

**LANE END PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2024 AT 7.30PM IN
THE SYCAMORE ROOM OF LANE END VILLAGE HALL**

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

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLOR – Cllrs Mark Turner, Dominic Barnes and Zahir Mohammed.

CLERK: Mrs Hayley Glasgow

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 13

1) Public Questions

A Parishioner reported that some of the posts around the village green have been knocked and are leaning on an angle. The Parishioner will tidy them up.

A Parishioner commented on the donation request submitted from Cadmore End Church, the neighborhood project has been ongoing for over three years. The building is open all of the time during daylight hours, and they have held various events. The church has been successful in raising funds and would be extremely grateful for any donation the PC can give.

A Parishioner commented on the donation request from Cadmore End Village Hall regarding reinstating the finances after a costly financial outlay to purchase a new boiler.

2) Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Graham.

3) Declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests

8.2 Cllr Wright declared an interest in the Donation Request – St Mary le Moor Church.

Due to public interest the Chairman brought forward planning on the agenda.

4) Planning: To consider new planning applications*

*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.

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Chequers End Equestrian Centre Chequers Lane Cadmore End
Demolition of existing buildings and structures and the erection of five detached dwellings with access, parking/garaging, amenity space and drainage works

The Chairman closed the meeting for public comments.

A representative from The Chequers End Equestrian Centre spoke at the meeting. Since the purchase they have tidied up the site and have designed plans that are in-keeping with the local area. The aim is to create a development that is sensitive to the landscape setting. The overall view is to create investment for the area. The scheme reflects new trees and hedge planting, and the remaining land would be for a biodiversity scheme for wildflower meadows.

A resident of Cadmore End spoke re the effect it would have on their property and neighbouring properties. In the planning application submitted there doesn't appear to be any solution of how to route the construction traffic. Residents wonder what the future plans might be and if further developments will happen. Residents have objections and have submitted these to Buckinghamshire Council.

The owner of the Equestrian Centre reported that they own 13 acres and that it is not a brownfield site, it's within the AONB. The wildflower meadows are not part of the planning application, but it is something the owners would like to do.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting.

The Parish Council have looked at the plans and the objections listed on the planning portal. Council agreed that they would like to request that this planning application is called in for consideration.

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2 Sycamore Cottages Church Road Lane End

Crown reduction of 1-1.5m within the next 3yrs x 1 Oak (O1), crown reduction of 1-1.5m to provide privacy as next door's patio overlooks our garden x 1 Oak (O2), crown reduction of 1-1.5m to provide privacy as next door's patio overlooks our garden x 1 Oak (O3), crown reduction of 1-1.5m due to excessive shading of garden due to height and width and encroachment on neighbours garden x 1 Oak (O4), crown reduction of 1-1.5m next Autumn x 3 Sycamore

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(S1-S3), crown reduction of 1-1.5m as have not been done for 3+ years and growing too tall and providing excessive shading x 2 Sycamore (S4-S5) and crown reduction of 1-1.5m will be required in next 3yrs due to height and proximity to garage x 1 Sycamore (S6)

No Comment

Appeal - Planning application 23/06200/VCDN / Alternative reference PP-12139120
2 Sycamore Cottages, HP14 3HL

Comments –

This Planning application has been active since 2015, was turned down initially by the then WDC planning department, but granted approval albeit conditional by the Planning Inspectorate, which conditions we are advised, were studiously disregarded by the applicant. Again, since that time there have been several amended applications and steadfast refusals from the now established BC planning authority with countless appeals at every stage by the applicant.

This detailed application has now moved beyond a Parish Council's working knowledge.

We have long considered that this application may become ' a case law ' dealt with at a higher legal level but that's our opinion and has no bearing on the rights of this application as it currently stands.

We continue to support the views of our affected parishioners and BC by objecting to this current application, although the applicant has historically shown an apparent disregard in this respect.

Should this application be given approval, then the planning process and development control of any such projects would be a sham, and could open the doors to a migration of similar projects up and down the county by those who want to build what they like, where they like, despite objections from planning professionals and the general public.

5) **Minutes –** Approval of the Full Parish Council Meeting on Monday 22nd January 2024
The council approved the minutes to be a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

6) **Matters arising from previous meeting**
Cllr Coulter reported that the category 3 trees are outstanding. To be discussed at the April meeting.
Cllr Wright reported the allotment working group recommendations for the trees at Bunkers site is pending. To be discussed at the April meeting.

7) **Clerk's Report / Invitations to Meetings, Correspondence & Reports received –**

1. The Precept request and some additional financial information has been sent to Buckinghamshire Council.
2. Sent all the Clarion invoices to the advertisers, the majority have paid.
3. Contacted new companies re advertising in Clarion.
4. There is a S106 Open Space Contribution of £6,655.06 from the development of Springbank House. I have submitted an application to apply for this. I submitted an application based on a contribution towards the proposed children's play area at Lane End Playing Fields.
5. An application for the Woodland Management Plan funding has been submitted to the Rural Payments Agency.
6. TFB will be clearing out the gullies on Frieth Road.
7. Sent a letter to the tenant re the Orchards.
8. I have received several complaints re overgrown hedges onto footpaths. I have written to the property owners and requested they cut the hedge back.
9. Contacted SSE several times re the lights not working on footpath 25.
10. I have been in contact with residents of Cadmore End re street lighting. Residents are meeting to discuss options.

