

# Mursley Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of Mursley Parish Council

held at 8.00 pm on Monday 7th December, 2009 in the Rectory Rooms, Mursley.

**Present:** Neil Coles (Chairman), Kym Bartlett, Wendi Cramphorn, Gerry Gallagher, Len Ward

**In attendance:** Ian Hook (Clerk)

### 1. Apologies

Tim Dolder, Garry Ives.

### 2. Minutes

*Approved* - A final version of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th October, 2009.

### 3. Matters Arising

*Agreed* - As no offers of land for allotments had been received, before the matter is closed, a last approach to BCC should be made concerning land in Church Lane.

*Noted* - The application by Gerry Gallagher to BCC for Delegated Budget funds for a footpath extension in Station Road. Given the priorities of the fund, no application had been made for parking in The Lane.

### 4. Finances

*Approved* - The Financial Statement to 30th November, 2009

*Approved* - Cheque for Bucks Community Action Annual membership - £30.00

*Approved* - Cheque for Ian Hook for clerk's salary and expenses – £380.36

*Approved* - Cheque for Martin Dowding for Mowing and Maintenance- £345.00

*Approved* - The Budget for 2010/11 to include items for a new notice board and two new seating benches (£2500 in total) and to keep the Precept application at the same level as 2009/10 at £7350.

### 5. Planning Issues

*Noted* - AVDC decisions: -

- 09/00266/APP - Wychwood Stud. Erection of stable building, wood and garden store.

Retrospective. REFUSED.

- 09/01348/APP - Land adjacent to Whaddon Road. Erection of two agricultural buildings.

Approved.

*Noted* - Decisions by MPC Planning Committee: -

- 09/01424/APP - The Wilderness Salden Lane. Retention of building for ancilliary accommodation and storage. No objection subject to being returned to non-accommodation usage on completion of main building.

- 09/01922/APP - 19 Whaddon Road. Single storey side extension and rear conservatory. No objections.

- 09/01999/ATP - Brook Cottage Church Lane. Work on protected trees. No objection provided tree authority approves.
  - 09/01535/APP - 09/02039/APP Brook Cottage Church Lane. Demolition of garage and erection of two storey annex. No objections.
- Noted* - Neil Coles advised the latest information regarding Salden Chase; that it was still deemed inevitable and that there was concern at both BCC and AVDC that Milton Keynes Council were attempting to takeover the development. This was being vigorously resisted by the two councils.

## **6. Grass Cutting and Maintenance**

*Agreed* - To renew the contract, in principal, with Martin Dowding for 2010. The final details to be confirmed by Len Ward. The cost would be greater than 2009 as the contract would commence from April and the payments would be made in three stages.

## **7. Speed Survey**

*Agreed* - The results of the recent Speed Survey did not show a significant improvement since the installation of the Vehicle Activated Sign and there is concern that the site of the survey was not the same as the previous survey, thus distorting the comparison. The clerk should seek a meeting with the survey operators to establish the facts and conclusions.

## **8. Whaddon Chase Green Infrastructure Plan**

*Agreed* - Gerry Gallagher explained that the Whaddon Chase Community Green Infrastructure Plan involved a consortium of seven local parish councils. The main objective was to establish a legally enforceable 'Green Barrier' between the expansion of Milton Keynes and the rural parishes. Two alternative statements concerning the Mursley Parish Council position regarding the Green Infrastructure proposal were considered and it was agreed to adopt the stronger position of the two.

## **9. Parish Pump**

*Agreed* - To defer the publication of the next issue until January.

## **10. Affordable Housing**

*Noted* - The first draft by Bucks. Community Action of a proposed layout for eight dwellings at the end of Station Road. Initial impressions were that the proposal looked quite promising.

## **11. Governance Review**

*Agreed* - No changes to the number of Councilors are required.

## **12. Rights of Way**

*Agreed* - The proposal by BCC Rights of Way department to organise a 'Walk Your Local Paths Day' would be covered by an article in the Pump encouraging villagers to give feed back regarding the paths to the appropriate authorities.

## **13. School Buses Dropping Points**

*Noted* - No responses from transport authorities, yet – put on agenda for next meeting.

#### **14. Churchyard Step into Church Lane**

*Agreed* - To await an approach from the Parochial Council before any action from the Parish Council.

#### **15. Winslow Local Area Forum**

*Noted* - Meeting in Newton Longville 10 December to include East West Rail Link and plans for Winslow Station.

#### **16. Baptist Chapel Lighting**

*Noted* - Refusal of Baptist Church for Parish Council funded light. Gerry Gallagher to obtain understanding for refusal.

#### **17. Thames Valley Police Community Feedback**

*Noted* - Several incidents of anti-social behaviour would initially be handled by quiet words with parents.

#### **18. Gritting**

*Agreed* - After noting that gritting would not happen on the road from Swanbourne towards Aylesbury , the clerk should request that it be gritted.

#### **19. Dates for Diaries**

Parish Council Meetings: 25 January, 8 March, 19 April

Parish Council Planning: 4 January, 15 February, 29 March