

# Mursley Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of Mursley Parish Council

held at 8.00 pm on Monday 30th March, 2009 in the Committee Room, Mursley Village Hall.

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

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

### 1. Apologies

Tim Dolder (Business)

### 2. Minutes

*Approved* - A final version of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th February, 2009.

### 3. Matters Arising

*Noted* - School bus dropping points:- BCC are in the process of changing contractors and will review all aspects of the contract including dropping points for school buses.

*Agreed* - To make available up to £100 for expenses regarding the development of Village Design Statement.

*Agreed* - As no response had been received from Thrift Farm regarding mowing and maintenance contact, clerk should write advising that no decision would be made until details of contract had been agreed.

*Noted* - The replacement bench for the Bungalows had been received and VAHT had agreed to pay for it.

### 4. Finances

*Approved* - The Financial Statement to 28th February, 2009.

*Approved* - Amendment to outlook for y/e 31 March and budget for 2009/10.

*Approved* - Cheques:

- to BALC – Annual membership -£81.82
- to AVDC – Dog Hygiene - £113.02
- to Mursley Village Hall – Hire of Hall £50.
- to Ian Hook – Clerk’s salary and expenses -£383.63

*Noted* - That the rates notice issued by AVDC included an increase for the Mursley village content of 2.9% despite Mursley Parish Council requesting and receiving no increase to the precept.

*Agreed* - The clerk should write to AVDC seeking an explanation for this apparent anomaly.

## **5. Planning Issues**

*Noted* - Decisions by MPC interim planning committee:-

- 08/02833/APP The Wilderness, Salden Lane. Erection of two storey dwelling. No Objection
- 08/02071/APP. The Wilderness, Salden Lane. Retention of detached two storey dwelling. No Objection.
- The caveat to the above two decisions was that they should be considered together and either both approved or both rejected.
- 08/02650/APP Spring Grove Farm Station Road. Conversion of a barn into a dwelling. No objections.
- 09/00309/ATC. Chase House, 10 Main Street. Crown reduction of two Yew trees, removal of horse chestnut and silver birch. No objections.

*Agreed* - 09/00294/APP. 33a Main Street. First floor rear extension and conservatory. No objections.

## **6. Salt Bins**

*Agreed* - The quote from BCC for the provision of salt bins at £450 each seemed expensive as they could be purchased direct from supplier at £100. The clerk should write to BCC to establish whether BCC would still supply the salt even if the Council provided the bins. With regards to Stewkley Lane, the clerk should write to Mr. Upson, who had requested a bin for Stewkley Lane, to establish where he thought the bin should be located.

## **7. Allotments**

*Noted* - The considerable obstacles to obtaining land for allotments including the likely cost (versus income) the need for planning permission, parking, water supply, fencing, etc.

*Agreed* - Given a precedent within Oxford Diocese, Mursley Parochial Committee should be approached regarding the availability of the currently unused vicarage garden. Also, any availability should be established with the allotment societies of Little Horwood and Drayton Parslow. Following receipt of information from the above actions, those interested in allotments in Mursley should be approached to invite them to form an allotment committee to proceed with any necessary actions.

## **8. The Lane – Parking**

*Noted* - The response from BCC Highways regarding possible actions to resolve the issues raised by a resident concerning the parking at the entrance to The Lane and that the resident had been asked for his views.

*Agreed* -As no response had been received from the resident, the clerk should again seek his views before any further action was taken.

## **9. Bonfires**

*Noted* - Following queries from residents in Main Street regarding bonfires, it was established that there were no specific legal restrictions other than against commercial waste bonfires or continuing nuisance bonfires. Garry Ives would pass the information to those that had raised the issue.

## **10. Affordable Housing**

*Noted* - That a local land owner was prepared to sell some land at agricultural rates for the purposes of affordable housing. The clerk should advise Bucks Community Action of this and seek advice as to the nature and timing of another Housing Needs Survey.

## **11. Highways Maintenance**

*Noted* - BCC Transportation had advised that there was available significant monies to undergo necessary road repairs and that requests should be made by mid April. Councillors should advise the Chairman of areas they believe should be addressed.

*Agreed* - The clerk should write to Highways to seek an on-site meeting to discuss the possible relocation of the Village name sign on Whaddon Road which could be proving to be an obstruction of line of sight from an adjacent field. Also, the clerk should write to Mr. Prosser to invite him to the meeting and to advise whether there were any other potential obstructions to or from his land.

## **12. Correspondence**

*Noted* -The following items of correspondence:

- AVDC Funding the Voluntary and Community Sector – Consultation
- AVDC Core Strategy and Direction of Housing Growth – Process
- BCC Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group Meeting 21 April.

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

*Noted* -The were no incidents to be reported.

## **14. Dates for Daries**

Parish Council Meetings: 11 May (Annual), 22 June, 3 August

Parish Council Planning: 20 April, 1 June, 13 July