

LANE END PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.30PM IN LANE END SPORTS PAVILION

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Coulter – Chairman, Cllrs Achurch, Detsiny, Dunning, Harries, Hunt, Nicolson, Osborn, Stewart and Wright.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLOR – Cllr Zahir Mohammed

CLERK: Mrs Hayley Glasgow

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 10.

1) Public Questions

A Parishioner raised concerns regarding the overgrown plots at Sandyfield Allotment site. The Parish Council are working on a plan to address this. It was noted that there are also some overgrown plots at Bunkers Allotment site. There will be a litter pick on Saturday 7th October at 10am in the Finings Road car park.

A resident asked if the Parish Council can raise awareness about the bus survey. This has been advertised in Clarion and the Council will advertise this on its Facebook page. The Clerk will also send the survey to the Headteachers of Sir William Borlase's Grammar School and Great Marlow School.

There will be a talk at the November Parish Council Meeting from a voluntary woodland manager.

A resident raised concerns that the pergola on Harris garden is leaning. The Parish Council do not own this but thought that the conservation group may be able to carry out the necessary repairs.

A resident asked if the Parish Council can purchase a mower to enable residents to cut the grass in the village green.

2) Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Graham.

3) Declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests

None.

4) **Minutes – 4.1** - Approval of the Full Parish Council Meeting on Monday 11th September 2023
Council approved the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

4.2 – Approval of the Closed Meeting on Monday 11th September 2023

Council approved the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

5) Matters arising from previous meeting

Cllr Nicolson was disappointed to learn that the funding request from Lane End Village Hall was not approved at the previous Parish Council Meeting. It was noted that the Council had unanimously agreed not to approve the request.

6) Clerk's Report / Invitations to Meetings, Correspondence & Reports received

September 2023 - The items below summarise the Clerks activities since the last meeting.

1. At the last meeting Council agreed a quotation for hedge works on Bolter End Lane. However, some of the hedge has since been cut back. Council agreed not to go ahead with these works. is
2. As agreed, I have asked Buckland Landscapes to cut back the foliage around the pond.
3. As agreed, I have asked Buckland Landscapes to cut back the hedge at Chalky Field.
4. As agreed, the approved Network Access agreement has been returned.
5. As agreed, the approved wayleave agreement has been returned.
6. As agreed, I have contacted the community board re the holding the funds on behalf of the Finings Wood Group.
7. Supplied the Community board with several policies as requested.

8. Councillor Achurch has resigned from Council due to moving out of the area. I will be advertising the Parish Councillor vacancy shortly. It was proposed that the Chair, Vice Chair and one member of Council should interview prospective candidates
9. Councillors to check that their Register of Members Interests are up to date.
10. Invoices sent to allotment holders at the Chalky Field site.
11. I have asked the contractor to treat the Japanese Knotweed at Lane End Playing Fields.
12. Uploaded the conclusion of Audit Notice on the website.
13. No issues raised re the phone box being removed.
14. Christmas in the Village will be on Friday 8th December 2023.
15. The AED units on the circuit website have been updated.
16. Reported various issues on fixmystreet.
17. Fixmystreet is available via an app on your mobile phone, it detects your location and you can take a photograph to upload and submit. It's the easiest way to report issues to Bucks Council.
18. Checked AED units.

Invitations to Meetings, Correspondence & Reports received –

1. Updates from Buckinghamshire Council:
 - a. Planning Update from Buckinghamshire Council and How To Review Your Neighbourhood Plan October 5th
 - b. Official Invitation to the Chairman of Buckinghamshire Council's Civic Service
 - c. Important Planning Update
 - d. More Bucks schools show star quality with their travel plans
 - e. Become one of Buckinghamshire's Ukraine Rematching Sponsors – we're with you every step of the way!
 - f. Introducing the new CHAP in town - Chilterns Heritage and Archaeology Partnership
 - g. Investing in your roads - Residents benefit as major works finish ahead of schedule
 - h. Storming ahead with gully cleansing programme
 - i. Buckinghamshire Council Climate Change newsletter
 - j. How can we make Buckinghamshire safer?

2. Other correspondence

2.1 BMKALC - National Association of Local Councils (NALC) is urging the government to give parish and town councils a more significant role in the protection of hedgerows. NALC argue that the current Hedgerow Regulations 1997 should be simplified to make them easier to understand, more widely applied and give communities represented by local councils a more significant say in hedgerow protection in their areas.

