

Mursley Parish Council

Minutes of the Mursley Parish Council Meeting held at 8.00 pm on Monday 8 April 2019 in the Village Hall, Mursley.

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

In attendance: Jackie Driss Laurent (Clerk).

1. Apologies

None noted.

2. Minutes

Approved The Parish Council Meeting minutes dated 11 March 2019 were approved and signed off by the Chairman.

3. Planning Application

Agreed 19/00853/APP Land East of Station Road, Mursley.

Temporary use of land as a construction compound incorporating storage area, site offices and car parking and associated highway works.

Ian Hook opened discussion by highlighting the volume of traffic anticipated (203 round trips each to include staff cars, LGVs and HGVs) during the compound set up.

Councillors noted a disparity in the routes suggested for LGVs in the application, however they were relieved that only 16 HGV visits per day (presumably 32 'round trips') are planned.

Ian Hook drew Councillors' attention to:

- AVDC Policy GP8 stipulating that residents' amenity should be protected
- AVDC Policy RA36 surrounding traffic adversely affecting rural roads

After discussion Councillors agreed that although the PC accepts these works are going ahead, AVDC should be asked to take note of the PC's concerns as the compound will affect the village for several years. The PC hopes to have some kind of commitment around the LGV use of Route 51 which will mitigate the number of vehicles coming into the village. Furthermore if Route 51 is improved to facilitate access to the site, there may be a legacy of a decent walkway/cycle/horse riding path after works are complete.

19/01021/ACL Twin Oaks, Salden Lane, Mursley

Application for lawful development certificate for retention of mobile home.

Parish Councillors noted a previous application had been refused by AVDC in 2016.

Although an email in the application indicated that someone had lived in the caravan for a year, ten years ago, there was no evidence to indicate that it had been lived in thereafter or was needed now.

Mursley Parish Councillors opposed this application.

19/01156/ACL Salden Crabtree Farm, Whaddon Road, Mursley

Application for lawful development for a continued use of mobile home.

Councillors noted that this application had been refused by AVDC previously. However as this application demonstrated use and need for this facility, Mursley Parish Councillors agreed 'No Objections'.

18/02137/APP 53 Main Street, Mursley

Rob Francis raised concerns regarding the erection of a building on site that does not appear to be a garage or similar build as per the planning application approved by Mursley PC and AVDC previously. Rob Francis offered to investigate further and contact AVDC's enforcement team.

4. Best Kept Village competition

Agreed Anwar Rashid led discussion on this year's Best Kept Village entry and potential enhancement of the village with placement of additional planters. Anwar Rashid suggested that planters placed at 30mph entries to the village and on the green triangle at junction of Whaddon Road and Main Street would be judged favourably in BKV competition and enhance the environment for residents and stakeholders.

Discussion ensued on cost, maintenance and watering of planters and it was agreed that Anwar Rashid would seek quotations from local gardeners for installation of planters. Simon West said the treated sleeper planter built by Barry Agnew provided a robust and attractive solution, and he suggested that cheap products may deteriorate quickly and look shoddy. He also flagged concern about sight lines across the junction of Whaddon Road and Main Street and suggested that whatever style of planter was chosen in this location, it should not compromise drivers' vision.

5. Road Safety and Pavements

Agreed Parish Councillors discussed the issues raised in Helen Wilson's recent email and noted Bucks CC's response. Councillors acknowledged with regret that Bucks CC was not proactive, but rather reactive, and would not consider alterations to the road/pavement configuration unless there was a serious accident. Councillors noted that bollards would only compromise space on the pavement and mitigate use of wheel and pushchairs. Neither CC TV nor Speedwatch would work because of GDPR implementation and proximity of junction/bend in the road.

Reluctantly Councillors agreed there was little a Parish Council could do, save for writing follow up letters to relevant parties.

6. Allotments

Noted Ian Hook will send Rob Francis a copy of the contracts procured by Hans Copas for review/comment. Councillors noted that an initial 3 year duration with one year notice period had been agreed by the landowner. Ian Hook will contact AVDC to ascertain business rates status and also follow up with the landowner to ascertain progress with regard to the supply of water. Thereafter the Clerk will contact potential allotment holders to alert them to timescales pertaining to readiness of the site and up-front payment required.

7. Speedwatch

Noted Ashley Davies-Payne said that he has now been able to compare traffic speeds with and without Speedwatch monitoring, and unfortunately a Speedwatch improvement in MVAS data was not significant. Councillors agreed that community deterrents to speeding do not have the same impact as a police citation/loss of points on a driving licence. Ashley Davies-Payne led discussion on other alternatives; fixed speed cameras or average speed monitoring, stark warning signs (like those now deployed in Swanbourne).

Ashley Davies-Payne will draft a formal letter from the PC regarding this issue and talk to police officers at Winslow station explaining the adoption of Speedwatch in Mursley and its overall failure to cut speeding. He will also come up with a plan for the village to be discussed at the next PC meeting.

8. New Parish Councillor

Agreed Ian Hook said that an enquiry from Caroline Walker had been received. It was agreed that the Clerk and he will arrange to meet her forthwith.

9. Neighbourhood Plan Budget

Agreed Ian Hook voiced concern over Oneill Homer's increased costs and Simon West explained that this followed a rise in grant monies available. Ian Hook also flagged concern over Oneill Homer's latest invoice, and the £1000 in the budget that wasn't easily identifiable. Simon West said this sum represented the retainer paid to Oneill Homer to guarantee their services.

Ian Hook asked if the budget could be reconfigured to show clear phases in the consultation process with explanations as to their meaning. For example the hire of a meeting room or printing were not itemised separately. It was agreed that Simon West would present a revised budget at the next meeting.

10. Finances

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

Npower – street lighting February 2019 - £147.55 & £34.88
Aylesbury Mains – light repairs/conversion - £168.00
Buckingham and MK Association of Local Councils – Councillor Guides - £12.00
Buckingham and MK Association of Local Councils – Annual subscription - £116.49
Mursley Village Hall – meeting room hire for PC and NP - £106.00
NBPPC Membership 2019 to 2020 - £20.00
Harlequin Press – print of Pumps and plans for 8 April meeting - £57.60
Cheque needed for Best Kept Village Competition Entry - £25.00

Payment to Oneill Homer – neighbourhood plan consultancy - £870.00 was put on hold.

11. AOB

Noted Chris Laws reported back on the recent residents' meeting that discussed the future of MSA, the village hall and the church.

12. Future Meetings

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

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

Annual Meeting 3 June 2019

The meeting closed at 10.05pm.