



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 11th July 2022 at 7.30 p.m.
Great Missenden Memorial Centre, Great Missenden**

Public Forum: Chris Ging noted speed control success on the Link Road and on the A413 roundabouts and Frith Hill. He commented crime wise, he thought for the area it was quiet. Visits were being made to parents and warning letters issued. A child protection report was now needed for each case under 18 years. Allotments were free of further incidence. Residents in dispute with each other were now offered Bucks Council mediation services.

Present: Councillor A Hewett - chair
Councillors: S Humphreys, J Gladwin, C Bunting, L Cook , M Johnstone, V Marshall,
V Martin, K Pither, T Stevenson, L Cook, R Pusey, C Ormesher, M Lee

Also present: Tracy Georgiades – deputy clerk

CLlr Hewett welcomed John Gladwin, councillor for Prestwood and Heath End, to the council and the meeting

2022/83 **Apologies**

CLlrs: S Rhodes, J Brooke, I Lovegrove

2022/84 **Declarations of Interest:** None

2022/85 **Minutes** – The minutes of the meeting held on **13th June 2022** were agreed and signed as a correct record.

2022/86 **Matters arising**

- June councillor surgery did not go ahead. A Prestwood location was not found in time and a councillor was unable to make it due to Covid. The next surgery is 30th July and Great Missenden Library has been booked. The following surgery is 24th September and a Prestwood Surgery needs to be located.
- The road cleaning waste that was potentially dumped at Sheepwash Pond was reported to Bucks Council. As there was no evidence that included registration numbers of vehicles or photographic evidence of tipping taking place, Bucks Council were unable to take this further. Although they have been asked to ensure that all waste is disposed of at their depots.
- A local business has contacted the office regarding running a monthly market in Great Missenden. They were shown the Memorial Hall, but this was not suitable and they are considering running it in the High Street. They have been put in touch GMVA.
- CLlrs Pither, Bunting & Rhodes attended the recent meeting with Gigaclear. CLlr Bunting reported that Gigaclear are not doing the same work as Swish Fibre. Gigaclear are being careful to not double up infrastructure. There are places where fibre has not been installed by Swish in South Heath and Great Missenden.
- Charity Football Event Notice on Prestwood Common on Saturday 16 July 2022. The Parish received a Bucks Council permission for an alcohol licence and BBQ at the

event. A permission is currently in circulation to the Parish Council for a BBQ. This was pretty much approved at the time of writing.

2022/87 Parking - Car park management – update & consider lease period

The clerk advised that the Bucks Council had been offered an extended lease term to 31st March 2025. The parish council's solicitors were still awaiting response from legal department to finalise the lease. Cllr Hewett advised that Bucks Cllr Peter Martin had been asked to escalate this for a response. In the meantime, an issue has been raised referencing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and in particular park income/expenditure and neither the parish council nor Bucks Council have a record of MOU completion. The solicitor is chasing but Bucks Council response is very slow.

2022/89 Waste Collection

This report was deferred to August due to Covid.

2022/90 Prestwood Community Centre (PCC)

External repairs required – the quote for repair of the broken boards on the exterior of Prestwood Community Centre was noted. There are approximately 6 boards & 4 half board spares. City & Country contractors have said the cost of 2 days labour would be £520.00 and materials and fixings £60.00 if no additional cladding boards are required. This was approved by majority and the works are scheduled for the weekend of 30/31st July.

2022/91 Frith Hill – request from residents

The Parish received 7 emails in June from residents regarding Frith Hill vegetation and the footpath. This was raised with Bucks Council and Cllr Peter Martin and the Local Area Technician met with one resident on 5 July with Cllrs Brooke and Johnstone. It was trimmed but by a resident as Bucks Highways deferred cutting to protect nesting birds. Pathways and Hedges has been raised on the Community Board and speed reduction. Cllr Peter Martin has been liaising with Buckinghamshire Highways to cut the vegetation.

2022/92 Committee Membership

Following John Gladwin's successful co-option at the June meeting he was approved to join the Planning and Finance Committees. For the record approval was also given to join the HS2 working party.

2022/93 Meeting Dates / Location – Cllr Martin suggested that meeting in the Committee Room

in the Memorial Hall was too small a venue and she would like to look at alternatives. Cllr Bunting reported that residents of Prestwood would like more meetings to be held in Prestwood. The scout hut, Holy Trinity Church and the Village Hall, all in Prestwood were suggested. Prestwood Village Hall was chosen and date to be agreed.

COMMITTEES - Planning

2022/94 1. Minutes – the minutes of the meeting held on **4th July 2022** were agreed and confirmed.

