



Minutes of Berryfields Parish Council Meeting

held at Roman park, Sir Henry Lee Crescent, Aylesbury, HP19 0YT

on Wednesday 19th November 2022

Present: Councillors Arun Sekhar (Vice Chairman), Gareth Lane, Laurilee Green (Chairman), Louise Rees, Lucy Harmes, Naser Habib, Paul Redshaw, Vernon Hills, Anthea Cass (Clerk), Angelika Opoka (Assistant Clerk), Hannah Cass (minute taker), Buckinghamshire Councillor Ashley Waite. Cllr John Yandrapati in attendance via Zoom.

1. **Apologies for absence**
Bindu Gundapudi (Cllr).
2. **Declarations of Interests** in items on the agenda
None.
3. **Open forum** (under adjournment)

Cllr Waite attended the meeting and spoke about a number of things as listed below:

- Helping Hands and asked the PC to keep pushing that in the right direction.
- Empty house on Exemplar Park - explained that it is being looked at by the empty homes team and will see what comes from that and keep the PC up to date.
- Bottom of the a41 is mostly completed, and they are just finishing off the ditch alignment, said there is supposed to be a bond to protect vehicles on the left as you come into the crescent which has not gone in place yet so wants to make sure that is done.
- Pride of Bucks award is about to launch, and asked for nominations for individuals, young people or groups. They are lacking in young people nominations so if the PC has anyone, they would like to put forward then this would be great.
- Bernie Bus and 5000 can challenge is still running, they are looking to buy a new bus.
- He knows about the rat run situation on the corner of Laxton Greenridge. He said that one of the initial consultations was to turn Russet Street into a one-way, but there were hardly any responses. He asked if this was something that the PC would get behind and asked if they can revisit this conversation.
- School parking - not an issue that is just on Berryfields, happens everywhere. He said there is no money for yellow lines. Cllr Hills suggested maybe it is worth the money if it stops a child from being hit. Waite replied that the money still needs to come from somewhere. Cllr Green suggested that this is something to discuss further.

Thushy and Chandrika Thavathurai from Roman Park Facilities Management attended the meeting and presented a letter to the councillors which was read out. A copy of the letter is available from the office on request.

Parish Clerk said that they are not able to respond now as not an agenda item.

Cllr Green said that this was all discussed in a previous meeting where all options were given, and they spoke at length and stated the decision.

Chandrika responded that they want to know why they are being kicked out and want to show that they can make it work. She was shocked to hear about the 28-day notice. Cllr Green advised that this was discussed by all parties at the meeting on the previous Monday.

Cllr Habib said that the PC are sympathetic to the situation and are not trying to make them lose something. He asked what they expect from the councillors, and what injustice they feel has been done and how they expect the council to rectify it.

Chandrika replied that they have been unfairly thrown away without capital investment and kicking them out without 28 days' notice. She wants something to make it fair and can't say what exactly she wants. She is happy to talk about it and decide.

Cllr Sekhar asked if the signed document has gone missing, and they replied that the file was in the PC office and is no longer there. Thusy said he does not know where the signed copy is.

Parish clerk said that whether it is signed or not, there is a clause saying either party can terminate lease at any time.

Cllr Green confirmed there is the follow up meeting on Monday and have asked to bring everything to that meeting as this is not the right place to discuss it.

4. **Police report and Neighbourhood Policing**

No report.

5. **Planning**

To consider any planning applications submitted for consultation to the Parish Council and any other applications received after publication of this agenda:

22/03599/AAD | Display of one fascia and one projecting sign | 5 Concorde Square

Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP18 1AS Full details at :

<https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=RK3XUGCLGH800&prevPage=inTray>

22/03713/ADP | Application for reserved matters for 81 dwellings including access,

appearance, layout, scale and landscaping | Parcels DC01 & DC02 Berryfields Mda

Collington Road Berryfields Buckinghamshire HP18 0WS Full details at :

<https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RKS3D8CLGX000&prevPage=inTray>

22/03519/APP | Householder application for proposed single storey rear extension | 26
Sierra Drive Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP18 0YQ Full details at :
<https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RJP4IQCLG7H00&prevPage=inTray>

22/03767/ATN | Installation of a 20m monopole, supporting 6 no antennas and 2 no dishes, 1 no wraparound equipment cabinet at the base of the monopole, 5 no equipment cabinets, together with ancillary development thereto. | Land At Bicester Road Berryfields Buckinghamshire HP18 0PS

Agreed unanimously to remain neutral in respect of all of the above applications.

Proposed by: Cllr Habib

Seconded by: Cllr Hills

6. Minutes

To agree the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th October 2022.

Proposed by: Cllr Redshaw

Seconded by: Cllr Sekhar

Agreed unanimously.

7. Land & Facilities

Roman Park & Village Hall

Hall update

- Discussions ongoing with regards to the termination of the agreement between the PC and RPFM.

