

The Parish Council took a decision in principle that it would seek to dispose of the site and appointed Deriaz Campsie to act on Councils behalf. The Parish Council received 14 bids from housing developers for the site and after much consideration accepted the highest bid. The developer concerned subsequently reduced this bid by a substantial amount and the Parish Council made the decision to proceed instead with a revised bid from the developer with the next highest offer. This bid had also been reduced but was still significantly more than the reduced bid from the developer originally chosen.

The Parish Council has therefore agreed to accept the revised bid of the second highest bidder and has now received a draft contract that was sent to all members of Council in advance of this meeting and this Contract has also been carefully scrutinized by our Solicitor.

There are some very minor amendments of drafting required but there is nothing of substance which would prevent Council from confirming its agreement to the Contract for the Sale of this Land.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to dispose of the Chalky Field Site under S. 127 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 and to instruct its solicitors to proceed with the Exchange of Contract with the purchaser. It was noted that the Chairman and Clerk will sign the contract on behalf of Council.

8) Rural Broadband

It is possible that ultra-fast broadband would be available to the Parish in 2025 but there is some doubt re this date. It was felt that if the Parish weren't offered ultra-fast broadband, they would be disadvantaged.

Cllr Nolan reported that the Rural Broadband Steering Group had contacted 14 companies for expressions of interest and 4 companies were prepared to provide a proposal; the deadline for this is 16th April 2021. The Steering Group would hope to provide a recommendation at the May Parish Council Meeting.

The new voucher scheme is now in place but further investigation is required. The hope is that the full cost would be covered by the voucher scheme. [The Steering Group will be able to provide more information on costs in June/July.

Council agreed to continue to employ the project manager and administrator until May with a possible extension until June/July.

The current project manager can only lead on the project until May; if the Parish Council continues with the project after this date, they would need to appoint a new project manager.

The project cost for the admin works would be approx. £12,000.

The cost of the ultra-fast broadband is thought to be between £1.8 - £2.5million.

Councillor Nolan is not standing again and therefore will leave his position as Parish Councillor on 5th May, although he has agreed to stay on the working group. Council will need to consider a new member of Council to join the project.

9) Sandyfield Allotments

Cllr Stewart reported on a scheme to upgrade the existing gated entrance on the Marlow Road which leads directly to the allotment site across the 'contaminated land'.

The owner of High Barns has agreed to finance all the works involved together with meeting all professional fees, Land Registry costs and possible Planning requirements on the basis that the Parish Council extinguish their Rights of Access over the current shared access to High Barns.

The Parish Council agreed to go ahead with the scheme and asked The Clerk to instruct Deriaz Campsie.

Council thanked Cllr Stewart for all his hard work on this project.

10) Playing Fields i) Outdoor Theatre Area

Further to discussions between representatives of Council, LESA and representatives of the Lane End Players, an agreement has been reached on a suitable location for the creation of a permanent outdoor performance area at the Lane End Playing Fields. The Lane End Sports Association has been consulted on this proposal and confirmed its full support for developing this facility and also for the proposed location.

Noting that the full details of the proposed location had already been circulated to all members of Council, the Council confirmed its agreement that the proposed location should be made available for the establishment of a permanent outdoor performance area.

Council noted that Cllr Stewart had assisted the Lane End Players, in a personal capacity, in drawing up outline plans for the design of this facility and thanked him for doing so.

Council then noted that the next steps will be either for the Lane End Players, or an appropriate entity formed specifically for this purpose, to now take this initiative forward and :

- Develop a detailed design of the scheme that is proposed
- Develop costings for the delivery of this design
- Secure any necessary planning consents
- Secure the necessary funding for the construction of this facility

The Parish Council and LESA looks forward to receiving updates on the progress of this initiative either through the Lane End Players or through the entity/body that is formed to take it forward.

ii) Grass cutting

It was reported that there is not currently a grass cutting contract for Lane End Playing Fields and the grass has been cut on an ad-hoc basis by R&R Estate Management.

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Rural
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Cllrs Coulter, Harries and The Clerk met with R&R Estate Management via Zoom and they subsequently provided a quotation. It is very difficult to meet with contractors at the moment with the pandemic to show and explain the areas that require cutting.

The Parish Council agreed the following works on an annual contract:

Maintenance works

- cut site with tractor and Pegasus £120+vat x 20 cuts per year
- winter cuts to pitches with pedestrian mower £150+vat x 4 cuts per year
- maintenance of surrounding areas done 4 times a year. £180+ vat.

The additional work that you quoted such as verti-draining, fertilising etc can be commissioned on an as and when required basis.

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11) To note the Asset Register

The Clerk provided a copy of the asset register, Council agreed this,

12 Community Assets i) To consider registering The Grouse and Ale Public House as a Community Asset

Council unanimously voted against registering the Grouse and Ale as a community asset at this current time due to the considerable amount of work required and unlikely successful outcome.

ii) To consider registering The Chequres as a Community Asset.

Council unanimously voted against registering The Chequres as a Community Asset at this current time for the same reasons stated above

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13 Clerk's report

The items below summarise the Clerks activities since the last meeting.

