



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 8pm on Thursday 3rd March 2022
Fairford Leys Centre, Hampden Square, Fairford Leys**

Present: Cllrs Cole (Chairman), Pattinson, Andrew, Blandford, Harper, James, Wadlow.
K Gray (Clerk to the Council)

No Residents present

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 Baughan (family) and Cllr Poland-Goodyer (illness).

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

- Cllr Cole declared an interest in item 9.

3. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 3/2/22 as a true record.

4. Clerk's Report

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

- Tree works continue and Taylor Wimpey has instructed a tree survey for the remaining land areas to be transferred to the parish council.
- No questions from councillors.

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

Cllr James arrived at this point

5. Questions from the Public & Reports

- Cllr Adam Poland-Goodyer (Bucks Council)
Parish Council Update – March 2022
 - I have managed to get installed a 'no through road' sign on Brimmers way (heading towards Pine Street). Residents had informed me that delivery vehicles were trying to get through an area where it is bollarded off. In reversing they have been damaging cars and properties. The sign is already reported to have made a significant difference.
 - Hopefully most of the streetlights in Brimmers way have been repaired and are now operational (except for the one by the current playpark).

- I have a face to face meeting scheduled with the Council Officer responsible for Hs2 and East West Rail (EWR) and will be raising Oxford Road and EKFB (contractor) engagement with Coldharbour PC and cite our continued concerns and lack of answers.
- I have concerns about how our voices are being heard at Buckinghamshire Council, full Council meetings. The decision to speak is at the discretion of the Chairman, if you do not get picked, you are not allowed to speak. At the last meeting, I asked to speak and was denied, this disenfranchised all of Fairford Leys and Aylesbury West. It is not democratic or fair. Meetings are descending into outright bullying and intimidation of members by the majority party and to be honest, a Full Council meeting is not a pleasant experience, nor is it giving value to our residents as proper, respectful and thoughtful debate is being thwarted by the actions of members, the leader of the council (who sets the tone) and the Chairman. I have been in meetings where the Chairman has acted unconstitutionally or at times, in my opinion, in an unethical manner in manoeuvring to deny another member to speak or put forward a motion.
- Adult Gyms Bid
 Unfortunately, I am losing faith in our local community board. I note that the Chairman of this council, one of the 3 parishes involved in the 'Aylesbury' Community board, is not being invited to meetings.
 Our Adult Gym bid (in conjunction with Buckingham Park) has been developed in response to the Community Boards Chairman's request for projects to help spend the money unallocated in a meeting last summer. In August, myself and Cllr Christenson had a meeting with our local board coordinator to go through our plans for the bid, our rationale and process for making a professional application. We had the full support and backing of the coordinator and were assured this project meets the boards stated aims. In August, I contacted 3 companies to source quotes for the parks and conducted site visits with 2 of them and got plans and quotes drawn up (which have been shared with this council). 2 of these companies have already delivered similar projects for Buckinghamshire Council and its predecessors. It was agreed that the Parishes contributions would be ongoing maintenance costs, the land allocated and relevant insurances. This method of contributory cost was agreed by the relevant cabinet member. In this financial year, no contributory funding is required (and I note that in Ivinghoe and Wing Community Board, there are a few projects approved with no contributory funding)
 The final drafted bid was submitted in late November following proof reading and liaison with the community board coordinator.
 In February, 2 months after the bid was submitted (some get approved in a week!) we get feedback asking for clarification on some points, questions from the Public Health department about the need for such a gym (in full council and in the most recent community board it has been stated that cardiovascular fitness is the best way to prevent Covid from being more severe, and there are longer term health benefits as detailed by a presentation by the Public Health department at the Ivinghoe and Wing Community Board meeting in February – approx. 14m08s in to the meeting). Also, we were asked for contributory funding, which, is not a requirement this financial year.
 On February 22nd there was a meeting between myself, the Clerk of this council, the Chairman of Buckingham Park PC, our community board

coordinator and their supervisor. The Chairman of the community board, although invited, did not attend.

In this meeting we gave evidence as to our contributory funding and answered all questions with clear, fact based rational and appropriate legal guidance from the Clerk.

We have been successful in our application to the Community Board and I would like to thank Cllr Andersen, the Clerk and Cllr Susan Morgan in getting this bid over the line, but it has been a trial and tribulation and I feel underwent unnecessary politics by certain members of Buckinghamshire Council.

This has not been an easy process, there have been barriers at every step of this process. This bid, in terms of thoroughness, has been amongst the most professional entered into the system from Aylesbury. It is important to note that our residents money, here in Coldharbour, has not been used to the best affect to our residents. All of the schemes have been Town Centre focused. Ourselves and Buckingham Park have received nothing from this community board until now. An example of this is Street Wardens. £70,000 was allocated from the community board budget, no contributory funding was given. These were supposed to operate in Aylesbury, Buckingham Park and Coldharbour. Our residents money has been spent on this. They have not left the town centre and never visited the other 2 parishes. Is that value for money or fair across the equal partners of the community board.

- Cllr Andrew gave an update on his observations and proposals in respect of the council's website and possible changes that could be made to enhance the website. He will continue to liaise with the Clerk on these proposals.
- Cllr Pattinson asked for assistance from councillors for the Fair in the Square, Music in the Square and the Queen's Platinum Big Lunch in the Square events.
- Cllr James (Bucks Council) reported to parish council about the new "No Through Road" sign installed in Brimmers Way and also highlighted matters from Cllr Poland-Goodyer's report.
- Cllr Cole reported on the recent attack of a local resident by a gang of youths and this was being dealt with by the police. Hs2 meetings updates highlighting road closures and relevant works as well as flood data requested from Hs2.

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. Minutes of the committees have been copied to all councillors.

