



COLDHARBOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 8pm on Thursday 6th September 2018 Fairford Leys Centre, Hampden Square, Fairford Leys

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

2 Residents

C Lambert (Bucks Herald)

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

- Cllr James, in respect of her work, reported that Briants of Risborough was a client. The clerk advised that this company was a provider of materials for the council in respect of maintenance works and that there was no other connection to the business by Cllr James or any other councillor. The cheques payments are made by the clerk and the council, as a corporate body, formally approve the payments made. There was no need for Cllr James to remove herself from the Chamber.

3. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 5/7/18 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 and no questions were received from councillors.

RESOLVED: Chairman to suspend Standing Orders to allow questions from the public and any reports/questions from councillors on matters not listed on the agenda

5. Questions from the Public & Reports

- Rio Harper (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator) gave the following report:
I received an e-mail from Emma Middleton, an Undergraduate from Cambridge University, who is conducting a Dissertation field research which involves exploring how NHW Schemes function, their role in shaping how residents feel about the safety in the Community and the fascinating ways in which residents envision their community space.

I have to say that Fairford Leys residents were very responsive to Emma's request and she is pleased with the interview numbers so far. (I had to put a second plea out on behalf of Emma at Berryfields, as there was a lack of response, but it's getting better). I have asked Emma to write an article for the Coldharbour Parish News, which she is delighted to do! I also want to include a 'Meet the Co-ordinators' section. Photos and introductions for the Spring edition. Not all will want their photos published, however it will be a start!

I have been out and about with two co-ordinators this month and the following areas will have new NHW street lamp signs in a few weeks after Planning Permission is granted. I have done this to be as aesthetically pleasing as possible. Only two lamps were next to properties and when asked, the residents were more than willing to have the signs next to their homes.

New areas are; Knightsbridge, Kingsgate, Phillips Road, Windmill Close, Parmitter Close, Shereway, Stubble Hill and Fairford Leys Way. Also, there is a willing, possible new co-ordinator for Chelsea Road and Hampstead Close.

There has unfortunately been a recent burglary in FFLs, which I can't share the details of as it's an on-going investigation, however this is linked to similar M.O.s in Aylesbury Vale and the Police are expecting to make arrests shortly.

I have also reported two incidents of Dangerous Driving, both near Hampden Square. Residents need to be mindful of their driving and parking in close proximity to shops and amenities.

The police continue to seize bikes, where ever possible, which have been involved in ASB, across the area. A number of vehicles involved in ASB in the Tesco car park Broadfields, have been issued with Section 59 Warnings and if they are involved again, run the risk of having their vehicles seized. (note) New barriers have been installed at Tescos Broadfields, and lowered after 8pm, to prevent car meetings. Parking offences in Aylesbury Vale have been decriminalized, and the local authority have assumed responsibility for enforcement. In the rare case of police attendance over an issue of parking, it is down to the discretion of the attending officer to determine whether or not a ticket is to be issued.

It is not obstruction to park a roadworthy and legal vehicle outside someone else's house. If a vehicle is parked on a yellow line, it is the responsibility of the Council to deal with it, not the Police.

The police wish to remind parents / guardians about the need to park sensibly when it comes to dropping off and picking up children outside schools. Parking issues outside schools need to be either reported to the head of the school and /or Highways at the Council, who will send out Enforcement Officers.

- Cllr Lambert (BCC) gave the following report:
Children's Services: Financial pressures in Children's Services continue. One of the main causes is the increase in 'Looked after Children' (LAC). A few years ago, there were about 350 children who needed looking after. This number has risen almost 500. The very significant average cost of each individual child has brought about a significant unplanned expenditure. There are weekly reviews to see where additional savings can be made. Clearly, we must ensure that vulnerable children remain safe. Buckinghamshire is not alone in experiencing these pressures and you may have seen the considerable press coverage of the large overspend by many county councils on Children's Services. Importantly, we are about to commence the new round of consultation on 'Early help'. It is important that this system is reformed to help the vulnerable communities and achieve the targeted savings.
Adult Social Care 'Green Papers': Another major area of financial pressure this year remains Adult Social Care. Again, this is a national problem. The Government

had committed to a Green Paper on Social Care reform. This was originally due in 2017. It was then delayed into early 2018. More recently it has been further delayed. The reason for the delay is unclear but it probably reflects the complexity of the issue and the difficulty of finding easy solutions.

HWRCs: The County Council has now started the consultation on reductions to opening hours and sites for HWRCs. This will not be an easy to resolve but seriously we need to save something like £1 million on the sites.

