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Little Missenden Parish Council

Minutes of Council Meeting held on 16th July 2018

At Rossetti Hall Holmer Green

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Attendees:

Cllr Whitten– in the Chair

Cllrs : Rawbone, Spiller, Burke, Fallon, Baker, Thirsk, Marzouk, Carruthers, Geraghty.
County Cllr Birchley (left meeting at 7.50pm)

1. Public Forum

2 residents from Little Kingshill attended to present their plans for the Little Kingshill play area. A written precis was left with Council to discuss.

2. Apologies from Councillors

Cllr Scotchbrook

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Carruthers declared an interest in planning PL/18/2031/VRC

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

Amendment to 8.5 required prior to signing as a true copy.

5. Actions Schedule

Updated

6. County Councillors

Cllr Birchley updated Council regarding the damaged roads within the Parish and advised that this is now in hand and progressing. Cllr Birchley advised Council that Adult and Children's Services are struggling with an increase of over 30 children needing support since September 2017. 94% of children within the county are in a school that Ofsted has rated good/outstanding. Great Missenden, The Lee and Wendover have joined forces and are having quarterly meetings with HS2. Cllr Whitten will contact Great Missenden Parish Council to see if LMPC can be included in the meetings.

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7. District Councillors

None attended

8. Chairman's Report

1. A letter of congratulations to be sent to Holmer Green Sports Association congratulating them on their 50 year anniversary – **Clerk to action.**
2. Chairman advised Council that all legal and statutory requirements for the Parish Council are being reviewed and updated and will subsequently be presented to Council. The allotment tenancies etc are currently being reviewed and updated, Asst. Clerk will, in due course, take this on as a sole responsibility.
3. A note of thanks from Hyde Heath school for the flashing 20 mph speed signs was noted.

9 Individual Committee Reports

A) Chairman of Planning

Current Planning Applications for comment

PL/18/2031/VRC

Grubbins, Watchet Lane, Little Kingshill, Buckinghamshire, HP16 0DR

Variation of condition 2 of planning permission CH/2018/0401/FA (Two storey rear and single storey side extensions) The existing and proposed walls to be rendered from DPC level upwards over external insulation.

No objections

PL/18/2375/FA

Sunnymede Cottage, Beamond End Lane, Beamond End, Buckinghamshire, HP7 0QT

First floor rear extension incorporating rear dormer.

No objections

Enforcement Issues

None advised.

(ii) HS2

Cllr Whitten advised that she will be contacting Great Missenden PC to ascertain whether LMPC can attend the quarterly meetings they have with HS2.

(iii) Local Plan

Cllr Whitten has spoken with WDC's D.Cllr for Hazlemere North, Ron Gaffney regarding HW8/Option 2. D.Cllr Gaffney will keep her updated on any planning applications that are

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submitted via High Wycombe Planning for this proposal.

B. Chairman of Finance

1. The Bank Reconciliation, Bank Statement. Unpresented Payment statements and the quarterly statement for June have been delayed due to a system crash that has taken time to sort out. These will be available to Councillors as soon as possible.

Cllr Baker (Chair of Finance) advised Council that the finance team request a delay in reviewing the budget for 18/19 until they have been able to fully understand the figures that have been presented. They do not wish to present a budget that is not fully comprehensive. – **Council agreed.**

2. Income and Expenditure statements for June were **Agreed**

3. Cllr Burke (Vice Chair Finance) advised Council of the need to review the current codes used in the financial records. **Council agreed and Cllrs Burke and Baker and the Clerk to review.**

C. Chairman Open Spaces

1. The brambles at Hogg Lane allotments are causing problems for allotment holders, Cllr Burke proposed that Amersham Town Council be approached to flail one allotment as a test case to see if the new equipment they have purchased can solve the problems. This will entail flailing the brambles/weeds and laying weed suppressant. This is at a cost of £200. **Council Agreed.**

2. A report on Holmer Green Pond and relevant meetings with Holmer Green Village Society was noted by Council.

3. LAF – HH 20mph flashing signs. It was previously agreed that a donation of £400 be made to the school once the signs had been erected as savings had been made on the project. – **Council Agreed.**

4. LAF – Green Lane. Cllr Burke advised Council of the savings he had negotiated in regards to the proposal, to proceed, TfB will need confirmation from Council that we are happy to go ahead with the project. Also £3000 funding towards the project had previously been agreed and Cllr Burke requested that this be confirmed. Further funds outside of the LAF and LMPC will be raised by Hyde Heath Village. – **Council Agreed.**

10. Clerks Report

1. Clerk welcomed Diana Ballard to Council in her role as Assistant Clerk.

2. A vote of thanks was given to Mr Ian Harvey, Mr Stuart King and others involved in the repair and safe keeping of the flagpole.