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11. There has been a tent on Moorend Common for a while, our Moorend Common Warden has written a letter for the owner. Update the tent has now been removed.
12. Sent Councillors a copy of the updated Devolved Services Agreement. To be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
13. Received a complaint from a resident that a street light on Wheeler End Common was not working. The light was repaired. I have received complaints from two other residents that the street light was repaired as they would prefer it not to be there.
14. The South West Community Board has confirmed funding towards Finings Wood.
15. Received an anonymous hand written letter regarding a neighbour dispute, there is no contact information. Unable to assist due to the lack of information.
16. Attended several training courses and events.
17. Starting working on the VAT return.
18. Reported various issues on fixmystreet.
19. 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.
20. Checked AED units.
21. There will be no Parish Council Meeting in February.
22. Parish Council Meeting Date 2024 – Meetings take place on the first Monday of the month at **7.30pm** unless otherwise stated:

Monday 8th April – Lane End Youth and Community Centre

Tuesday 7th May – Rackleys Chiltern Hills
(Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Monday 13th May – Cadmore End Village Hall

Tuesday 4th June – Lane End Village Hall, Sycamore Room

Monday 1st July – Lane End Sports Pavilion

There will be no Parish Council Meeting in August

Monday 2nd September – Lane End Youth and Community Centre

Monday 7th October – Cadmore End Village Hall

Monday 4th November – Lane End Sports Pavilion

Monday 2nd December – Lane End Youth and Community Centre (Precept will be set).

Invitations to Meetings, Correspondence & Reports received –

1. Updates from Buckinghamshire Council:
 - a. Are you inspired to teach? Find out more at our recruitment event
 - b. Consultation for Change in High Wycombe
 - c. Council secures further £1.9m for hundreds of new on-street electric vehicle (EV) charging points across the county
 - d. An update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
 - e. Library theatre show promotes the benefits of gardening for mental health
 - f. First Buckinghamshire £1,000 fly-tipping fixed penalty notice issued
 - g. Fly-tipper's Christmas Day 'gift' to Bucks residents lands him in court
 - h. Secretary of State decision, land adjacent to HMP Grendon and HMP Springhill
 - i. Buckinghamshire Council appoints new partner to run select leisure services

- j. Buckinghamshire Council Leader announces changes to Cabinet
 - k. Bucks resident pays penalty for dumping mattress on street
 - l. Low-income families missing out on vital Healthy Start food payments
 - m. Buckinghamshire Council launches new Skills and Employment Strategy
 - n. Buckinghamshire Council sets budget for next three years
 - o. E-scooter trials in Buckinghamshire extended for a further 2 years
 - p. A new vision for parking across Buckinghamshire
2. Other correspondence
- a. BMKALC – Training updates
 - b. CPRE update
 - c. An update from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council
 - d. CPRE – Rooftop Solar Campaign
 - e. Email from a Parishioner re Church Road “On the face of it, it looks like the, much needed, removal of detritus from the path between Lane End Conference Centre and the house Withurst Church Road is a job well done. However on close inspection all that has been done is the earth and leaves have been scraped up and piled on top and sides of the bank. This will all run back down onto the path when we have another period of rain. It should have been removed completely. I hate to see the parish council wasting our money”.
 - f. Florence Nightingale Forever Flowers event at Waddesdon Manor this Spring
 - g. CPRE Newsletter
 - h. Chiltern Conservation Board enews
 - i. Open Spaces Society news
 - j. Amended Code of Practice for the Surveillance Camera's
 - k. Domestic Abuse - Raising Awareness
 - l. Open Spaces Society magazine
 - m. Martyn's Law - Draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill

8) Finance, 8.1 Approval of the accounts for February 2024

Council approved the expenditure of £32,770.87. Council noted the income received of £5,381.06. Council noted the current account closing balance of £120,499.10 as of 26th February 2024.

8.3 Donation Request - Holy Trinity Church – Churchyard Maintenance

An application has been received for a donation request of £3298.29 towards the churchyard maintenance.

There was some debate by Council on the level of donation that should be given. The amount budgeted was £2500.00. There is some capacity in the last budget report to meet the full costs if Council choose to.

The Chairman asked Councillors to vote.

Four Councillors voted to meet the full amount.

Four Councillors voted to meet the budgeted amount of £2500.00.

Two Councillors abstained from voting.

Council unanimously agreed a compromise proposal and it was determined that a contribution of £2,900 would be made towards the churchyard maintenance.

