



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 17th January 2022 at 7.30 p.m.
Great Missenden Memorial Centre, Great Missenden**

Public Forum:

None

Present: Councillor K Pither – vice chair – chaired the meeting
Councillors: C Bunting, L Cook, S Humphreys, M Johnstone,
M Lee, I Lovegrove, V Marshall, V Martin, C Ormesher, R Pusey, S Rhodes,
T Stevenson

Also present: Jane Hennessy – clerk

1. Apologies: Cllr C Baxter, J Brooke, A Hewett

2. Declarations of Interest:
Cllrs Pither & Stevenson item 9.

3. Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on **13th December 2021** were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising

- The response from Sarah Green, MP, regarding support for remote meetings was noted.
- The repair required to the Ballinger gate, on Ballinger Common, due to a rotten post at a cost of £180 + VAT, approved by chair of Open Spaces Committee, was noted.
- The damage to the sign at the Buryfield toddler park was noted. A quote was awaited for repair.
- The clearance of a fallen bough of a tree, over the gate at the back of Ballinger allotments, for a cost of £50 + VAT, approved by the chair of Open Spaces Committee, was noted.
- Cllr Pither advised that she had met with the afternoon Prestwood WI group to discuss bench locations on Prestwood Recreation Ground and this had been agreed. A plan of the agreed location will be sent to Bucks Council for approval.
- The replacement surfacing at Gryms Dyke has been delayed due to problems with supply and Covid affecting staffing. The current proposed date is in end of March.

5. Queen's Platinum Jubilee event

The council discussed the following proposed events to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee event.

- GMVA plan to organise a fete on Saturday 4th June and request to use the Buryfield for this was approved by resolution.
- Colin Veysey advised that there was a proposed plan to hold an event on Prestwood Common on Sunday 5th June, and this request was approved by resolution. The event would include open air services and the Big Lunch.

The parish council offered support to both events.

6. Parking

i) Bucks Council coach turning circle - update

Cllr Humphries updated the council on the turning circle repairs. The area that had started to subside has now been dug up, investigated and repaired, which has included removing the majority of the manhole covers. There is a one year defect warranty on this work.

7. Memorial Hall – update – entrance quotes – for consideration

The parish council considered the four quotes provided for the repair work outside the Memorial Hall entrance to include the step area. The amount of public liability insurance provided was also taken into account when considering the quotes and it was agreed that £2 million was not sufficient insurance. The council resolved to accept the quote from Buckinghamshire Builders Ltd for £6,880 + VAT, pending confirmation of their public liability insurance, which has been requested but not yet received, and an additional £500 resolved for contingency.

8. MVAS/YSI rota 2022 – for approval

The movement rota for the year was approved by resolution and is just awaiting confirmation that the volunteers are happy to meet to move the units before restarting.

9. Repair Café – update & request for Prestwood Community Centre Hire – for approval

Cllr Stevenson provided an update on the progress of the Repair Café that is being set up and run by an independent group. The council resolved to offer the Repair Café 12 free bookings at Prestwood Community Centre for the running of the Repair Café. It was also confirmed that £400 had been included in the grant budget for the Repair Café organisation.

10. Parish Cup – request for nominations

The parish cup is awarded to a resident who has gone the extra mile for the parish in the last year. The council were reminded to put forward nominations for discussion at the February council meeting.

11. Village Hall Week – for consideration

The parish council discussed the request from ACRE that during village halls week (24th – 30th January) that village hall committees share pledges regarding their future intentions. It was agreed that the support the PCC is giving to the Climate Café & the Repair Café could be pledged and advertised on social media.

12. Reports from Committees

a) Planning Committee

i) The minutes of the meeting held on **10th January 2022** were agreed and confirmed.

ii) Consultation on Proposed Land Disposal – Great Missenden Station – for response

The parish council agreed the suggested response, which did not oppose the proposed disposal of land, but did suggest that a strip of land is safeguarded against development to allow for future maintenance/replacement/re-alignment of the bridge over the railway line. The weight limit should remain in place.

iii) Planning application – Greenlands Lane – ref: PL/21/4751/OA – for discussion

The clerk advised that this amended planning application could be discussed at February planning committee as Bucks Council planning department have confirmed a decision will probably not be made until end of March.

b) HS2

A summary of the report presented is below.

i) Chesham Road Intervention Shaft (CRIS) – ALIGN

- Sheet piling has continued before and after Christmas. The tunnel boring machines should be coming through in the autumn of 2023.
- Site hours are currently 7am-7pm weekdays, 7am-1pm on a Saturday

ii) North Portal – Chiltern Tunnel

- Barrettes and portal headwall – ALIGN – the 3.6m barrier is almost complete. Site hours are 7am-7pm at the moment but will be moving to 10pm shortly.
- Earthworks – EKFB – excavators are digging out the South Heath cutting. Site working hours are 7am-7pm weekdays, 7am-1pm Saturday. The temporary internal haul road is nearing completion.
- Security gatehouse just off the Link Road roundabout is to be completed shortly.

iii) Working hours and section 61 permission

- The parish council have raised serious concerns with the Bucks Environmental Protection Group about the impact of extended working on residents.
- All residents are encouraged to report complaints to HS2 and Bucks council. The main issues so far, have been noise during the day and night, lighting not reduced for security purposes and not facing the correct direction.
- The council resolved to write to HS2 directly to endorse these latest complaints .

