

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 8pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 The Fairford Leys Centre, Hampden Square, Fairford Leys

**Present:** Cllrs Cole (Chairman), Pattinson, Poland-Goodyer, James, Baughan, Walland,

Blandford, Harper, Wadlow K Gray (Clerk to the Council)

2 Residents Mr D Liddle (Headteacher, St Marys School)

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

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

#### 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 or dispensations requested.

### 3. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 2/9/21 as a true record.

#### 4. Clerk's Report

To receive a report from the Clerk on matters dealt with and taking forward. The Clerk had nothing specific to report.

Cllr James thanked the Clerk for the provision of stones placed under the tree near China Brasserie. This tidied up the area nicely and asked if other tree sites like this can also have stones placed. She also asked for an update on the request for a litter bin to be provided near the bench opposite the gym.

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

## 5. Questions from the Public & Reports

• Mr David Liddle, Headteacher of St Marys School, introduced himself and said both he and the school would be happy to help and get involved with the local community. He reported that car parking was still a matter of concern to the school and local residents but he school is unable to enforce proper parking. Cllr Poland-Goodyer reported that this was a matter being discussed between Bucks Council and other schools in the town and they would keep Mr Liddle updated on this matter.

- Cllr Baughan thanked Mr Liddle for the school's involvement in the community litter pic and Cllr Pattinson suggested he may wish to contribute articles and information to be included in the village newsletter, Coldharbour News.
- Resident reported concerns about the overgrowth and lack of maintenance of trees and hedging on the public footpath running alongside the golf course area, at the back of Prestwold Way. These are hedges and trees owned and managed by Buckinghamshire Council and the matter has been reported on the Fix-my-street by Cllr Poland-Goodyer. She thanked Cllr Poland-Goodyer for that and also raised some concerns about the noise of Hs2 works.
- Resident reported concerns about vans and other vehicles driving on the Cooks Road alleyway leading to Great meadow Way which is blocked to vehicles by a bollard and for pedestrian access only. The bollard is not sufficient to stop the vehicles driving through this area and asked if more bollards could be installed. It was reorted by parish councillors that this is also happening elsewhere in similar sites on Fairford Leys and it was suggested that maybe some planters be placed in this, and other areas to stop vehicles accessing these roads. Cllr Poland-Goodyer will discuss the matter with Bucks Council Highways team to see what could be done to resolve this matter.
- Cllr Blandford asked for an update on the replacement of trees across Fairford Leys. It was suggested that he could investigate funding from other organisations other than Hs2, for the purchase of trees. The parish council has replaced a number of trees over the years but aware that there are also many others that need replacing.
- Cllr Poland-Goodyer (Bucks Council) gave the following report:
  HS2 Liaison Meeting Update 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021
  There were 2 main points of discussion in the September meeting. We were joined by various representatives from EKFB, Hs2 and also the Ernest Cook Trust representative, Guy Greaves. An Hs2 Liaison Officer from Buckinghamshire Council, at the request of your local, Buckinghamshire Council, Councillors, was also present as well as the Leader of Aylesbury Town Council, Cllr Richard Lloyd, Cllr Andrew Cole (Chairman of Coldharbour Parish Council) and Keith Gray (Town Clerk of Aylesbury and Clerk to the Parish of Coldharbour) was also present.

#### Flood Risks:

Local councillors continued to push for more knowledge on how the water courses being changed, particularly around Wendover, would affect the Riverine corridors through Fairford Leys (our flood defences). HS2 constantly assured local councillors that there would be no negative impacts from their works to water levels to Fairford Leys/Coldharbour and the Willows estate. Unfortunately, this cannot yet be proven as the models have not been completed as both HS2 and the Environment agency (EA) are going round in circles. The temporary plans cannot be approved until HS2's permanent plans are approved by the EA. Until all this happens, the models cannot be made. Your local Cllrs expressed their concern that HS2 did not know that this would be the process and that (as happens in a lot of cases with HS2, for example the Hartwell wall) this is delaying the whole process and reassurances for our area.

This continues to be an item on our agenda moving forward and until we can unravel responsibilities and liabilities.

## Traffic management and modelling:

A question was asked (via FB) from a member of the public and the response was posted back online. Local Cllrs raised the issues of delays on the roads on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September due to HS2 starting work before their agreed start time of 9.30am. This was an 'exceptional' circumstance. We would ask local residents to

let us know if they encounter HS2 works before 9.30am in the next month, to see how exceptional is exceptional.

The long-term plan is for HS2 to place a signalised junction across the 'trace' of the line halfway between the Coldharbour roundabout and the Bugle Horn. This would allow traffic to enter and leave their site as well as site traffic to cross the Oxford Road. Your local Cllrs are incredibly concerned that there has been NO modelling done on how this would affect the traffic. This is due to HS2 not being 'there yet' in terms of the work to be prepared. Cllr Adam Poland-Goodyer queried that what would happen if Buckinghamshire Council declined permission for this due to the importance of Oxford Road at a strategic level. We were told that they have the powers to do it under the HS2 Act! So, no matter what, there will be a signalised junction on the Oxford Road and there is nothing that anyone can do about it as they have been granted the power by the Government to do it.

We asked about the two Public Rights of Way (PROW's) and they have agreed to see if they can allow limited access during works, potentially evenings and weekends. They cannot have them open when work is taking place.