NALC states that local councils should be consulted before hedgerows are removed and that the government should prioritise hedgerow protection like trees as hedgerows have a crucial role in the ecosystem of water and carbon absorption. More detail can be found on the NALC website.

2.2 Re community allotment – “I would be happy to come along to a Parish Council meeting in the future to discuss the idea further. I have not had an opportunity to think about a plan and I would suggest that it would be more for the Parish Council to undertake that as it is their land. Having said that, I will put some thought into how it could be achieved. I do however have a couple of people who have expressed an interest in helping and would be happy to make further enquiries”. Invited to attend a meeting.

2.3 Taking action against anti-social behaviour in your local community

2.4 The results for Hedgelife Help Out are in!

2.5 Lane Players sent a thank you letter to the PC.

7) Finance

7.1 Approval of the accounts for October 2023

Council approved the expenditure of £10,017.07. Council noted that the income received of £87,916.60. Council noted the current account closing balance of £173,258.83 as of 28th September 2023.

7.2 To consider the donation request from a new Baby/Toddler group

The Parish Council considered the donation request at the previous Parish Council Meeting. Concerns were raised in what capacity the Parish Council could donate the money. The Clerk took advice from BMKALC, as follows: "As long as the grant request has come from the group, and has been approved by the council on that basis that's all OK. The Council should ensure that it has a formal request/instruction from the group to pay it to the church in writing.

You may wish to invite the vicar's wife to your annual meeting so that she may share how much fantastic work has been done with the grant for the parent and toddler group".

Cllr Detsiny stated that the Elim Church should be able to fund this themselves.

The Chairman asked Council to vote, 7 were in favour out of 10. By the majority vote it was agreed to give a donation of £500.00 to the baby/toddler group.

7.3 To consider the quotation for hedge works at Bunkers Allotments
Deferred to a future meeting.

7.4 Budget Report
Deferred until the next meeting.

8. Fibre Broadband : Project Update

F&W have advised that they are pausing the build out for commercial reasons, essentially because their uptake has been quite low. Out of 1600 homes that were in the original plan, 1220 homes are now connectable and 112 awaiting completion of wayleave agreements. There are therefore a total of 1332 homes in the Parish (83%) which are potentially connectable. The majority of homes where build out has stopped are in outlying areas including Bolter End, Wheeler End and some parts of Cadmore End, although 20 homes in Cadmore End have been stopped due to excessive wayleave costs. The majority of connected customers have reported good service. Some Parish Councillors did feel that the rollout and marketing has not been as good as promised and were disappointed that the build out had been paused.

9. Matters raised by Councillors

It was reported that sadly yet another of the Perspex panels on the bus shelter on Archers Way has been damaged. The panel has been removed.

It was reported that the boarding at the ex Peacock pub is down once again. The Clerk will contact Enforcement.

10. Planning: To consider new planning applications* (v)

*Planning applications may have been updated after the agenda has been issued and therefore won't be listed on the agenda but may still be discussed. Please contact The Clerk for further details.

11. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th November 2023 in Lane End Youth and Community Centre.

12. Meeting to be closed – *Exclusion of Public and Press, to exclude public and press in accordance with s1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item set out in Agenda item 15, due to the confidential nature of this item.*

It is proposed by the Chairman that the Public and Press be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as matters which will be discussed are considered to be confidential

13. Chalky Field

14. The Orchards

15. Option Agreement Update

Meeting closed 20.14.

Signed..... Dated.....

Planning Appendix

23/07164/FUL

Finings Farm Finings Road Lane End

Replacement equestrian and agricultural yard with revised internal access, enlarged sand school, garage for main dwellinghouse and associated works

In principle we have no objections to this application but we wish to acknowledge that this is a specialised area that we do not have the relevant experience on to fully understand.

23/07163/FUL

Finings Farm Finings Road Lane End

Householder application for construction of extensions and modifications to dwellinghouse

Specialised area that the PC do not have enough knowledge to comment.

23/07084/FUL

1 Manchester Terrace High Street Lane End

Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension and erection of 2.1m high brick and flint garden wall with timber gate to side

No objection.

23/06957/FUL

Abefeld Fingest Lane Bolter End

Householder application for construction of two storey front, side and rear extensions, single storey rear extension, rear patio and fenestration alterations following demolition of existing side extensions and conservatory

No objection.