



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm in Dinton Village Hall
on Tuesday 14th January 2020**

Present: Cllrs Usherwood (Chairman), Horn, Vane and O’Driscoll
Mr K Gray (Clerk to the Council)

3 Residents Cllr P Irwin (BCC) M Dunton (FVS)
 Cllr J Brandis (AVDC)

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence notified to the Chairman or Clerk

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Kidner (family commitment) and Dunne (prior commitment).

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest

To grant any requests for pecuniary declaration dispensation as appropriate

- No declarations made or dispensations requested.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th December 2019

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 19/12/19J as a true record.

4. Clerk’s Report

To receive a report from the Clerk on matters dealt with and taking forward for the parish council.

Application has been received for a co-opted vacancy and will be considered at the February meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED: The Chairman to adjourn the meeting to receive questions from the public and receive any reports/questions from cllrs on matters relating to council business.

5. Questions from the public & any reports/questions from Councillors on matters not already listed on the agenda.

- Cllr J Brandis (AVDC) stated that the VALP will be discussed on 23rd March 2020 at AVDC. High Wycombe District Council have lent staff to assist AVDC Planning Department deal with their back load of work and the Head of Planning for the unitary council will ultimately oversee all planning across the county. She also invited all members of the council and parish to her civic service to be held in Haddenham Church on 8/3/20 at 2.30pm.
- Resident asked Cllr Brandis for an update on the matters relating to the Haddenham Cemetery.
- Cllr Irwin reported that the decision to have 16 Community Boards for the new Buckinghamshire Council has been made and these boards will have approx. £100,000 budgets to use for community support. The boards will be a

platform for all organisations and parish councils of the community to apply for funding for various projects. Waddesdon is to have a pilot Community Board to be held in February to give some idea as to how the new community boards will operate. Ford road surfaces have been repaired and hopefully this is now acceptable to the local community. The decision regarding the Expressway has still not been decided by the Minister of State. Hs2 is on-going.

- Resident voiced objections to the Bigstrup Farm planning application and said the same concerns apply as previously raised especially the increase in noise from the proposed establishment.
- Cllr Horn asked that the Clerk note the minutes to show that the parish council have not paid for the parish welcome booklet but that individual contributions have paid for the printing of the booklet. Cllr Dunne initially paid for the printing costs and the parish council have reimbursed her for this. Council accounts show the contributions from individuals to off-set this cost.
- Cllr O’Driscoll has spoken to the Local Area Technician (LAT) and received an update on the works discussed previous with him - the bollard on Stars Lane and the matters relating to Boot Lane passageway.
- Cllr Usherwood highlighted again the concerns of large vehicles using Boot Lane which has a limit on vehicle use as well as the lane not being suitable for large vehicles to turn. Other areas in the village suffer from damage by large delivery vehicles especially the grass verges when building works are taking place to properties. Concerns were also raised about the litter building up in the parish and a community litter pick is to be organised. Ford has already agreed a date for their litter pick - 21st March 10:00 at the Crossroads. He reminded councillors of the May elections and those willing to continue on the parish council will need to stand for election and complete the relevant paperwork. If anyone knows any others who may wish to stand then the Clerk can give them the relevant paperwork nearer the time or people can contact the Returning Officer at AVDC for the application forms. Councillors were also reminded that some repair works will need to be carried out on the old fire engine building and as this is a listed building the Clerk was asked to contact the historic officer at AVDC for advice on what work/materials can be used/carried out.

RESOLVED: The Chairman to re-convene the meeting under Standing Orders

6. Finances and Orders for Payment

To agree and authorise orders for payments and retrospective orders for payment presented by the RFO and/or Clerk

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| • K Gray | Admin/Postage/email/phone | £100.00 | 100882 | |
| • EoN | Electricity/Parish Field | £25.62 | 100883 | Oct/Nov |
| • K Gray | SLCC Membership | £100.00 | 100884 | |
| • A Dunne | Parish Welcome Booklet | £359.37 | 100885 | |
| • Village Hall | Hire | £60.00 | 100886 | |
| • M Usherwood | Chairman’s Allowance | £130.00 | 100887 | |
| • J Turner | Finance Officer expenses | £100.00 | 100888 | |
| • Goodfellers | Tree works for Village Hall | £552.00 | 100891 | |
| • EoN | Electricity/Parish Field | £29.03 | 100892 | Dec/Jan |

RESOLVED: To receive, and agree, the monthly finance report from the Finance

Officer & RFO.

7. Precept / Budget 2020-2021

To formally approve the Budget and Precept for 2020 to 2021 and for the Clerk to request the agreed sum for the Precept from AVDC.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the Budget be approved (as discussed by councillors which includes all areas of the parish councils' responsibilities and costs associated with administration, staffing and maintenance) as well as the Precept agreed for 2020.

RESOLVED: The Clerk instructed to request a Precept of £28,000 from AVDC which is an increase to current council tax of 10p per week.

8. Community Led Plan

To formally agree any changes to the plan and agree a final "sign-off" to the plan as discussed in the meeting on 7th January 2020 between the parish council and CLP Working Group.

After a working group discussion it was agreed that some changes be made to the wording of the plan and that the parish council receive verbal and or written updates at their monthly meetings in order for the parish council to comment/agree/support any specific matters relating to the plan especially matters that will need parish council agreement before any decision or actions take place.

9. Devolved Services

To receive any reports, if available, and agree any specific actions in relation to devolved services. Nothing specific to report.

10. Ford Post Box

To discuss the site of the Ford post box and agree any actions to take.

RESOLVED: Cllr Horn to discuss the access to the post-box with the LAT and report back to the parish council any matters that may need to be addressed.

RESOLVED: Cllr Horn to look at the fencing surrounding the war memorial and report back to the parish council on whether the fencing needs to be repaired, removed and or replaced – this is to ensure that current health and safety regulations are adhered to as part of the council's responsibilities associated with risk management and protection of the public.

RESOLVED: That the bramble bushes near the post-box be cut right back so that the public can easily access the site.

11. Marquee Group

To discuss, if needed, any further proposals from the Marquee Group.

Nothing further to discuss and no communication received from the marquee group.

12. Roads & General Maintenance

Cllr Kidner to give feedback (if required) on matters relating to road maintenance concerns raised with the County Council and other stakeholders.

RESOLVED: That Cllr O'Driscoll report to the LAT, on his next meeting, that the parish road drain covers and gulleys will need to be looked at with a view to them being cleaned. To also discuss suitable measures to deal with the narrow road layout near the church – possible/suitable signage to be discussed with the LAT.

13. Planning Applications

To receive, comment and to either object, support or oppose the following planning applications:

To accept and consider late applications presented by the Clerk.

To note any applications (decisions made and to be made) delegated to Councillors.

- **20/00059/APP**

Bigstrup Farm, Aylesbury Road, Haddenham

Conversion and restoration of redundant barns to create an Outruch Education Centre and Wedding Venue, plus the demolition of a former silage barn and erection of a replacement restaurant/kitchen building and formation of associated new access drive and car park, plus change of use of Wychert and Byre Barn to self-catering accommodation.

RESOLVED: That comment be made by the parish council to AVDC, as agreed with planning officers, before or on 13th February 2020.

Public comments to be made by or on 7th February 2020.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Usherwood contact the applicant to request that parish councillors have a site visit to understand more clearly the proposed plans.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____