- A meeting of the Leisure Committee took place this evening at 7pm and minutes will be issued in due course.

7. Riverine Corridor Transfer Update

To receive an update and make such decisions, as necessary. No further updates.

8. Finances and Orders for Payment

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

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| • Bucks Council Pension Fund | Pension Payt | £12,047.13 | 3462 |
| • Flagmakers | Flags | £204.29 | 3463 |

• Sky Personnel Ltd	Temp staff	£841.13	3464
• Westwon Ltd	Defibrillator	£48.00	3465
• Fl Centre	Training / Cllrs	£115.40	3466
• Specialised Canvas Services	Flags / Bunting	£1,956.96	3467
• CH Morgan	Maintenance	£81.35	3468
• AVS Fencing Supplies	Maintenance	£45.26	3469
• K Gray	Postage Stamps	£18.12	3470
• FL Centre	Website	£194.40	3471
• Sky Personnel	Temp Staff	£374.76	3472
• S Webb	Reimbursement / Vehicle	£50.00	3473
• FL Centre	Boiler Replacement / S106	£9,786.00	3474
• Briants of Risborough	Maintenance	£528.00	3475
• Spaldings	Maintenance	£358.80	3476
• Spaldings	Maintenance	£214.32	3477
• Spaldings	Maintenance	£210.62	3478
• PA Turney Ltd	Maintenance	£279.26	3479

RESOLVED: To receive, note and agree/accept the Councils Financial statements, income and expenditure report. Emailed to all councillors.

Cllr Cole left the Chamber at this point and Cllr Pattinson took the Chair

9. Internal Audit

To confirm the appointment of Mrs D Cole as Internal Auditor for the Parish Council accounts and for the preparation information for the AGAR (External Audit).

RESOLVED: That Mrs D Cole is appointed as the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for 2022/2023.

Cllr Cole returned to the Chamber at this point and resumed the Chair

10. Playgrounds Refurbishment Working Group

To receive a report from Cllr James on the discussions and proposals from the working group for the refurbishment of the playgrounds. Council to consider any requests from the working group.

Cllr James reported that discussion continues and quotes are being requested.

11. Emerald Way Cycleway refurbishment

Council to consider the proposal by Bucks Council to refurbish the cycleway and widen the footpath on land owned by the parish council. Permission needed from the parish council in order to proceed with alterations to the footpath as well as consideration of maintenance of any new planting as part of the project on land owned by the parish council.

Land Description.

Land off Fowler Road, opposite Somerville Way. North-westwards, from Fowler Road towards the "Southcourt Brook" watercourse bridge, and footpath connecting near Parmiter Close. The existing footpath is approximately 45 metres length from its connecting point with the Fowler Road footway, and additional width of 0.6 metres, each side would be required to achieve a total width 3.0 metres (standard requirement – LTN1/20). (Area = 135 sq. metres.). Location parallel with the water course named "Southcourt Brook".

Bucks Council's Proposals:

The existing public right of way path is a 1.8m width bituminous macadam surfaced construction, with concrete edgings. The proposal is to widen this symmetrically, to form a new 3.0 metre width facility, using new materials (not red surfacing) – please see attached, sheet 11.

RESOLVED: To allow the path widening works to proceed as proposed.

12. Gardenway & Aylesbury Garden Town

To discuss any matters relating to the above project/scheme.

- o No updates have been received.

13. Outside Gym - North Aylesbury Fitness Trail

Councillor Poland-Goodyer to update the parish council on matters relating to this project. Cllr Poland-Goodyer reported that the project has been approved by the Community Board Funding Panel and is now awaiting full approval from the Community Board Members.

RESOLVED: Reports received that the funding has been agreed by the Aylesbury Community Board and that the Clerk be delegated to instruct and work with the company (Proludic) to install the outside gym

14. 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.

- **22/00455/APP** **23 Great Meadow Way, FL**
Householder application for single storey rear extension
RESOLVED: No Objection

- **22/00532/APP** **21 Spruce Road, FL**
Householder application for loft conversion with front and rear dormers.
RESOLVED: Object/Oppose
The proposed design significantly and negatively affects the street scene and overall design of the property. It is not in keeping with the style of the property and the front dormers are not in keeping with the overall design of the property whilst the rear roof dormers are too large.

- **20/02611/AOP** **Land to the East and West of Rabans Lane, Aylesbury**
Outline application for the erection of up to 20 dwellings together with associated parking, landscape and access only to be determined following demolition of existing buildings on Land to the East and West of Rabans Lane. Full planning application for erection of t,500m² of Bs/B8 floorspace together with means of access from Rabans Close.

RESOLVED: Object/Oppose
Coldharbour Parish Council OBJECTS to this application for the following reasons:

1. Increased in traffic in an already well used area of the town which will significantly impact the traffic flow not only on Coldharbour way but the main roads into Aylesbury and will have a negative impact on both local residents and visitors to the area.
2. Lack of amenities and increase in traffic through Fairford Leys itself as people use local shops adding to the difficulties already in place by Bucks Council not enforcing illegal parking on double yellow lines on Fairford Leys.
3. The negative impact on local school provision as well as local doctors and dentists.

ERNEST COOK TRUST COVENANTS

Permission is sought from the following residents regarding their properties:

- **12 Cavendish Way, FL**
Double hipped lean to conservatory
Permitted Development. Building Regs only.
RESOLVED: Permission Granted

- **23 Great Meadow Way, FL**
Householder application for single storey rear extension
RESOLVED: Permission Granted

- **21 Spruce Road, FL**
Householder application for loft conversion with front and rear dormers.
RESOLVED: Permission Refused
The proposed design significantly and negatively affects the street scene and overall design of the property. It is not in keeping with the style of the property and the front dormers are not in keeping with the overall design of the property whilst the rear roof dormers are too large.

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____