



**Little Missenden Parish Council
Minutes of a Council Meeting held on 23rd January 2017
At Rossetti Hall, Holmer Green**

The Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present

Cllr.J.Dominy-Chair

Cllrs. Baker: Burke: Mrs.Dutton(Werbiski):Mrs.S.Geraghty:Giles:Rawbone:Spiller:Vigart
and Mrs.R.Whitten

Apologies: None

County Cllr.P Birchley part attended the meeting.

1.17.1 Public Discussion

Two local residents attended to express their concerns over the increase in anti-social behaviour in Holmer Green over the last 6 months as evidenced by rubbish thrown into the village pond, smashed glass in play areas, and graffiti in three locations in the Parish.

1.17.2 Declarations of Interest

None

1.17.3 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th December 2016 were confirmed and signed as a true record, after sundry cosmetic amendments

1.17.4 County Councillors Report

Cllr. Birchley reported that Adult Social care is still a big problem in Bucks. accounting for 40% of BCC's budget. Cost savings of £10 million have been achieved by "transforming Day Services but Bucks. still has to cope with the need for care of 55% of the adult population as opposed to only 25% in Surrey, the County which had recently called for a 15% increase in Council Tax to cope with increased care demand.

District Councillors Report

1.17.5 No District Councillors were present

1.17.6 Matters Arising

None

	Chairman's Report
1.17.7	PA Testing -agreed the Clerk should arrange this year's tests and that LMPC would pay. ACTION: Clerk
1.17.8	Website -covered under "Actions" review.
1.17.9	Appointment of a new Clerk to the Council It was Resolved that an offer be made to Mr. Christopher Summers, for a 20 hour week subject to a probationary period. ACTION: Clerk
1.17.10	MVAS update Reported that 2 new batteries have been purchased and are being held by Thompson's Garden Services who have provided a receipt for the Council's records
	Sub-Committee Reports
	Planning
1.17.11	The Applications listed in Attachment 1 were considered and the indicated views of the Members recorded.
1.17.12	Finance and General Purposes It was Agreed by the members that Cllr. Vigart would be the acting Responsible Financial Officer until the new Clerk is considered to be in a position to take over.
1.17.13	The January expenditure was reviewed and approved (Attachment 2).
1.17.14	It was reported that no donations towards the Holmer Green 2016 Christmas Lights had been received.
1.17.15	It was reported that a letter of thanks had been sent to Holmer Green Today in respect of their contribution towards the Village Defibrillator.
1.17.16	An application had been received from Holy Trinity Church, Holmer green, for a donation of £300 towards the upkeep of the graveyard. It was Resolved to grant their request. ACTION:Clerk
1.17.17	It was Agreed that a letter be sent to the WI to thank them for their donation of £400 towards the cost of the Village defibrillator.
1.17.17	HGSA update-no further progress made.
1.17.18	It was Agreed that the mileage allowance paid for business travel should be reduced from £0.62 per mile to £0.45p per mile
1.17.19	The Council's accounts are held on spreadsheet at present which makes reporting and year end work difficult so it was Agreed that a package be purchased from Scribe 2000 up to the value of £50 per month. The charge is based upon a sliding scale dependent upon the level of Precept so the limit approved allows for future expansion. At present the package is on a three month free trial period and the existing manual system will be run in tandem. ACTION: Cllr. Vigart
1.17.20	At present the Council relies upon receipt of bank statements before reconciliations can be carried out, a cumbersome system, so it was Agreed that the Council approach Lloyds Bank to apply for online banking but to be limited solely to access. ACTION: Cllr. Vigart

