

Little Missenden Parish Council

Minutes of Council Meeting

Tuesday 19th July 2011

The Meeting Commenced at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr. Mr G Feltham - Chairman
Cllr. Mrs S Geraghty - Vice Chairman and Chairman of Finance
Cllr. Mr R Burns-Green
Cllr. Mrs C North
Cllr. Mr L Giles
Cllr. Mr M Prince
Cllr. Mrs J Yarrow
Cllr. Mr S Bonner
Cllr. Mrs R Werbiski
Cllr. Mr M Cole
Cllr. Mr M Kirby

Apologies were received from: Cllr. Mrs J Yarrow.

County Cllr. Mr D Schofield part attended the meeting.

11/62 Public Discussion

11/62.1 No members of the public attended.

11/63 Declarations of Interest

11/63.1 There were no declarations of interest.

11/64 Minutes of Last Meeting

11/64.1 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st June 2011 were received and they were accepted as a true record.

11/65 Matters Arising

11/65.1 Actions arising from the meeting of the 21st June 2011 were reviewed and noted.

11/66 County & District Councillors Report

11/66.1 Cllr. Schofield stated that roads were still a priority in Bucks with £25 million to be given in the budget for repairs. Cllr. Burns-Green asked what the compensation policy was for pothole damage. Cllr. Schofield said that he would establish the rules and report back.

11/66.2 Cllr. Burns-Green reported that it has been a slow start to the year with the HS2

issue taking up a big proportion of time. He also informed the Council that there have been 15 new Councillors and that they need to have a chance to 'learn the ropes'.

11/66.3 Cllr. Burns-Green said that there is to be a joint working group for Waste and Planning for CDC and WDC.

11/67 Chairman's Report

11/67.1 The Chairman read out Ian Harvey's letter of retirement and proposed that an informal social evening be arranged at the Earl Howe PH, date to be agreed.

11/67.2 The Chairman read out a thank you message that the Parish had received from Buckingham Palace, for the card they had sent for the recent Royal Wedding.

11/67.3 Two candidates had expressed an interest in the current vacancy for a Councillor for Little Missenden, Mr. Jeff Dominy and Mr. David Hill. A vote was taken and Mr Dominy was co-opted as the Councillor for Little Missenden Ward.

11/67.4 Mr. David Rose was co-opted as a Councillor for Holmer Green Ward.

11/67.5 The Chairman said that the Parish Council's response to HS2 needed to be sent by the 29th July and he suggested that the Councillors formulate a joint response. Cllr. Burns-Green agreed that he would do this. The Chairman also urged all Councillors to send their own individual responses. It was noted that Cheryl Gillan MP, had asked to see a copy of the Parishes' HS2 response.

11/67.6 Carol North was voted onto the Rossetti Hall Committee as Vice Chairman.

11/67.7 The Chairman requested that he would be resigning from the LAF and asked for another Councillor to take up this post.

11/67.8 An article was due to go into Holmer Green Today magazine by 29th July. Cllr. Prince offered to write this.

11/67.9 An initiative called Safeguarding Spaces for Future Generations was discussed and it was suggested that the Commons at Holmer Green and Little Missenden be put forward under the scheme. An application needs to be submitted by the 1st September and it was suggested that this be deferred until the next meeting on 16th August 2011.

11/68. Finance and General Purposes (Cllr. Geraghty reported)

11/68.1 Current expenditure for July 2011 was accepted and approved (Attachment 1).

11/68.2 The Clerk suggested that a donation be given of £25 to the Baptist Church in Little Kingshill in recognition of the use of their projector and screen at the recent Open Meeting. This was **ACCEPTED** by the Members.

11/68.3 Special Projects were discussed. The cost of the work at Turners Place was

estimated to be £1,000 for each Planter. It was noted that Paradigm Housing who own the land have given approval for the planters and also had offered financial assistance. It was suggested that the local Schools and Youth Groups be involved in the planting and design of the Planters. The Village Produce Association could also be approached to provide assistance.

11/68.4 The project for two new benches in Little Kingshill was discussed. They are to be located on the Common, one behind the Bus Shelter and one near the Play area and it was estimated they will cost £580 + VAT each, excluding installation.

11/68.5 It was noted the 3 new trees have been planted on the Common at Little Kingshill but they had no memorial plaques. Cllr. Giles offered to provide the wording for the plaque and its siting.

11/68.6 It was noted that the charge from CDC for emptying the Dog Waste bins had increased from £175 to £187 per bin effective from 1st April 2011.

11/69 **Allotments and Amenities** (*Cllr. Cole reported*)

11/69.1 Cllr. Cole handed out a copy of his action recommendations following the recent RoSPA inspections of the play areas.