- i. Several people had emailed The Clerk about the swing on the village green. Council noted that the swing was put up by a parishioner without permission. Council thought the swing was an excellent idea but unfortunately it would not pass our insurers' safety standards and the Parish Council could be held liable if someone was injured. Therefore, with considerable regret, Council asked if the swing can be removed.
- ii. The Clerk reported that concerns had been raised about some trees on Moorend Common. The Clerk has instructed Ridgeway Woodlands to carry out a tree survey on all Parish Council owned land and he will do this when the trees are in leaf.
- iii. I submitted a quotation for a replacement bus shelter that was damaged on Park Lane to our insurance company. Based on the costs provided net of the £250 policy excess and VAT, this is a total of £3,762.60. The insurance company have agreed to settle the claim. The claim includes Meakes supplying and installing a new bus shelter. JSG Handyman Services will remove the existing shelter and paint once installed.
- iv. I have completed the VAT return.
- v. I have completed the year end submission to HMRC.
- vi. I have sent the P45 to the employee and the transfer of employment is now complete.
- vii. Works at Chalky Field allotments has been completed.
- viii. Works on the bus shelters is in progress. Lots of great feedback received. People like the colour.
- ix. Tree works on the village green are complete.
- x. The new tree on Ridge Close has been planted.
- xi. Tree works on Moorend Common will take place in April (near Forge Cottage as agreed).
- xii. Key Dates for Electoral Process
 - Monday 19 April Deadline for registering to vote
 - Tuesday 20 April, 5pm Postal Vote application deadline (including postal proxy)
 - Tuesday 27 April, 5pm Proxy vote application deadline
 - Tuesday 27 April Notice of Poll
 - Thursday 6 May Polling Day 7am – 10pm
 - Thursday 6 May Verification, 10.15pm *
 - Friday 7 May Principal Election Count, 10am *
 - Friday 7 May/ Town & Parish Council Counts. Will take place at the

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- Saturday 8 May (10am) conclusion of the principal election count.
- Thursday 3 June Delivery of return as to election expenses.

- xiii. The Annual Meeting on the Parish Council is Tuesday 4th May at 7.30pm.
- xiv. I have written a letter to the Lane End Players re the open-air performance area.
- xv. I have been made aware that there is a posted letter doing the rounds about the 'Nextdoor app'.
- xvi. All the insurance details and the quotations have been sent to Came & Co re the bus shelter on Park Lane.
- xvii. I made a complaint to SSE regarding a streetlight that was flagged for repair 6 months ago and we are still waiting. I have been advised this will be repaired in April and it was an internal mistake.
- xviii. I received a complaint from the owner of High Barns thar Sandyfield Allotment Tenants continue to only open one gate and are flicking stones onto the track when they drive up. I have asked allotment tenants to open both gates and drive in the middle of the track.
- xix. The Chairman of the South West Chiltern Community Board, Dominic Barnes contacted me re speeding on the B482." This section of road from the Crossroads by the old Peacock Public House down to Lane End has seen its fair share of crashes (we're averaging 2 bad incidents per annum at the moment) and the current 40mph limit is being badly flouted. I've written to the local police on two occasions and have not received a reply. Hence why I'm reaching out to you. Oxfordshire appears to have a more aggressive approach to applying appropriate speed limits to the road / surrounding conditions (for example the A40 where it runs through Postcombe is limited to 30mph) - I'd like to see a similar more sensible approach taken on the B482 - a road already flagged as having a high casualty rate". He is going to pick this up with Buckinghamshire Council and keep LEPC in the loop.
- xx. I have requested a new litter bin to be placed near the lower pond on The Row.
- xxi. I drafted a letter re parking on Shotfield Road. Cllrs Dunning and Wright delivered these.
- xxii. Planning comments have been submitted.
- xxiii. I reported the streetlight with the missing bulb on Edmonds Parade to Red Kite.
- xxiv. Loose manhole cover reported on fixmystreet.

14 Invitations to Meetings, Correspondence & Reports received

Council noted the report.

15 Matters raised by Councillors

Cllr Stewart reported that it is still out intention to install disabled toilets at the Pavilion

16 Planning: To consider new planning applications

21/05154/FUL Chiltern Meadow - No objections.

21/05512/FUL Thistle Do - No objections.

21/05673/FUL - Muzzells House - No objections.

21/05798/FUL - Widdenten View - No objections.

21/05803/FUL - 1 Ridge Close - No objections.

21/00139/PRDN - The Haven - No objections.

21/06002/CTREE - Glebe House - No objections.

21/05894/TPO - Wycombe Court House - No objections.

21/05836/TREE - 70 The Row - No objections.

21/05724/MINAMD - Ambrosia Park Lane - No objections

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21/05664/CLP - Chequers Lane Equestrian Centre - Concerns over the broad range of possible activities for new class E.
Given the changes to the Town & Country planning act that took place in September 2020 it would appear that an indoor equestrian centre is now classified in group E. Group E contains a large & varied list of possible diverse activities & the agent acting for this application (JPPC) gives no indication as to the planned activity going forward. Given the history & rural location of the centre, this lack of information gives cause for concern.

21/05627/ADRC - Sidney House - No objections.

21/05513/MINAMD - Yew Cottage - No objections.

21/06013/FUL - Muzzells Domus - No objections.

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17 National Protocols

The Parish Council were saddened by the death of HRH Duke of Edinburgh. A message of condolence can be left on the website www.royal.uk/condolence
The Parish Council agreed to donate £100 to The Playing Fields Association.

Further discussion re National Protocols has been postponed until a later date.

NEXT MEETING: The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Tuesday 4th May at 7.30pm.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Full Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 13th May 2021 will be held at LEYCC.

Meeting closed at 21.26.

The Chairman.....**Date**.....