8.4 Donation Request – Cadmore End Village Hall

An application has been received for a donation request of £7000.00 towards the purchase of a new oil boiler. The boiler has already been purchased and installed; this has left village hall funds extremely low.

Council discussed the possibility of match funding via the community board. However, this would take some time.

Council discussed the possibility of deferring the decision until the PC receives funds from the sale of land. However, this would leave the VH with little money.

Council unanimously agreed to meet the full donation request of £7000.00.

8.5 Donation Request – St Mary le Moor Church

An application has been received for a donation request of £10,000.00 towards repairs of the church roof.

As part of the Lords Report Stage of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, the government made an amendment to the Local Government Act 1894 with the aim of clarifying that there is nothing to prevent local councils from funding churches and other places of worship.

The amendment, which will be inserted after section 19 of the Local Government Act 1894 is: 19A Powers under other enactments (1) Nothing in this Part affects any powers, duties or liabilities conferred on a parish council by or under any other enactment (whenever passed or made). (2) This section does not apply in relation to community councils (see section 179(4) of the Local Government Act 1972).

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The Parish Council would need to consider how Parishioners would feel about donating a significant amount of money to the Church. This also may set a precedence for other churches in the parish to put in their own donation requests.

A Parishioner emphasised that although it is a Church of England building, it is open to anyone, and they may use it.

Council unanimously agreed to defer this request until the PC has more certainty re the capital receipts anticipated from the sale of land. It is thought that the Parish Council is likely to receive the money from this sale within the next 6 months.

9 Grass Cutting – Harris Garden

A resident has taken over responsibility for the grass cutting of Lane End Village Hall. He has offered to do grass cutting at Harris Garden for £20.00 per hour.

The Clerk advised appropriate insurance and a risk assessment would need to be in place.

Buckland Landscapes currently cut this area once a Fortnite in the grown season.

Council would like to thank the Parishioner for their offer but are happy with the current service from the contractor.

10 Tree works –

10.1 Tree Safety Inspection – Ditchfield Common

The Clerk, Cllrs Osborn and Stewart made a site visit to the horse chestnut tree to look at the land and boundary onsite. The tree was due to be felled as part of the category 1 works in the tree safety inspection report. Cllr Osborn disputes the tree is on PC land and Cllr Stewart endorsed this view.

Council agreed that it would accept the views of Cllrs Osborn and Stewart that the tree in question is not on Parish Council land.

Cllr Osborn will discuss this with Meakes. Council believes that the responsibility for the tree falls on land owned by the Taylor family. The Clerk will contact the agent.

10.2 Tree Safety Inspection – Ridge Close

Tree works as per the tree safety inspection report. Quotation received for the works - £4755.00.

Permission needs to be sought from Buckinghamshire Council as the trees are under TPO's.

Clerk to pursue the TPO application. The Clerk will bring this back to a Parish Council meeting if the quote needs to be revised.

If all of the trees works proposed are approved, it was unanimously agreed that the quotation should be accepted and the works undertaken.

10.3 Quotation for works – Pond Cottages

A resident made a complaint that the large trees block the light into their property.

Quotation for Pollarding willows at Pond Cottages - quotation for works £950.00.

Clerk to check if there are a TPO on the trees.

Council unanimously agreed to accept the quotation.

10.4 Quotation for works – Moorend Common

Quotation for works on trees with Ash dieback. Quotation for works - £500.00.

Council unanimously agreed to accept the quotation.

11 Parish Council Domain

To consider if the Parish Council would like to transfer its website domain from “.org.uk” to “.gov.uk”

To consider if the Parish Council would like to set up individual Councillor email addresses with “.gov.uk”.

Quotation from current website provider – Parish Council Websites £390.00. Annual running cost £990.00.

The Clerk did obtain another quotation from another provider. Council agreed to stay with the current provider and unanimously agreed to accept the quotation.

12 Parish Improvements

Cllr Hunt provided Council with a list of potential projects.

Firstly, the issue of the ducks at lower pond was also discussed. Ducks have been wandering into the road.

The lower pond is not on Parish Council land, it is believed to be owned by the West Wycombe Estate.

Council agreed to purchase some additional signs. It was noted that a Parishioner has been feeding the ducks. Clerk to find out who this is and discuss laying the food to the side of the pond, away from the road.

Council noted that some of the points on the list were on land belonging to other people.

Council asked Cllr Hunt if he could put together an exercise re projects/actions/who will action and estimated cost.

Council thanked Cllr Hunt and the Parishioner. This will be an ongoing project and will be discussed again at a future meeting.

13 Matters raised by Councillors

Cllr Harries reported that the lights are now working at Ridley Manor going along the footpath. He spoke to the CEO of Care UK and after a year of them being out, they are now working. Council thanked Cllr Harries.

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Cllr Detsiny and Harries have met the owner of the Peacock re the state of the site.

14 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th April 2024 in the Lane End Youth and Community Centre.

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*

15 Playing Fields Maintenance Officer

16 Proposals and Recommendations for Sandyfield Allotments

Meeting closed 21.06.

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