1.17.21	The council continues to have problems with its lighting contractor and deadlines for remedial work, (two promised for end October 2016) remain unfulfilled. The Contractor had offered to meet with the Council to iron out problems but as a previous meeting in November 2016 had proved virtually fruitless it was Agreed that a further follow-up be made failing which research would be undertaken into finding an alternative company. ACTION: Clerk
1.17.22	The matter of buying services in conjunction with local councils was discussed. And, although electricity purchase was feasible and is discussed regularly by local councils it was considered that such services as grass and hedge cutting were not feasible. Cllr. Burke would provide the Clerk with a list of those Councils who had taken part in the discussions.
	Open Spaces
1.17.23	Replacement of the posts at the entrance to Holmer Green Common Proposed by Cllr. Burke that the replacement posts be much taller to allow for a greater depth in the ground, to be sunk in concrete to incorporate an above ground “concrete” collar to prevent damage by strimming. It was Agreed that the work go ahead, quote to be obtained ACTION: Cllr. Burke
1.17.24	Painting/maintenance of the Holmer Green Pond railings Two quotes to be obtained ACTION: Clerk
	Rossetti Hall
1.17.25	Cllr. Rawbone reported as follows:- Hirings down to 21% Capacity in January A new Booking Clerk had been hired A problem with the central heating system had now been resolved PIR’s were due to be installed to solve the problem of the security lights being on permanently An inventory of Hall contents had been carried out The small rubbish bin at the rear of the building had not been emptied for some time. CDC needed to be contacted Similarly the emptying of the Biffa bin needed monitoring Accumulated rubbish to the rear of the Hall needed removing. The Clerk had obtained a verbal quote of £150+VAT for a 4 cubic yard skip which could also be used for the disposal of non-confidential paper from the office and storage cabin. It was Agreed that the quote be accepted. ACTION:Clerk Ditto
	Youth Matters
1.17.26	Nothing to report
	LAF
1.17.27	It was noted that the next LAF Meeting was to be held on Wednesday 8 th March 2017 at Little Kingshill Village Hall.
	Any other business (for noting only)
1.17.28	Cllr Geraghty reported that full funding for the Village defibrillator had been received.

	<p>Cllr. Giles reported that work on the renovation of the War Memorial was proceeding. Donations towards the work had been promised from The Village Hall Committee (amount yet to be fixed) and it was intended to approach the W.I. and the Village Society for contributions.</p>
	<p>Cllr. Dominy gave an update on the schools competition to design a “clean up after your dog” poster for which £50 worth of book tokens are to be provided by the Council. Two entries had been received, one from Little Missenden C. of E. School and one from Hyde Heath School. A winner had been chosen. Unfortunately schools in other Wards of the Parish had not submitted any entries</p>
	<p>Dates of next Meetings:</p>
	<p><u>Council Meeting</u> 20th February 2017 commencing at 7.30pm at Rossetti Hall, 28 New Pond Road, Holmer Green</p> <p><u>Planning Meeting</u> 6th February 2017 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Little Missenden</p>
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.45pm. (Cllr. Mazouk had left the Meeting at 21.00 hrs: Cllr Baker at 21.10 hrs and Cllr. Burke at 22.30 hrs)</p>
	<p>Attachment 1 – Planning Applications for 23rd January 2017</p>
	<p>Attachment 2 – Expenditure for January 2017</p>
	<p>Signed as an accurate record of the Meeting</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Cllr. N. Vigart Chairman</p> <p>20th February 2017</p>

CH/2016/2392/FA Previous Applications:

None

33 Watchet Lane

Holmer Green

Buckinghamshire

HP15 6UF Single storey rear/side extension

Written Notice dated 12.01.2017 / Views to CDC by 02.02.2017

Decision :-No Objection

CH/2016/2398/FA

Previous Related Applications:

CH 2008/0248/FA;

approved

Holmer Green Sports Association

87 Watchet Lane

Holmer Green

Buckinghamshire

HP15 6UF

Upgrade of the current outdoor cricket nets, replacement of base with compacted aggregate

Written Notice dated 12.01.2017 / Views to CDC by 09.02.2017

Decision :-No Objection

CH/2017/0010/FA Previous Applications:

CH 2016/1201/FA; permission refused

Petit Bot

11 Forge Close

Holmer Green

Buckinghamshire

HP15 6PY

Two storey side rear extension, single storey side and rear extensions, single storey front extension, widening of existing vehicle access

Written Notice dated 12.01.2017 / Views to CDC by 07.02.2017

Review requested Cllr. Spiller