3. Bank mandate is being drawn up for signature once all information has been received.

4. Little Kingshill Open Meeting, Clerk asked Cllr Marzouk if he would Chair the meeting on behalf of the Council. **Agreed.**

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5. Clerk advised Council that policies need to be discussed and agreed about the use of the Commons in the parish when used for commercial ventures – **Council agreed to discuss.**

11. Councillors Items for Discussion and where necessary, approval

1. Village Notice Board – it was **agreed** that any commercial advertisements will be removed from notice boards unless previously agreed by the Clerk. Village events may be put on notice boards without reference to the Clerk.
2. Use of the Commons - policy will be discussed further by Council.
3. Apolitical status - it was **agreed** that the Council would remain apolitical.
4. Planters Holmer Green signs – Cllr Rawbone expressed his disappointment that the Keegan White signs had been placed without further discussion regarding Holmer Green Today's donation. Cllr Burke requested artwork and he would look into this.
5. It was noted that evidence of drug use had been collected and disposed of by a Councillor from an area on Holmer Green Common and also from the play area. **Clerk to report this to the Police.**
6. Council **agreed** that it would be of service to residents to put warnings on the website regarding information received regarding scams and alerts for the area. **Clerk to action.**

12. Rossetti Hall

Colin Thirsk agreed to join the Rossetti Hall management team.

13. Youth Matters

Nothing reported

14. Local Area Forum

Cllr Thirsk requested a project regarding a bicycle rail outside the shops in Holmer Green. It was felt that this was something that could be provided by the Council. Cllr Burke will investigate the ownership of the land.

Cllr Burke suggested a PVAS for Holmer Green in 2019/20 and will assist the Clerk in submitting the forms.

LAF Meeting on 20 June 2018 at Trinity Church, Prestwood

The LAFs 2018/19 budget allocated.

2019/20 budget has £8,342 still to be completely allocated (see final paragraph).

R Taylor of TfB advised that extra funding had been received for additional plane and patch works .Rural non-surfaced footpaths are responsibility of BCC Rights of Way team.

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Routine weed spraying is no longer carried out. If road markings are 75% worn they are raised as a defect. However, it cannot be guaranteed they would be completed in the current financial year.

The new brown signs in Beech Tree Road do not conform to regulations. They are tourist signs put up by AA. However, all signs have to be approved by TfB, Mr Nash (LAT) was asked to investigate.

Using the on line reporting tool, Fix My Street was emphasised.

Sgt Paul Cossey introduced new PCSO, Lucy Groves. She has been issuing tickets to vehicles causing an obstruction.

Crime figures across the area – DV and assaults has increased from 14 – 42 (Year on year)
X2 drug offences (Since April)

Burglary to dwellings 11 (Since April)

Sgt Cossey has spoken with Deputy Area Commander and asked for an additional officer to cover the Missenden Area. Agreed that Chairman of LAF would write to Superintendent Neil Kentish and Chief Inspector Tim Hurley, the letter would include the LAF's concern over the closure of the Hazlemere Police Station and the impact on the Holmer Green area.

Sgt Cossey confirmed that he would be keen to be involved if the NAG was re-instated.

Neighbourhood priorities are Drug dealing and misuse; Burglary prevention; Speeding.

RESOLVED The forum agreed to fund all proposals in 2019/20, 4 proposals – Guide to services for older persons; CAB – Prestwood outreach; Missenden walled garden; ANPR camera. The extra money is to be kept in reserve for the Holmer Green pond filters on the proviso that it was not TfB's responsibility; or the funding would be split between Missenden walled garden project and CAB who had both requested more money than they had been allocated. The details would be confirmed by email after the Chairman's discussion with R. Taylor. *J Fallon and C Thirsk objected to the monies being used for the pond on the conviction that TfB are responsible for the run off from the roads.*

Date of next meeting – 24th October at Little Kingshill Village Hall.

As there being no further business meeting concluded at 9.15pm

Dates of next meetings.

Planning: Monday 6th August 2018 commencing at 7.30pm at Rossetti Hall.

Council: Monday 20th August 2018 commencing at 7.30pm at Rossetti Hall.

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Signed as an accurate record of the meeting

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Councillor Rita Whitten- Chairman