The new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF): Just before the summer recess the Government issued the long awaited revised NPPF. Whilst our District colleagues are of course the local planning authorities, the implications of this revised policy will have major implications for BCC. The main immediate consequence will be that there will be a much higher 'de facto' housing target across Buckinghamshire. Each District will be effectively required to use a common methodology for assessing new 'housing need' that will give, in most cases, a much higher number. Whilst existing proposed Local Plans may go through with current numbers, any new Plans will have to use the new methodology. Officers are currently calculating what these new numbers may be for the whole of Bucks, but they are likely to be near 100,000 for the period until 2050. There is nevertheless Government pressure for Bucks to deliver many more! From a county council point of view this will place major new demands on key infrastructure and services such as roads, schools, social services and green spaces.

The Growth Agenda: Whilst the new NPPF will be a common methodology across the country, it is weighted to require more housing in areas of 'high demand' such as Bucks. In addition, we are now under major pressure from Civil Servants to commit to an uplift in the numbers still further, with proposals of 120% or 130% of the new housing numbers being proposed. The Chief Executive and Leader of BCC will be meeting with key District colleagues to see if we can agree a common position on Government demands.

Fracking/Shale gas: Many of you will have received copies of the national 'write in' campaign on Shale gas/Fracking over the past six weeks. As previously advised I am not aware of any viable Shale gas in Bucks and we have no Group policy on fracking.

Universal Credit: We want to ensure that our residents who claim benefits are fully prepared if they are required to claim Universal Credit, so we have created a number of leaflets to help further inform them of this change and how they need to manage it, with one specifically designed for Landlords to help inform them how UC will affect them and the support available to them. These leaflets will be distributed throughout the Vale and are also available on our dedicated UC webpage www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/universal-credit. You will notice that we will also be spreading this message via our social media channels and we kindly ask you to please share this content amongst your followers to help us further spread this message. For further information on UC we suggest visiting www.gov.uk/universal-credit

- Cllr Cole reported on matters related to the Developers and AVDC in respect of tree works. He will liaise with the Clerk on the specifics of the proposed works.
- Cllr Poland met with the local PCSO and discussed local issues including parking on double yellow lines. The police will carry out "risk visits" across the parish. He also raised the concerns over vehicles racing on Coldharbour Way and the police are to investigate this with patrols. On 22/9/18 the police will be at the community centre to offer security marking on items.

He thanked all those involved, councillors, staff and Dan Blaise, in the organisation of the Fair in the Square and Music in the Square events. These were both successful community events. The next community event will be Remembrance Sunday and Christmas in the Square.

Cllr James raised a matter in relation to the possibilities of a regular bus service for the elderly, to Tesco supermarket. This would be a matter for the bus company to deal with.

Cllr Baughan raised a concern about litter on Coldharbour Way and whether it would be possible to have a competition for local children to design a poster to ask people not to throw litter out of their cars. These could be displayed on Coldharbour Way. The Clerk was asked to put this on the October agenda.

Cllr Pattinson said that few councillors attended the Music in the Square event but wished to personally thank the councillors and staff who attended on the day to make the event successful. She also mentioned the illegal advertising board that had successfully been challenged and removed and encouraged other councillors to report these types of concerns to the Clerk. The deadline for articles for Coldharbour News is 28/9/18 and Cllr Lambert committed to providing an article.

RESOLVED: 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.

- Leisure Services Committee minutes (July) copied to all councillors.

7. Riverine Corridor Transfer

Receive updates on land transfer and make decisions as necessary.

Cllrs Cole and Lambert are to ask for a progress update on this from AVDC officers.

8. Finances and Orders for Payment

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

• A Poland	Reimbursement	£219.75	2937
• M David	Reimbursement	£64.00	2938
• PPL/PRS Ltd	Music Licences	£97.20	2939
• George Browns	Maintenance	£801.82	2940
• Aylesbury Concert Band	Fair in Square	£300.00	2941
• Hillfire Brewing Co Ltd	Fair in Square	£546.00	2942
• HMRC	Contributions	£2,245.19	2943
• S Pattinson	CN Expenses	£17.48	2944
• K Gray	Reimbursement	£36.64	2946
• S James	Reimbursement	£531.98	2947
• SWARCO	MVAS Contract	£252.00	2948
• HMRC	Contributions	£2,285.50	2949
• Electric Base	Maintenance	£57.13	2950
• Events with a Difference	Fair in Square	£6,270.00	2951
• HMRC	Contributions	£2,218.99	2953
• Buildbase	Maintenance	£174.75	2954

•		Destroyed	2955
•	Carers Bucks	Music in Square	£1,200.00 2956
•	Hillfire Brewing Co Ltd	Music in Square	£258.00 2957
•	A Poland	Reimbursement	£93.92 2958

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

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 decisions/comments made under delegated authority

28 Napier Road, FL Single storey rear extension
RESOLVED: No Objection

ERNEST COOK TRUST COVENANTS

Permission is required for the following properties:

- 28 Napier Road, FL Single storey rear extension
RESOLVED: No Objection
Permission Granted
- 3 Lodge Path Proposed Loft Conversion
Plans issued to councillors via email.
RESOLVED: No Objection
Permission Granted

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____