The following planning applications were discussed:

- **Idaho Cottage, PL/21/2143/FA** – the case officer reported that an environmental enhancement strategy will be brought. It was resolved to contact Bucks Council Environmental Office.
- **Chestnut House PL/22/1223/CONDA** Condition 15 (Ecological Enhancements) – Cllr P Martin has pictures of the breaches. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged with the case officer.

- **PL/19/4318/FA – 79 High Street, Prestwood** – it was suggested that a meeting take place with enforcement following the resolve to log a parish council enforcement in respect of the post box and boundary positioning in this application.
- 2. **Neighbourhood plan** – it was resolved to set up meeting with Bucks Council.
- 3. **Wider Call for Sites** – it was resolved to meet with Bucks Council in September. A review of the website shows few further sites to brownfield available, and the sites are small.

2022/95 **HS2- Update**

A summary of the latest update was presented by Cllr Johnstone

1. **General update on the progress and impact of the HS2 works within the AONB** - The Chiltern Society presented their 4th update on 'HS2 across the Chilterns'. The presentation is on You Tube.
The latest discussion is the need for a concrete batching plant at the portal to avoid delays in transporting ready mixed concrete from the South Portal. It will require a separate water main and 11 kv power line feeds which will cause more traffic disruption. Activity is noted around the water supply at Hyde Lane and water manholes highlighted.
2. **The Conveyor A413, London Road, outside Wendover** - the temporary bridge is in place, ready to have the conveyor rollers and belts fitted, though the spoil and materials are not expected to move on the conveyor over the A413, the Chiltern railway line and Small Dean Lane until September.
Spoil excavated from the South Heath cutting will be taken to the Small Dean compound near the bottom of Rocky Lane then by conveyer for use at the Wendover green tunnel and beyond.
3. **Amersham Vent Shaft headhouse design** – there was strong reaction against it and at the meeting on 7 July in Old Amersham there was a revised design for the headhouse and landscaping. It looks like the design of the headhouse is similar but lower in the ground, with a shaped set of fins and more landscaping around it.
4. **Save Leather Lane Oaks Campaign** – the earth deposits at Grim's Ditch are extensive and the trace for the railway line has yet to be dug. The spoil will be removed when the approaches to the viaducts are created, when English Heritage have completed further archaeology at Grim's Ditch and when the conveyer at Wendover is operational. 80% of trees along Leather Lane have been saved and no further removal will be required at the east tie-in and trace. The west tie-in was the main area of debate and EKFB have proposed amendments to their layout (the southern option) that reduce tree loss and help preserve the existing Holloway. The Campaigners shared their bat survey data with EKFB, who are carrying out their own surveys and discussion on mitigation for the impact of fragmenting their flight line. A 40m gap does not cause an issue to bats but the trace is about a 90m gap. The Parish with contractors are facilitating pre-Sch 17 ecology discussion with Bucks Environmental Protection team as a prelude to EKFB's Sch 17 application. The decision will be November.
5. **Traffic Issues** – Bowood Lane is closed until the end of 2023, Rocky Lane closed intermittently, and Leather Lane closed intermittently but not all at the same time. At Great Missenden there has been closure of Link Road, 8pm to 6pm and part of the central reservation removed approaching the haul road. The A413 crossing point

outside Wendover will be affected during August and B485 through old Chesham is going to be closed till 14 September.

6. **Traffic Liaison Group** – residents want to combine roadworks with future planning. HS2 Traffic Liaison Group should provide co-ordination, but Bucks Council Highways are frustrated by changes to roadwork plans.
7. **Newly appointed HS2 Residents' Commissioner - Stewart Jackson.** He was appointed in April 2022 and has considerable experience in public service as an MP and Whip and aide to Cabinet ministers. He holds a Masters in HR management. He is paid by the Dept for Transport, but he is accountable to the Secretary of State.

