

Mursley Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Mursley Parish Council

held at 7.30 pm on Monday 11th May, 2009 in the Committee Room, Mursley Village Hall.

Present: Kym Bartlett, Neil Coles (Chairman), Wendi Cramphorn, Tim Dolder, Gerry Gallagher, Garry Ives, Len Ward

In attendance: Ian Hook (Clerk)

1. Election of Chairman

Len Ward proposed Neil Coles as chairman, was seconded by Tim Dolder and the proposal was carried unanimously. Neil Coles was duly elected chairman for the forthcoming year.

2. Apologies

Full Attendance.

3. Minutes

Approved - A final version of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30th March, 2009.

4. Matters Arising

Noted - Cheque for £260 received from BCA for part funding of development of Village Design Statement.

Noted - No response had been received from Thrift Farm regarding mowing and maintenance contact.

Agreed - Len Ward should contact Thrift Farm to discuss the possible contract.

Noted - Response from BCC that they supply bins and salt but if privately sourced, then bins cannot be on the highway and will not supply salt.

Noted - Response from Stewkley Lane resident regarding possible siting of salt bin.

Agreed - The location that would most benefit from a salt bin would be the junction of The Beechams and Main Street. Clerk to ask BCC where they would site a bin in The Beechams.

Noted - Allotments are available in Little Horwood and a field may be available in Swanbourne Road.

Agreed - Publicise in the Pump the availability in Little Horwood.

Agreed - Subject to information from current lessee of Swanbourne Road field, clerk to contact Oxford Diocese to investigate possible use for allotments.

Noted - Mr Mann's opposition to facilitating parking in The Lane.

Agreed - Increasing the area to facilitate parking is the better option but funding would have to come from the next round of BCC Delegated Budget. Clerk to advise Mr. Mann of this decision.

Agreed - Following the potential availability of land for Affordable Housing, a Housing Needs Survey should be undertaken under the guidance of Bucks. Community Action. Clerk to request appropriate form from BCA.

Noted - Requests to BCC for Highways maintenance at the following locations:

- Church Lane
- Swanbourne Lane junction
- Stewkley Lane
- Cooks Lane *Agreed* - Following advice that the verge adjacent to the sports field used for car parking needs reinforcing, clerk should contact BCC for permission to fill area with hardcore.

Noted - Village sign on Whaddon Road that had been causing some sight obstruction has been removed by BCC.

Noted - Response from AVDC regarding Rates increase for village content despite no Precept increase. The reason for the increase is because of the reduction in band D contributors.

4. Finances

Approved - The Financial Statement for year to 31st March, 2009.

Approved - Annual Return for 2008/09.

Approved - The final budget for 2009/10 and the Financial Statement to 30th April, 2009.

Agreed - To accept the competitive quote for insurance of £718 from Aviva with a three year contract and a annual saving of £171.

Agreed - Affiliation to AylesburyVale North Sports Council - £10.

5. Planning Issues

Noted - Decisions by AVDC:-

- 09/00294/APP 33a Main Street. First Floor rear extension and rear conservatory. Approved.
- 09/00309/ATC Chase House 10 Main Street. Crown reduction of 2 Yew trees, removal of Horse Chestnut and Silver Birch. Approved.

Noted - Notices from AVDC:-

- 08/02071/APP. The Wilderness, Salden Lane. Retention of detached two storey dwelling. Appeal lodged.
- 08/02900/APP. Brook Cottage Church Lane. Two storey side extension to create annex and erection of triple garage. Withdrawn.

Agreed - 09/00266/APP. Wychwood Stud Cooks Lane. Erection of stable building, wood & garden store. Retrospective. No Objections but with caveat that we had assumed that this had been covered by AVDC previous site visit and is there an assurance that there are no other such projects pending.

- 09/625/APP Church Hill Cottage, Church Lane. Raising roof to provide first floor living accommodation and two storey side & rear extensions. Opposed due to overbearing size for the area and in relation to the site. Also in full view of footpaths close by.

- 09/00679/APP 29 Main Street. Fell 2 conifer trees & 1 apple tree, replace 1 of the conifers with something smaller. No objections.
- 09/00681/APP Manor Farm Main Street. Erection of three detached dwellings. Opposed however, if the height of the dwellings and the ground height were to be no higher than the existing Manor Close dwellings, and if the existing farm buildings are demolished and the surrounds landscaped and that the dwellings are within the village curtilage, then that objection would be withdrawn.

6. Village of the Year

Agreed - To consider entry for this competition subject to how onerous the conditions. Clerk to request entry form.

7. Street Light in The Lane

Agreed - To refuse the request from resident to remove street light at end of The Lane. Clerk to advise the resident accordingly.

8. Damage to Sports Equipment

Noted - The damage to sports equipment on the playing field and that the issue had already been reported to Thames Valley Police.

9. Correspondence

Noted - The following items of correspondence

- Freedom of Information; DVD with advice.
- BCC Speed Limit Review. Presentation on Principles. 28 May. Winslow. Clerk to advise TVP that Neil Coles will attend.
- Equality and Human Rights Commission. Public Sector Duties.
- BCC Family Information Service Consultation. Questionnaire.

10. Thames Valley Police community Feedback

Noted - The NAG now includes Dog Watch and the police will speak to households where their dogs are reported for fouling footpaths.

11. A.O.B

Noted - Warning from resident that the proposed paddocks on Whaddon Road could be vulnerable to occupation by traveller communities. The owner of the paddocks to be contacted.

12. Dates for Daries

Parish Council Meetings: 22 June, 3 August, 14 September, 26 October, 7 December
 Parish Council Planning: 1 June, 13 July, 24 August, 5 October, 16 November