#### **Other Matters:**

Permission has been obtained for HS2 to remove the listed wall by Hartwell house. This means that they will build an entrance onto their site from the Oxford Road and not use Andrews Way. They are using Andrews Way as they did not seek planning permission far enough in advance to remove the wall. On a related note, Cllrs Adam Poland-Goodyer and Cllr Sarah James in a recent meeting asked the Transport team to increase their inspections of Andrews Way due to HS2 driving HGVs on that road.

#### **Moving Ahead:**

We have on the agenda for the next meeting, noise levels and continued focus on flooding amongst other items (yet to be finalised)

• Cllr Sarah James (Bucks Council) gave the following report:

#### **Playstreets**

The Marshalls passed their assessments to be allowed to Marshall tomorrows events 4pm-6pm. The road will be officially closed from 3:30pm until 6:30pm This is the first ever playstreets and trial for Bucks so please feel free to come down and support. Some of the event will be filmed for future training and publicity.

- Cllr Baughan had been asked if the management of the Allotment site plots was up to date. The Clerk replied that they were and that any concerns or requests should be made to him outside the council meeting as per council procedure.
- Cllr Cole reported on the virtual Music in the Square event and approximately 300 people had signed in on the day. He thanks all the band members who had stepped in to assist and looked forward to having next years event in the main square.

#### 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.

 No minutes to circulate but to note that the Leisure Committee had met this evening, before full council meeting.

#### 7. Riverine Corridor Transfer Update

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

The clerk reported that a recent issue had arisen between the Ernest Cook Trust Solicitors and Taylor Wimpey over finance and hopefully this will not delay the land transfer. All

documents were now signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council and the Clerk, looked at by the Parish Council's solicitor and handed to Buckinghamshire Council legal department for final signature and transfer of land tranche 2 with the relevant funding.

#### 8. Finances and Orders for Payment

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

•	AVS Fencing	Maintenance	£ 41.60	3395
•	K Gray	Salary payment	£103.63	3396
•	AJ Webber	Music in Square	£350.00	3397
•	AVS Fencing	Maintenance	£416.47	3398
•	AVS Fencing	Maintenance	£30.25	3399
•	KM Commercials	Maintenance	£262.80	3400
•	CH Morgan	Maintenance	£82.79	3401
•	Briants of Risborough	Maintenance	£71.12	3402
•	Briants of Risborough	Maintenance	£9.31	3403
•	AVS Fencing	Maintenance	£378.31	3404
•	PA Turney	Maintenance	£480.00	3405
•	Print Lab	Maintenance	£177.60	3406
•	Certas Energy UK Ltd	Maintenance	£926.60	3407
•	CH Morgan	Maintenance	£240.92	3408
•	S Webb	Reimbursement	£86.63	3409

RESOLVED: To receive, note and agree/accept the Councils Financial statements, income and expenditure report as at 30/8/21. Copied to all councillors.

## 9. 20mph Speed Reduction

To formally respond to Cllr Peter Cooper regarding his email on the proposal to raise with Buckinghamshire Council a reduction in speed to 20mph for certain roads in local communities. Specifically would the parish council;

- Welcome having the option of introducing 20mph zones in your parish or town
- Pursue this option if it were available
- Support the widespread adoption of 20mph zones in residential areas across Buckinghamshire

RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Clerk write to Cllr Cooper stating that the parish council fully supports a 20mph speed reduction both in Fairford Leys and also on roads across residential areas in Buckinghamshire.

## 10. Gardenway & Aylesbury Garden Town

To discuss any matters relating to the above project/scheme

RESOLVED: To note that update meetings with the project officers are currently being arranged. Parish councillors have been asked for their availability for a Teams meeting.

#### 11. PCSO Catriona Wilshire – Request for Walkabout

Council to consider the request for a walkabout around Fairford Leys, from PCSO Wilshire. To agree who should do this and on what date and time.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Harper circulate the email from PCSO Wilshire so they can also carry out a walk-a-bout with her across Fairford Leys. They would like to point out specific areas on Fairford Leys where we would like a police visit.

#### 12. North Aylesbury Fitness Trail

Councillor Poland-Goodyer to update the parish council on matters relating to this project, and council to consider any further proposals/requests.

Cllr Poland-Goodyer reported that he had agreed with the Clerk for a suitable letter of consultation to be issued to local residents near Brimmers Way playpark and this had been issued. We have had all positive feedback and the cut off date for the feedback is 15/10/21. Proposals are being put together for design and suitable equipment for the site. The parish council will receive a design and quote for the work and will be asked to formally sign off the design along with an application for funding from the Aylesbury Community Board.

# 13. Christmas in the Square – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021

To receive an update on the arrangements for this event.

RESOLVED: To note and support the current arrangements in place, made by the Leisure Committee, for this event.

#### 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.

## • 21/03937/AAD 60 Wedgewood Street, FL (Business Premises)

Proposed One Stop Shop. 4 fascia signs, window vinyls and poster cases.

On putting to the vote there was 6 x No Objections and 3 Objections.

RESOLVED: No Objections to this planning application

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#### ERNEST COOK TRUST COVENANTS

Permission is sought from the following residents regarding their properties:

#### • 21/03937/AAD 60 Wedgewood Street, FL (Business Premises)

Proposed One Stop Shop. 4 fascia signs, window vinyls and poster cases.

RESOLVED: Permission granted.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.08pm

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