

Mursley Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Mursley Parish Council

held at 8.00 pm on Monday 22nd June, 2009 in the Committee Room, Mursley Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Ian Hook (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Tim Dolder (Business), Gerry Gallagher (Vacation)

2. Minutes

Approved - A final version of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th May, 2009.

3. Matters Arising

Agreed - Following the refusal of Thrift Farm to continue with the mowing and maintenance contract, Martin Dowding would take over the contract as documented with the addition of Tweedale Close. The area at the start of Whaddon Road would remain with BCC but reviewed for next year.

Agreed - Not to provide salt bin in Beechams as the very bad weather is too infrequent to justify the cost. Clerk to write to Mr & Mrs Sutherland accordingly.

Noted - Housing Needs Survey has been distributed with The Pump together with the Village Design Statement. There was concern that the likely site of any eventual Affordable Housing was not consistent with the 'village envelope' objectives of the VDS.

Agreed - Since Affordable Housing in rural areas can only be on 'exception sites' where, under normal planning policies, permission would not be granted, siting of any in Mursley would inevitably be outside the proposed envelope in the draft VDS but abutting the village, therefore, the Parish Council should formally input to the VDS requesting that Affordable Housing be treated as an exception and permitted outside of the proposed 'village envelope'.

Noted - Feedback from BCC on various highway issues.

Noted - No application made for Village of the Year competition.

Noted - Positive response from owner of paddocks on Whaddon Road regarding unwanted occupation.

Agreed - The Council would not agree to the removal of the light in The Lane as the risk of needing to return it at some stage was prohibitively expensive. Instead, if the complainant secured the written agreement of all householders in The Lane, then the Council would seek agreement from E-on to switch off the light or remove the bulb. Clerk to write to complainant accordingly.

4. Finances

Approved - The Financial Statement to 31st March, 2009

Approved - Cheque for Aylesbury Mains (Light Maintenance) -£41.60

Approved - Cheque for Harlequin Press printing of Pump - £113.00

To note - Cheque raised in the interim for Cave & Co for annual insurance - £718.00

Agreed - Donation to Winslow Community Bus - £50

Agreed - Annual subscription to Bucks Playing Fields Association - £20

5. Planning Issues

Agreed - 09/00881/APP. 29 Main Street. Erection of conservatory. No objections.

Agreed - 09/00938/APP 7 Station Road. Two storey rear extension and erection of replacement garage. No objection.

Noted - 09/00682/APP Manor Farm. Withdrawn.

Agreed - Not to respond to AVDC Core Strategy as there was little to add.

Noted - Within the Core Strategy, Mursley was included in the fifth tier of potential developments which means that there would be '*only very limited development in appropriate circumstances*'.

Agreed - Not to respond to Recommendations for Provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling showpeople.

6. Allotments

Noted - Email from District Councillor Mrs. Pam Pearce that AVDC did not have responsibility for providing allotments but that loans could be available to assist parish councils.

Agreed - Write to landowners with land in the village to investigate the possible rental of land for the purposes of providing allotments.

7. The Bungalows

Agreed - Clerk to enquire of AVHT as to whether they intended planting flowers in new patio. If not, then place on next agenda for consideration.

8. War Memorial

Agreed - The Parish Council would formally adopt the War Memorial and place on the asset register. Clerk to obtain valuation for insurance purposes and insure accordingly.

9. Web Site

Noted - The Mursley Parish Council Web site is now operational as www.mursley.net

Agreed - Clerk to write to Simon Ould and Beth Young expressing the Council's appreciation for all the considerable effort undertaken to produce such a good result.

10. Correspondence

- Road closure notice for Station Road from the junction with Main Street all the way to Little Horwood.
- Lorry Incident Report for Ivinghoe Parish Council.
- Whaddon Chase Community Green Infrastructure Plan
- B4032 prioritised for signing and lining improvements
- CAB AGM 7th July in Buckingham

11. Thames Valley Police Community Feedback

Noted - No incidents to be reported.

12. Dates for Diaries

Parish Council Meetings: 3 August, 14 September, 26 October, 7 December

Parish Council Planning: 13 July, 24 August, 5 October, 16 November