

Mursley Parish Council

Minutes of the Mursley Parish Council Meeting held at 8.00 pm on Monday 14 January 2019 in the Village Hall, Mursley.

Present: Ian Hook (Chairman), Chris Laws (Vice Chairman), Anwar Rashid, Ashley Davies-Payne and Simon West.

In attendance: Sean Mahony, Richard Jones, Alan Knowles, Gordon Watterson and Jackie Driss Laurent (Clerk).

1. Apologies

Rob Francis and Hans Copas,

2. Minutes

Approved The Parish Council Meeting minutes dated 17 December 2018 were approved and signed off by the Chairman.

3. Planning Application

Agreed **18/04589/APP Land off Whaddon Road, Mursley.**
Erection of 9 dwellings with associated access road and parking.

The following comments were made by attendees and Parish Councillors:

- AVDC have not yet displayed planning notices.
- Poor design – no access on foot to rest of the village. Not sustainable – reliance on cars. Lack of mobility for disabled. Proposed houses do not reflect character of the village. They are unattractive. Attendees agreed development was a potential carbuncle.
- Detrimental impact on Conservation Area. It diminishes residents' and stakeholders' amenity.
- Potential loss of ridge and furrow, which is protected by contract with DEFRA via Natural England.
- Potential for further development (with access via routes at top and bottom of development).
- Drainage is an issue.
- Outside village curtilage.
- Pre-empted Neighbourhood Plan and identification of potential needs of the village.
- Exit and entrance to site on busiest/fastest stretch of road in the village. Poor line of sight.
- Better opportunities to bring houses to the village that won't impact the character and village gateway.
- Lack of proper assessments submitted with planning application.

The following positive contribution was noted:

- Potential for additional hedgerows.

Mursley Parish Councillors unanimously opposed the application.

18/04372/APP South Stables, Whaddon Road, Mursley

Erection of storage pole barn and menage.

One concern was raised about potential loss of ridge and furrow.

Mursley Parish Councillors agreed No Objections.

18/04455/APP Lower Church Farm, Church Lane, Mursley

Alterations and extension to driveway.

Richard Jones explained the alterations were needed to facilitate access to both dwellings on this site. The proposed driveway would provide a safer environment for vehicles to reverse onto the road.

Mursley Parish Councillors agreed No Objections.

18/04450/APP The Willows, 4A Church Lane, Mursley

Single storey side and rear extensions.

Ian Hook will approach neighbours to ensure they are aware of the application (as AVDC notices may not be displayed). No objections were noted on AVDC web site.

Mursley Parish Councillors agreed No Objections.

4. Defibrillator – update on proposed move

Noted

Ian Hook has yet to hear from Chair of Village Hall Committee. Anwar Rashid to follow up and pass on Dave Tofield's idea that one side of the existing access gates could be bolted to allow pedestrian access. This would also block unwanted cars.

Mursley Football Club has yet to respond to the Parish Council's offer to give financial assistance re the purchase of their own defibrillator. With a defibrillator in situ at Mursley's sports ground, Parish Councillors agreed it would make sense to move the Village Hall defibrillator to the telephone box, so kit was well spaced.

5. Allotments

Agreed

Councillors again raised concerns about the proposed contract and agreed there should be an initial 5 year clause with a minimum of 12 months' notice to allotment holders thereafter. The Clerk was asked to contact Hans Copas to ensure these concerns and those noted in the minutes of 17 December 2018 were addressed.

A notice about allotments will be included in the next Parish Pump.

6. Speedwatch

Agreed

Ashley Davies-Payne kindly offered to make analysis needed if Hans Copas provided the data. Alan Knowles asked if the MVAS signs could display the actual speed of approaching vehicles, as this may increase the deterrent. Chris Laws will contact SWARCO to find out if this is possible.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Noted

Simon West apologised as due to time constraints he had not been able to share detail of the Neighbourhood Plan's latest budget. However Simon West was able to report that feedback from the NP Questionnaires would be shared with the Steering Committee on 17 January. Two exhibitions in the village hall were planned to share feedback with Mursley residents. These exhibitions will be on 30 January and 9 February.

8. Finances

Approved

The financials for month ending 31 December 2018 were approved, alongside the following payments:

Npower – street lighting November 2018 - £158.11 & £37.38

Clerks invoice 11 December – 10 January 2019 - £239.81

Village Hall Committee – 23 December 2018 - £48.00

The meeting ended at 9.10pm.