iv) Traffic Guide

- Discussions on the impact of the additional HGV traffic on the A413 & A355 continue. In the meantime the contractors have produced a Traffic Management Information Guide. Peak construction HGV traffic movement will occur in February 2022 and HGV movements along the A413 is forecast to be in the region of 270 movements each weekday.

v) HS2 Marshals

- Two marshals have been appointed by Bucks Council, to monitor both the East West Rail and HS2 work in the county. Steve Hall is looking after the local area. Residents are asked to copy the marshals in on any email complaints to HS2.

vi) Communications

When sending complaints to hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk please also copy in Bucks Council at ewrandhs2enquiries@buckinghamshire.gov.uk and to our clerk.

c) Open Spaces and Lighting

i) Land adjacent to Link Road – lease for consideration

The council discussed the response from Carter Jonas advising that they had a commercial client interested in the land adjacent to Link Road, but that they would also consider the parish council's interest and asking for what rent would be offered by the parish council, what term of lease would be required and whether the parish accepts all repairing and maintenance responsibilities. The parish council resolved to respond with a peppercorn rent offer, with a request for a long lease and help for maintenance of fencing. The Climate Change & Environment working party will draft a response at their meeting on Thursday and email the draft for council agreement

ii) Spurlands End Road allotment hedge – request for consideration

This item was requested to be deferred.

iii) Substation on Ballinger Common – UKPN easement request – for consideration

A request has been received from UKPN regarding utility works required at the substation on Ballinger Common and as part of these works to provide a legal right to the adopting network. A heads of term for lease of land and easements was provided. The parish council

resolved to instruct Wellers Hedley Solicitors to act of their behalf in this matter. A cost of approximately £1,750 + VAT was indicated for this. The clerk was asked to ensure that all legal costs would be borne by UKPN.

iv) Collings Walk – update for noting

Following a claim for expenses by Plexus Law, the parish council voted by majority for Hiscox to settle this claim on their behalf. The council resolved to pay the £250 policy excess to Hiscox on the grounds of a full and final settlement, without admission or prejudice. This decision was taken under the clerks delegated powers following a majority email response from the council. The need for an urgent decision was requested by Hiscox.

v) Prestwood Nature – request for pond at Greenlands Lane – update for approval

The parish council discussed the updated request from Prestwood Nature to accept a £5 million public liability insurance policy to cover a new pond at Greenlands Lane. The decision had been taken by Prestwood Nature to include a safety mesh in the pond for increased safety. The council resolved by majority to remain with the request for £10 million public liability as it is an unattended pond. Prestwood Nature should be encouraged to apply for a grant to cover the increased premium. It was advised by the clerk that the council could not guarantee an annual grant for multiple years. The council asked the clerk to respond to Prestwood Nature to update them of this and to advise that if the parish council cannot offer a grant in future years, for any reason, they would support Prestwood Nature in finding alternative sources of funding.

vi) Annual Tree Report – for noting and to consider any work

The council noted the tree risk assessment survey report which included providing location maps of all trees. The council resolved to look for quotes for all high and medium risk work recommended.

vii) Sibleys Rise – replacement wet pour - update

The clerk advised that quotes were still awaited. It was agreed to defer this item.

viii) Spurlands End Road – boundary - update

Cllrs Pither & Lovegrove and the clerk met with a resident at Spurlands End Road where it was confirmed that a boundary hedge with the allotments had been removed and a double line of beech saplings have been replacement planted. There was concern that the line of replanting was on the parish council land and not on the boundary itself. The resident apologised for not consulting with the parish council before removing the hedge and a comprise was suggested that one line of the saplings are moved by the resident to the homeowners land, leaving the remaining sapling line to mark the boundary. The parish council resolved to accept this suggestion.

d) Finance & General Purposes Committee

i) The minutes of the committee meeting held on **16th December 2021** were agreed and confirmed.

ii) Budget – for confirmation of approval

Cllr Johnstone presented the budget, which was approved in principle in November, and includes the suggested amendments and details of earmarked reserves. The parish council approved the budget and reserves by resolution, giving a precept request for 2022/23 at £272,253.00, equating to a 1.4% % band D increase.

iii) Internal Auditor – scope and quote for approval

The parish council resolved to appoint Bridget Knight as the internal auditor for this year at a cost of £180. The annual internal audit scope was also approved.

iv) Local Government Pension Scheme – for noting

The parish council noted the update from LGPS dated 15th December 2021 regarding the likely deficit should the council decide to withdraw entirely from the scheme.

v) Payment of accounts for January 2022

It was **resolved** that accounts numbers **192-214** in the sum of **£13,310.14 (inc VAT)** be agreed for payment and petty cash items of **£143.19** be ratified.

13. Editorial Working Party

i) The Source – articles were welcomed for the next edition of The Source which is due at the end of February.

14. Reports from Representatives to outside Groups.

None.

15. Clerks Report

i) The clerk's progress report was noted.

ii) Cllr Pither asked that thanks for Cllr Cook for help with collating all the Prestwood groups to consult with regarding phase 2 development of Prestwood Common, be noted.

16. Matters for information

None.

17. Future meetings

a) Planning Committee – **7.30 p.m. TUESDAY 1st February 2022** – Great Missenden Memorial Centre

b) Parish Council Meeting – **7.30pm Monday 7th February 2022**– Great Missenden Memorial Centre

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.