons for the ECT Covenants being in place and the parish council's responsibility for the protection of Fairford Leys in respect of design, look and community. He also explained the additional covenant on all garages on Fairford Leys which is held by Aylesbury Vale District Council – this

is an additional permission requirement under planning rules regarding conversion of garages on Fairford Leys.

- Cllr James sought support from the parish council for a community litter pick which she is happy to arrange. The Clerk will arrange for high viz jackets and litter pickers and bags once Cllr James agrees a date for this event. Councillors were in favour of continued community litter picks as long as the relevant risk assessments are carried out and adhered to.
- Cllr Poland gave a report/update on the 2018 community event arrangements.
- Cllr Wilde gave the following report from information obtained from the parish MVAS machine:

Coldharbour Way: 22/12/17 - 29/01/18. Just one way so far, entering the village
Highest speed - 85MPH - Sat 23/12 19:35. Previous also 85MPH. 85% speed -
42.3MPH. Previous - 42.5MPH - Total Vehicles 190,179

No changes but double the vehicle count. New data from the system shows an average speed which was 36MPH. So, although we still have the occasional high speeder the general population are adhering to the speed limits.

- Cllr S Lambert (Bucks County Councillor) gave the following report:

HS2: I have continued to meet the HS2 engagement manager and have discussed how HS2 can provide education support in a planned programme to our local schools. This engagement is about safe play around construction sites and is carried out by a theatre company to incorporate PSHE curriculum.

However rather disappointingly HS2 corporately have chosen not to engage with 33 schools on the 'trace route' – including St Mary's or Ashmead Schools, but have chosen to engage with a number of other schools such as Bearbrook and Haydon Abbey, which are not in the construction zone despite the County Council receiving an assurance through the Parliamentary process on assessing the impact on schools of HS2 construction traffic.

HS2 Ltd have commissioned Atkins to start discussions in early January and undertake the assessments in the Spring Term, to develop a Transport Strategy/School Travel Planning and Schools Commissioning to coordinate BCC activity, involvement and interaction with schools, HS2 Ltd and Atkins.

While the county council will be working constructively with Atkins to progress the school assessments and at the same time continuing to push back hard on the rest of the schools we have previously agreed with HS2 Ltd to be assessed, along with better integration with the Safety and Capacity Junction assurance, I have raised the engagement gap with HS2 and the County Council.

As and when items arise I am more than happy for residents to contact me by email slambert@buckscc.gov.uk for updates and to raise issues or concerns that need to be raised back to HS2.

County Council Tax increase: I am a member of the County Council Budget Scrutiny Committee which met in early January to examine and make recommendations on all areas of proposed future spend by the County Council before these are considered by cabinet.

The Budget Scrutiny Committee met in public, some residents attended and others watched it live on webcast. We received a number of emails and tweets during the meetings with questions and suggestions from residents, all of which were put to cabinet members appearing before the committee. To view the webcast and papers go to: <https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=667>
It is likely that for 2018/2019 council tax will again be increased by 5.99% (3% for the Adult Social Care Precept, 1.99% basic increase and a further 1% inflation increase measure announced by the Government in December. Significantly the Council reserves are now at a 'healthy' level of around £25M, with the minimum

threshold being around £13M. The final budget will be debated and voted on by Full Council on 22nd February.

Key stage 2 results: In early January, the Department for Education published the Key Stage 2 results. These are test results that children take nationally at the end of their Primary education. The results showed that 64% of pupils are achieving the required standard in reading, writing and maths compared to 62% in state-funded schools in England.

Buckinghamshire results increased by 7% from 2016, compared to a national increase of 8%. However, it is disappointing to note that the difference in outcomes for all children and those that are eligible for free school meals continues to widen with our attainment gap increasing from 24% to 30%.

At the same time, the national gap has narrowed from 22% to 20%. This is clearly not good enough and so the focus of The Education and Skills Strategy has to be outcomes for vulnerable groups to close this gap. I am now a member of the Education Select Committee and will be asking why Bucks CC are failing a small group of our children. We do not have comparable figures for our looked after children, but I have no reason to believe we have improved in this area either.

Early Help Consultation Help Update: The County Council had consulted on the future of the Early Help Service for families in Buckinghamshire and the Cabinet member made a ‘decision’ in early January. The decision, which can be found here www.buckscc.gov.uk/earlyhelp, will see a radical restructuring early help for Buckinghamshire families and will mean the closure of a significant amount of Childrens centres.

The decision has been ‘called in’ for review by a group of county councillors which means that a committee will consider what has been proposed by the council, what alternatives are proposed by concerned residents and councillors; and make recommendations to the cabinet accordingly.

This committee will meet in public on 2nd February and will be webcast live. Details of the hearing will be put on the council’s website. This is democracy in action so if you get the chance to watch proceedings live, or later by a recording of the webcast, I suggest this is well worth doing.

