

# Mursley Parish Council

Minutes of the Mursley Parish Annual Meeting held at 8.00 pm on Monday 8 April, 2013 in the Village Hall Mursley.

Present: Members of Mursley Parish Council –Gerry Gallagher (Chairman), Barry Agnew, Neil Coles, ,Laura Hook, Richard Pepper.  
Clerk to Parish Council – Ian Hook

Residents: Pauline Debbage, Beryl Dickens, Susan Gallagher, Marjorie Macdonald. Also in attendance, Janet Blake candidate for district councillor for Great Brickhill.

## MINUTES

The minutes of the previous annual meeting held on 23 April, 2012, had been approved at the Parish Council Meeting on 11 June 2012 and are available for inspection.

### 1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A report from the Chairman on the Council's activities during the past year. He concentrated on three main areas, the excellent completion of the Affordable Homes in Taylors Corner and the new Sports Pavillion, the ongoing problems with the state of Whaddon Road and the planning process which continues to frustrate the will of the Parish. The full text of this report is attached to these minutes.

### 2. ISSUES RAISED BY PARISHIONERS.

#### *The appalling state of the roads locally.*

Beryl Dickens noted that there was some prospective good news regarding Whaddon Road, however, she considered that the state of the Drayton Road near to Richmond Farm was just as bad.

Gerry Gallagher replied that the Whaddon Road had been a priority in order to get some action to at least one of the local roads. However, he agreed with Beryl that action was necessary on Drayton Road and the Parish Council would be making representations to BCC accordingly. He also said that the continued pressure from all villagers was essential and would urge as many as possible to write to BCC and complain.

#### *Bus Shelter.*

Beryl Dickens said that a bus shelter was required at the main bus stop outside the church. Gerry Gallagher agreed to look at the costs of providing a bus shelter and to seek funding from the LAF.

#### *Salt Bin for lower end of The Beecham.*

Pauline Debbage noted that the Parish Council had been discussing the possibility of another bin for The Beechams and said that the most suitable site would be outside no. 3 and the owner was agreeable to that. Pauline asked if the colour had to be yellow and Gerry Gallagher advised that it tended to be dictated by the BCC bulk ordering process.

#### *Brook Cottage*

Pauline Debbage enquired about the situation regarding Brook Cottage and the erection of a new fence. Gerry Gallagher said that AVDC had advised that work had started in line with approval conditional dates and that they could re-commence at any time.

#### *Taylors Corner and the Sports Pavillion.*

Marjorie Macdonald expressed support and compliments for the quality of the affordable houses and the sports pavilion.

#### *Road Maintenance*

Janet Blake, as the prospective district council candidate, said that she was aware that BCC had pledged some £25million towards road maintenance for the coming year but acknowledged that 'that will not go far'.

She said that she had not been supportive of BCC in the past and she thought that now was the time for a new intake of district councilors, hence her standing as a candidate. She recognized that elected representatives were obliged to represent the wishes of their constituents but that there could be times when an overall balanced view should be taken that might not be to their liking.

*HS2 Spending.*

Susan Gallagher asked Janet Blake whether she thought that AVDC and BCC had a mandate to spend money on opposing the proposed HS2. Mrs. Blake responded by saying that that was a case in point where County/District councilors had to take a balanced view for the whole community.

Neil Coles said that he was aware that the BCC position was to oppose the project but if it was to happen, BCC would prefer the line to use the West Coast route which means coming much closer to Mursley.

There being no further questions, the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.