Open Spaces and Lighting

- 2022/96 Minutes from Open Spaces Committee Meeting on **9th June 2022** were agreed and confirmed.
- 2022/97 **Prestwood Recreation Ground** – Wellers Hedley (the Parish) solicitor should have a draft lease from Bucks Council in July.
- 2022/98 **The Colts – Pavilion improvements – for noting** – Bucks Council have booked a structural engineer for end of July (cost £100). Bucks Council Estates Team acknowledges the benefit of making some alterations to the pavilion to create a community café but are asking the Colts to provide a layout plan.
- 2022/99 **Boundary hedge at London Road - request from a resident for consideration** – The Parish received a strimming request from a resident of Rookwood Way whose rear of property borders parish land at London Road. The resident usually strims the area, but ill health has prevented him from doing so this year. The Parish's biodiversity policy for parish land would warrant leaving the area to rewild. The decision was deferred until a detailed picture could be obtained.
- 2022/101 **Buryfield – Request for Memorial Bench – for approval**
The request and location for a bench for Dr Michael Streule was agreed. The bench would be installed by the family and the Clerk would secure confirmation that the family would maintain it.
- 2022/102 **Greenside, Prestwood – request for dog waste bin – for consideration**
There are a lot of dog walkers in this area and there is no dog bin on paths. A dog bin could be relocated from Chequers Lane. To empty a dog bin costs £240 per annum (tbc). Normal bins are Bucks Council's responsibility. The Clerk will contact Bucks Council to see if an additional bin is possible.
- 2022/103 **Gateway – request for charges for use of Ballinger Common – for discussion**
The school would use the strip of field beside the cricket pitch for football and rugby and make use of the changing facilities. The Parish's intention is to start a new charge policy for using the strip of field. It was resolved to make a charges enquiry and to review again at the August meeting.
- 2022/104 **Prestwood Common Collapsible bollard – quote for approval**
It was agreed to change the position of the collapsible bollard from by the Scout hut to nearer the PCC gate and the dog bin. Clerk to obtain quote and re-spec.
- 2022/105 **Buryfield step – quotes – for discussion**
The quote from OCD £2,380 was noted and the request to Graham Sexton to quote. However, it was agreed that the Clerk should obtain two further quotes for a ramp and the discussion be deferred to the next meeting.

2022/106 Request to use Buryfield – sand and paving storage – for approval

It was agreed to help a resident and Adapt Global 59 High Street landscape the rear of a property which opens through a gate onto the Buryfields. For two weeks Adapt Global could offload materials by forklift and store on Buryfield at the back of the resident's property using heras temporary security fencing. The Council ruled out that the contractor use Hall parking spaces or the Hall for water, toilets or the kitchen. But a contract and refundable deposit could be put in place for the project. The work starts in late August/early September.

2022/107 Annual Playground Inspection Reports (July 2022) – for consideration of repairs

It was resolved to approach 3 companies and ask if they could quote for all in the repairs ie: Playground Facilities, Abacus and Kompan. And make suggestions re the replacement of the twin towers in Buryfield play area.

2022/108 Ballinger Waggoners Cricket Club – response on proposed licence – for response

Ballinger Waggoners want a rolling 21 year licence and the Parish Solicitor is against it. More information is required, and it was decided to defer to the next meeting.

Finance and General Purposes

2022/109 Parish Warden – for discussion

It was agreed to develop a list of duties for a Warden. The Warden could initially be contractor on an hourly rate basis and not an employee. A warden working party composed of RP, KP, TS, CB, MJ and AH would meet to progress the project.

2022/110 Request for Grant – The Source

The amount of the grant £678 (usually £832, a reduction of 25% of previous invoice owing to a poor quality print). The grant was approved.

2022/111 Community Board – payments for jubilee and GM village improvements project

Jubilee Celebrations – the award £1,000 for flags and bunting for Prestwood and Great Missenden was accepted as correct. The Parish had paid the invoices and is now claiming this expenditure back from Community Board.

Great Missenden Village Improvement Project

The £24,248 awarded for this project was accepted and the process of the Parish placing orders for benches, materials for a path etc., is in progress with the Parish paying the invoices. The amount, excluding VAT will re-imbursed by the Community Board. The invoices will show in the coming months on the monthly payments sheet for Council.

Great Missenden Revitalize project have agreed to pay for the bike stands.

Contact had been made with Buck Council Highways and the Fire Station, and a Section 171 was pending with Bucks Council for verge work. At the current time lead times are 6-8 weeks and the project would not start till September.

2022/112 Fire Equipment Servicing – Quote for Approval -The quote for £390 + VAT to service the Memorial Hall and Parish Office fire equipment from Hazlemere Fire Protection Limited was approved by resolution.

2022/113 Payment of accounts for July 2022 – it was resolved that accounts number **71-92** in the sum of **£17,607.70** including vat for July be agreed for payment and petty cash items for July of **£32.18** be ratified.

Editorial Working Party

2022/114 'The Source' – Cllr Hewett said there was an article on hedge cutting and helping the Ukrainians. Cllr Gladwin would write a new councillor introduction article for the October edition.

2022/115 **Facebook / social media** - for discussion -the Council would like a student engagement project meeting in September.

2022/116 **Reports from Representatives to outside Groups** – none.

2022/117 **Clerk's Report** – noted.

2022/118 **Matters for information**

1. The Colts refurbishment –Swish Fibre Community are offering community funding up to £5k and the Colts should apply.
2. Two meetings proposed, in Great Missenden and Prestwood, regarding the Community Fridge location.

Future Meetings

a) Planning Committee – 7.30 p.m. Monday 1st August 2022 – Great Missenden Memorial Centre

b) Parish Council – 7.30pm Monday 8th August 2022 – Great Missenden Memorial Centre

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.