Find out more about the Family Information Service: This service offers FREE advice, support, information and things to do for Buckinghamshire families, children and young people aged 0 to 19 years (or up to 25 years for those with additional needs). Website: BucksFamilyInfo.org Facebook: [facebook.com/BucksFamilyInfo](https://www.facebook.com/BucksFamilyInfo) Twitter: @Bucks_FIS

Ofsted Report: Ofsted visited Bucks in November 2017 and has this week published the outcomes of its inspection of the County’s children’s social care and safeguarding services as well as our children’s home in Aylesbury.

Despite acknowledging a range of improvements, the County services continue to be rated ‘inadequate’ overall.

This is a massive disappointment and the Council fully accept the findings. I received a personal briefing on the report from the Chief Executive and the Director of Childrens Services and as I am also a member of the select committee that will be formally receiving the report, I will be closely reviewing and monitoring their action plan to respond to the recommendations made by Ofsted.

You can read the full report of our children’s social care and safeguarding services here - <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/local-authorities/buckinghamshire> and the report on our children’s home is available here <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/CARE/SC032058>.

RESOLVED: The Chairman to reconvene meeting under Standing Orders.

6. Decisions by the Resources & Personnel Committee, Leisure Committee & Youth Services Committees

Council is asked to receive and approve the minutes & decisions of the above Standing Committees. Minutes of the committees have been copied to all councillors.

- The minutes of the Council's Youth Services Committee was copied to all Members.

7. Riverine Corridor Transfer

Receive updates on land transfer and make decisions as necessary.

The Clerk gave an update on the legal process for the transfer of land and the agreement with AVDC to release £6,000 upfront so that the parish council can purchase some equipment for the future maintenance of the land.

8. CCLA Investment

Council to further consider the information presented to them by Mark Davies from CCLA and whether it would be feasible for the parish council to invest in CCLA.

RESOLVED: Not to proceed, at this time, in the investment of funds with CCLA due to the high cost and current limitations in funding from AVDC and the delay in the transfer of land and funds related to the transfer.

9. Finances and Orders for Payment

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

• Lamps & Tubes	Bulbs	£103.20	2866
• HMRC	Contributions	£2,926.20	2867
• Brian Neal	Salary payt	£127.00	2868
• Fairford Leys Centre	Reimbursement	£517.30	2869
	Reimbursement	£179.20	2870
• George Browns Ltd	Maintenance	£173.43	2871
• Mr J O'Neil	Xmas Santa	£65.00	2872
• Aylesbury Concert Band	Xmas in Square	£250.00	2873
• Rialtas Business Solutions	Accounts	£139.20	2874
• HMRC	Contributions	£2,926.20	2875
• Mobile Mini	Metal Container	£1,734.00	2876

RESOLVED: To receive, accept and agree the monthly (Dec 2017) financial report from the Finance Officer.

10. 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 decisions/comments made under delegated authority

• 18/000005/APP

15 Spruce Road, FL

Conversion of existing garage & installation of window.

RESOLVED: OBJECT

The negative impact on the street scene and detrimental to the overall design of the property in line with the design concept of Fairford Leys. Concerns over the parking arrangements and for AVDC to carefully look at parking regarding the additional covenant on the garage.

- 17/04109/APP** **11 Spruce Road, FL**
 Conversion of garage
RESOLVED: OBJECT
 The proposed installation of an additional door at the front of the property is not in keeping with the overall design of the property and alters, negatively, the overall design of the property and street scene
- 18/00153/APP** **1 Starling Mews, FL**
 Conversion of garage with removal of garage door and installation of window.
RESOLVED: OBJECT
 The removal of the garage door will impact negatively on the street scene and affect, negatively, the overall design of the property.
 We understand this garage has already been converted and the application is to remove the garage door and install a window to allow further light into the room. Discussion has taken place with the property owner and various suggestions have been made such as installation of full length patio doors to the back of the property to allow additional light. It is the opinion of the parish council that there is no real need for the removal of the garage door and the installation of a window at the front of the property.

Cllrs Lambert and Cole left the chamber whilst this application was being considered. Cllr Jarvis took the chair.

- 17/04317/APP** **4 Dalwood Mews, FL**
 Conversion of garage with single storey rear extension
RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS

Cllrs Lambert and Cole returned to the Chamber after the decision was made on the above application.

ERNEST COOK TRUST COVENANTS

Permission is required for the following properties:

- 18/000005/APP** **15 Spruce Road, FL**
 Conversion of existing garage with installation of new window.
RESOLVED: PERMISSION REFUSED
 The negative impact on the street scene and detrimental to the overall design of the property in line with the design concept of Fairford Leys. Concerns over the parking arrangements and for AVDC to carefully look at parking regarding the additional covenant on the garage.

- **17/04109/APP** **11 Spruce Road, FL**
 Conversion of garage
RESOLVED: PERMISSION REFUSED
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- **61 Chelsea Road, FL**
 Conservatory, tiled roof
RESOLVED: PERMISSION GRANTED

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Cllr Cole resumed the Chair.

There being no further business of the Council the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____