

Mursley Parish Council

Minutes of the Mursley Parish Council Meeting held at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 7 May 2019 in the Village Hall, Mursley.

Present: Ian Hook (Chairman), Chris Laws (Vice Chairman), Rob Francis and Ashley Davies-Payne.
In attendance: Caroline Walker and Jackie Driss Laurent (Clerk).

1. Apologies

Anwar Rashid and Simon West.

1. Minutes

Approved The Parish Council Meeting minutes dated 8 April 2019 were approved and signed off by the Chairman.

2. Parish Councillor Application

Introduction Caroline Walker expressed an interest in joining Mursley Parish Council. She shared a little background information pertaining to relevant skills and potential enhancement of community spirit and environment.

3. New Parish Councillor

Agreed While Caroline Walker was out of the room, Councillors agreed unanimously to co-opt her onto Mursley Parish Council.

4. Best Kept Village competition

Agreed As Anwar Rashid was unable to attend this meeting, it was agreed that discussions would resume in July (as the Annual Meeting in June would compromise time available to finalise detail). Ashley Davies-Payne said that planters near 30mph road signage were perceived as village demarcations for motorists, and it was believed they encouraged some motorists to slow down.

5. Allotments

Agreed Ian Hook and Chris Laws reported on their meeting with Graham Bonham on site. They said the plot has been rotovated, water made available and the location is now fenced. Car parking was also available and a gate fitted with a combination padlock will secure the site and provide access to the car park. The landowner contract has yet to be finalised; Graham Bonham has requested that no animals are allowed on site. Agreement has also been made regarding the break clause timeframe. Ian Hook will make the appropriate amendments to the contract and send it to Rob Francis for approval as soon as possible.

Caroline Walker agreed to become the PC's Allotment Liaison and with this in mind, the Clerk was asked to set up a meeting with allotment holders as soon as possible. Invoices @ £65 per allotment will be levied and sites will be allocated (provided payment has been received) at the allotment holders' meeting.

The Clerk was asked to approach Drayton Parslow PC to find out if their H&S document can be used as a template in Mursley. Contracts with allotment holders have yet to be finalised. Detail was passed to Caroline Walker. Caroline Walker also offered to post allotment detail on Mursley's Facebook page to further disseminate information regarding their availability.

6. Speedwatch

To consider Ashley Davies-Payne shared detail on a proposal sent out ahead of the PC Meeting regarding speed restriction mechanisms. The proposal notes the current situation, the PC's and villagers' concerns, it also outlines different options available (including chicanes and a potential refuge in the centre of Main Street near the school). Ashley Davies-Payne said the proposal concludes that speedwatch is not a significant deterrent and that the Police speed vans are rarely available. The report's objective is to prevent a fatality.

Councillors agreed to review the proposal. Detail will be discussed at the PC meeting in July (as the annual meeting in June will compromise on time available).

Caroline Walker shared detail of children's 'reduce your speed' signage used elsewhere. She said the drawings and messages conveyed were very impactful.

7. Neighbourhood Plan Budget

Noted Ian Hook raised further concerns over the budget. The Clerk will arrange a further meeting with Ian Hook, Alex Gallon and Simon West to discuss how the detail is presented.

8. Finances

Approved The financials for month ending 30 April 2019 were approved alongside the following payments:

Npower – street lighting March 2019 - £163.37 & £38.63
Oneill Homer – neighbourhood plan consultancy - £870.00
Clerk's invoice – 11 March/10 April 2019 - £263.16
Stewkley Enterprise Agency – Invoice 31 March 2019 - £301.93
Groundwork UK – return of unspent NP grant - £2871.57
Graham Bonham – allotments annual charge - £800.00

Future Meetings

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

Planning 1 July 2019, 27 August 2019, 21 October 2019, 16 December 2019

Annual Meeting 3 June 2019

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.