

Mursley Parish Council

Minutes of the Mursley Parish Council Meeting held at 8.00 pm on Monday 11 February 2019 in the Village Hall, Mursley.

Present: Ian Hook (Chairman), Chris Laws (Vice Chairman), Anwar Rashid, and Simon West.
In attendance: Alan Knowles, Jackie Driss Laurent (Clerk).

1. Apologies

Rob Francis, Ashley Davies-Payne and Hans Copas.

2. Minutes

Approved The Parish Council Meeting minutes dated 14 January 2019 were approved and signed off by the Chairman.

3. Planning Applications

Agreed 19/00347/APP Former Baptist Chapel, Whaddon Road, Mursley.
Erection of 3 dwellings.

Parish Councillors studied the application detail and agreed No Objections with the following requests/caveats:

- Ask for a large scale plan of the site with a blue line showing ownership. This is because there is a stretch of ground with community assets (seat and litter bin that has been established and maintained by the Parish Council for more than 20 years. This should remain outside the blue line).
- Request detail pertaining to building materials. There is no mention on the plans as to what tiles will be used, what the windows and doors will be made of. The only mention on the plans regarding materials is for 'facing brickwork.' This is insufficient detail as the site is next to the conservation area.
- Suggest the two semi-detached properties are stepped back, so they are in line with existing properties on the same side of Station Road.
- Ask AVDC to impose a condition for the developer to improve the footpaths around the site (on Station and Whaddon Roads).
- Ask if the trees depicted on the plans will be planted as part of project.

19/00036/ACL Salden Crabtree Farm, Whaddon Road, Mursley
Application for lawful development for a continued use of mobile home.

Parish Councillors studied the application detail and agreed No Objections subject to regularisation. This is because the caravan has been on site for 23 years. To be consistent with other people's mobile buildings in the parish, the PC requests that AVDC looks at regularising the situation which means the mobile home should be removed and something permanent built in its stead.

4. Village amenity/sustainability

Noted Chris Laws shared feedback from a recent PCC/MSA & Village Hall Committee meeting. This meeting had been convened by Andrew Cowell to talk about the medium to long term future of the church. Andrew Cowell had reported that church attendance has dropped in recent years, which means keeping it open in the future may not be viable. The PC had been asked if part of the precept could be made payable to the church. Chris Laws had explained that this was not possible.

Simon West said the NP report indicated that 79% of questionnaire respondents had strongly agreed or agreed to village facilities being used more creatively.

Alan Knowles suggested that a higher profile for the Vicar might be beneficial.

5. Defibrillator – update on proposed move

Noted Anwar Rashid said he had received an email from Barry Agnew, Chair of the Village Hall Committee. The VHC plan to adopt Dave Tofield's idea of keeping only one half of the gate open (to allow pedestrian access only).

No further news has been received from MSA regarding the potential purchase of a defibrillator for their site.

6. Allotments

Agreed Ian Hook said that given the PC resignation email received from Hans Copas earlier today, a meeting will be convened with him to gain an understanding of what has been achieved to date. This meeting will either be part of the next Parish Council meeting, or will take place informally one evening or weekend.

7. Speedwatch

Agreed Again without Hans Copas present it was agreed to ask for MVAS data to be passed to Ashley Davies-Payne, so that so that a direct comparison with traffic speeds with and without speedwatch monitoring can be made.

With Hans Copas's resignation in mind, Ian Hook and Chris Laws agreed to look after MVAS. A handover of equipment including batteries (as well as data – the paragraph above refers) will be arranged.

8. Neighbourhood Plan Budget

Noted Ian Hook raised concerns regarding disparities between the budget forecast prepared by Alex Gallon and the PC's own record of expenditures. Simon West said that each year when the NP grant is applied for, he has to give an estimate of expenditures over the next financial year in order to fulfil application criteria. However these predictions change as the project evolves. For example Mike King of People and Places had been invited to present at the NP exhibition as he could provide a non-partisan and professional detail. Mike King's presence at the event had not been budgeted for previously.

It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a meeting between Alex Gallon, Ian Hook and Simon West, so that a clear picture of expenditures to date and those planned could be shared between the PC and NP Steering Group.

9. Finances

Approved The financials for month ending 31 January 2019 and the following payments were approved:

Npower – street lighting December 2018 - £163.36 & £38.62
Clerks invoice 11 January – 10 February 2018 - £226.61
Mursley PCC – use of Rectory Room for NP Meeting - £10.00
Aylesbury Mains – light repairs/conversion - £168.00
Stewkley Enterprise Agency – works during January 2019 - £40.00
People and Places Insight Ltd – work on NP - £4,731.70

Future Meetings

Parish Council 8 April 2019, 3 June 2019 (ahead of the Annual Meeting), 29 July 2019,
23 September 2019, 18 November 2019

Planning 11 March 2019, 7 May 2019, 1 July 2019, 27 August 2019, 21 October 2019, 16 December 2019

Annual Meeting 3 June 2019

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.