11/69.2 Councillor Yarrow had requested information relating to the agreed installation of a second water tank at Little Kingshill allotment site. The Clerk advised that this was an action outstanding by the Parish Office.

11/69.3 Cllr. Cole informed the meeting that he had visited Mrs Hopkins in Little Missenden regarding the loss of light from the trees across the road from her house. She would like them to have a crown reduction and has offered to pay half the cost. It was stated that the trees are within a preservation area. The Members agreed that the amount of crown reduction that would be permitted by the Planning Department of CDC would not vastly improve the light recovery and therefore **AGREED** not to take further action.

11/69.4 The Council have received a request for another funfair to rent ground within the Parish. It was suggested that the Clerk speak to the regular fair company before proceeding.

11/69.5 There had been two requests from the Holmer Green Scout Group to use the Common on 17th September 2011 and 22nd April 2012. This was **ACCEPTED** by the Members.

11/69.6 The overgrown holly hedge bounding the school at Little Kingshill School was still causing concern. Cllr. Bonner agreed that he would contact the school with a view that they would arrange for the cutting of the hedge.

11/70 **Local Area Forum**

11/70.1 Nothing to report.

11/71 Youth Matters

11/71.1 Cllr. Prince informed the meeting that the field that Connect 4 currently use for their activities at Deep Mill Diner is to be sold off and they are looking at several other suitable local sites to re-locate to.

11/71.2 Cllr. Prince stated that the Youth Club were proposing to increase the entry fee from £1.00 to £1.50 per visit.

11/71.3 The Youth Club had asked if they could use the car park at Rossetti Hall for a Car Washing Fundraiser. This was discussed and it was decided that it would be difficult to use the facilities at the Hall and perhaps a more suitable site could be found within the village.

11/72 Parish Councillors Reports

11/72.1 Cllr. Bonner said that some of the information on the Notice Board at Little Kingshill was out of date and he agreed to remove this.

11/72.2 Cllr. Burns-Green said that he had investigated the request, which arose from the Hyde Heath Open Meeting, for a pond at Hyde Heath to be cleared and had concluded and this was not a viable option.

11/72.3. Cllr. Cole said that the grass on the Common at Holmer Green was in a poor condition in some places. It was suggested that the dry Spring may have caused this and that the Clerk would seek advice from Reg Porter.

11/72.4 Cllr. Geraghty had noted that some of the hedgerows were looking scruffy with weeds growing in the undergrowth.

11/72.5 Cllr. North asked about the progress with the broken tyre swing at Hyde Heath and when the salt bin would be arriving for the village. The Clerk advised that the repair to the tyre swing was an outstanding action by the Parish Office but the salt bin had been requested via the TfB Local Technician and would be subject to new bins being delivered to TfB.

11/72.6 Cllr. North informed the meeting that she had put a formal objection into the planning for 'Linwood' in Brays Lane, as she believed they had not adhered properly to their original planning application.

11/73 AOB

11/73.1 Nothing to report.

11/74 Dates of next Meetings.

11/74.1 The dates for next meetings are:-

Planning Committee

Monday 5th September at 7.30pm

Monday 3rd October at 7.30pm

Council (Finance & Planning Only)

Tuesday 16th August 2010 at 7.30pm

Council

Tuesday 20th September at 7.30pm

Attachment 1 – Expenditure for July 2011

Signed as an accurate record of the Meeting

Cllr. Graham Feltham
Chairman

16th August 2011

Abbreviations used in the Minutes

TfB – Transport for Bucks

BCC – Bucks County Council

CDC – Chiltern County Council

WDC – Wycombe District Council

Cllr. - Councillor

Little Missenden Parish Council
Planning Applications – Meeting 19th July 2011

Application Ref.	Address	Proposal
CH/2011/0851/FA	Land To The Rear Of 8 Heath Close & 19 Watchet Lane Holmer Green High Wycombe Buckinghamshire	New dwelling with attached garage and new vehicular access and parking area to serve existing dwelling onto Heath Close
<p>OBJECTION Reasons for objection:</p> <p>1)The development would result in significantly smaller garden space than the majority in Heath Close.</p> <p>2) The proposed new house would be harmful to the spacious character of the area.</p> <p>3) Infilling in this location would lead to a cramped appearance and would affect the amenities of adjoining residences in Heath Close.</p> <p>4) The provision of 2 car parking spaces for the proposed new property is insufficient due to the very narrow nature of Heath Close.</p> <p>5) The provision of 2 car parking spaces for No 8 Heath Close is insufficient for the size of the property.</p>		