Staging area update

- The wasps' nest has been removed.
- Composite has arrived and work will be finished this time next week, except for the safety ropes for the front of the stage.
- 16-amp sockets, either side and in middle of the stage have been installed. These can only be accessed from a locked box.

MUGA - update on positioning

Clerk discussed that there is a problem with the position of the MUGA. The original plan was for it to be positioned on the green, but it was since decided to keep this area as a village

green instead of a MUGA. The previous clerk had arranged for it to be moved to another site, but Blackwood Architect has advised there is no room there and is impractical as would be sited next to the outdoor stage. Blackwoods recommended removing the staging as this was not on initial plans, but this would be costly. Clerk suggested we use option B on map. It

will be a reduced size MUGA and will go behind tennis court. This still falls in with the S106 requirements (monies funding the build of the MUGA) and will be a facility open for teenagers all year round. bookable.

Versailles boxes: update regarding the lighting and planting.

Councillors discussed the need to think about the increased electricity cost. The cost for installing the lights is £6410 and includes 500 metres of armoured cable which is expensive. The alternative option of installing solar lights was discussed. This option will be explored further before a decision is made.

RESOLUTION: It was resolved to explore options for lights.

Allotments

No update.

Tennis Courts

Clerk said that a few people are using the courts and the app seems to be working. Cllr Hills asked if they can be used for anything else in the winter, Clerk replied that only appropriate tennis shoes can be worn on the courts, so this is not possible.

Park inspections and repairs

Clerk confirmed that the parks are in good order currently.

She reported that the Consortium may be able to repair the cracked pavement in Berryfields Green in the new year but this will be quite an expensive job. Quote will be requested before work is agreed.

8. Community grant applications

Cllrs discussed whether there needs to be two cut off points for grant applications. Cllr Redshaw suggested that as we do not have that many people applying at the moment, it is not a problem yet. He also suggested that grant applications may need to be put in at least 60 days before the money is needed. Cllr Hills suggested promoting grants in Berryfields News so more people are aware that they are available.

Clerk will circulate the new updated grant application and ratify at next meeting.

9. Finance

9.1 To approve the payment run as circulated and to ratify budgeted payments made outside the Parish Council meeting

Proposed by: Cllr Habib
Seconded by: Cllr Lane
Agreed unanimously

9.2 To agree the accounts to end October as circulated. Cllr Lane asked if office can provide an update if accounts are still in budget.

Proposed by: Cllr Lane
Seconded by: Cllr Harmes
Agreed unanimously

9.3 NALC Backdated pay

Proposed by: Cllr Habib
Seconded by: Cllr Hills
Agreed unanimously

9.4 Review and ratify the change in staff pension schemes to Local Government Pension Scheme

Carried forward to January's meeting

10. Events

Discuss the following Christmas events:

Santa's Grotto on Thursday 8th December – agree budget for the grotto and gifts

- Gifts have been purchased (pre-wrapped for different ages)
- Started advertising and have had a lot of interest
- Need to agree an amount for additional budget - £500 for a decent tree, decorations, refreshments
- Cllrs discussed that a tree for outside is not needed, but a nice new tree should be bought for the reception area

Christmas tea on Wednesday 7th December

- AVA choir coming to sing carols
- The office will start to advertise the event with immediate effect
- Cuisine excellence is catering

Santa's sleigh – 13th December

- Start from hall, go to Paradise Orchard, to AVA, Mayberry, Exemplar Park, back to Roman Park
- Refreshments back at Roman Park
- Will take around 3 hours
- This event will be running no matter what the weather is

- Need volunteers
- 6-8pm Tuesday 13th

Church on Berryfields Carols at Roman Park staging 17th December.

Cllr Lane requested the use for the new stage and if a gazebo could be put on it, they need cover for band and their equipment, Clerk requested he does a risk assessment .

11. Berryfields News & Communication

- The December edition was put together by office staff within limited time. It is almost complete and ready to go to print. Delivery date is scheduled for 2nd December.
- Cllr Hills advised that chasing for advertisers is a time- consuming job.
- Cllrs agreed that the next editions need to be also posted through letterboxes of homes on Quarrendon Road.
- Copies will be sent to doctor's surgeries, Esquires and the nursing home.

Website update.

- Clerk had training on Friday – going to have a play around with it and discuss with the trainer what she does not understand
- The old website will be removed as has not yet been done.

12. Highways & Transport

MVAS & Sentinel

- MVAS is now in situ in Paradise Orchard and has been set to 30mph .
- Cllr Redshaw was concerned how the MVAS battery only lasts two weeks before it needs recharging. He asked if different options and pricing can be looked at for next budget.

13. Meetings and matters of report

None.

14. Date of next Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th January 2023

(Councillors' budget meeting 7pm Wednesday 14th December)