

**Minutes of a meeting of Drayton Parslow Parish Council held at the Sports & Social Club  
on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllr. D. Perry (Chairman)

Cllr. H. Harvey

Cllr. P. Moore

Cllr. M. Thum (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. S. Spavins

**Also present:** Deborah O'Brien, Parish Clerk; District Cllrs N. Blake & B. Everitt; Jane Grindey & Robin Roy of Wolverton Community Energy; three residents

Jane Grindey addressed the meeting on behalf of Wolverton Community Energy to explain their proposals. This follows a community consultation on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 at Greenacre Hall. Their group has been an energy hub since April 2015 which is not for profit – all profits are re-invested within the community with particular emphasis on helping the vulnerable. They currently have 16 arrays of solar in the MK area. They are actively involved in raising funding. Their intention is to utilise the already approved site at Prospect Farm to for the benefit of Drayton Parslow that is cheaper and greener. They are currently conducting a feasibility study to determine if the project is financially viable. Technology is not an issue for them but an extensive financial analysis is vital. They want to work with the community and use the Parish Council as a means of communication. Cllr Perry thanked them for attending.

The Parish Council has received 9 complaints from residents regarding a padlocked gate that has been installed across the entrance to the field adjacent to the Church at the top of Main Road. The tenants of the field were in attendance and the matter was discussed. From their perspective, people are not supposed to ride or walk dogs through the field as it is not a public footpath or bridleway. There have been problems with the electric livestock fence being taken down, batteries stolen, dog mess all over the field, sheep being attacked and vehicles being driven through the field during the recent road closure. The Parish Council pointed out that access to footpath DPA11/2 is currently blocked and the tenant agreed to make this accessible.

Broadband – Dr. Bruce addressed this issue:

*“AVB is currently the only solution being offered through AVDC to the village. Despite being promised fibre broadband over a year ago and taking deposits of interested villagers, including myself, AVB have failed to deliver on this. While I could accept there were issues impacting on AVBs ability to deliver on this the length of the delays calls into question their viability as a broadband provider. Even allowing for all that their failure to communicate in other than the vaguest and generalised updates combined with their inability to respond to direct questions - they have not answered any of my emails - is from my perspective as a resident and a consumer deeply unsatisfactory. I have no confidence in their bland reassurances. I am equally concerned that the only action we have coming from Cllr Blake on behalf of AVDC is waiting on an update from AVB in the next week or so. This is going round in circles as far as I'm concerned. I have also inquired how to recover my deposit - again no response from AVB which is a cause for concern particularly if they are supposed to be operating as a commercial organisation (regulated by Ofcom?) in receipt of a loan from AVDC to deliver broadband. A brief survey of social media (Twitter and Facebook) shows we are not alone with residents in Oving, Stewkley and Whitchurch complaining of no connection and no deposit being returned.”*

Cllr N. Blake offered that it is possible that certain side roads will not be served by AVB as too few residents have signed up there. He also conceded that perhaps they had tried to take on too many villages too quickly with too few people.

Dr. Bruce: *“I note Cllr Blake's remarks that some houses within the village won't be connected even if they've paid the deposit if it's not economically viable. This is a probable scenario for me given I live on the edge of the village. All of this leads me to conclude that AVB is not a viable solution to our broadband needs. It is therefore troubling to learn that AVDC are denying us access to alternatives by withdrawing us from the Connected Counties programme and, as I noted in the July minutes, criticizing an alternative commercial provider (Gigaclear) who had come to present to the Parish Council. I don't doubt these other providers will come with their own issues and it won't be a quick fix but given the current circumstances with AVB it seems folly for AVDC to put all our eggs in one basket.”*

*We should at least be allowed to pursue a fibre to cabinet option through BT/Connected Counties particularly if fibre to home providers like AVB are going to be commercially selective in who they connect. I appreciate all the Parish Council is trying to do to address the broadband issue - it is deeply frustrating to all".*

The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council writes to the Economy and Business Development Scrutiny Committee, explaining current issues and requesting that they recommend that Drayton Parslow is reinstated to the Connected Counties/BT rollout programme.

Cllr. N. Blake advised that the new Parish Liaison Officers at AVDC are now in place and the Clerk confirmed having made use of them and found them to be efficient and helpful. He also referenced that the VALP submission has gone through Cabinet and is now out for final consultation before presentation to Central Government before March 2018. The final numbers for housing are 29,000 including unmet needs of other districts. Drayton Parslow's allocation remains at 13. There is still no final decision on Unitary – The Secretary Of State Sajid Javid is likely to decide on Dorset first.

A resident raised the issue of fly-tipping and bonfire burning outside the Stackyard allotments. This needs to be reported to AVDC for fly-tipping. Cllr Harvey will arrange for bonfire regulation notices to be installed within the allotments.

The meeting commenced at 8:30pm

**48.0 Apologies:** Members accepted apologies from Cllrs. A. Batley, S. Colborne-Baber plus County Cllr J. Blake.

**49.0 Declarations of Interest:** There were none

**50.0 Minutes: RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the meeting of the Parish Council held on: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 DPPC/04/1718.

**51.0 Parish Council Business**

**51.1** Broadband – Members noted correspondence from concerned residents in relation to AVB. Cllr Blake has advised that there will be an AVB board meeting in the coming week and feedback will be forthcoming. **RESOLVED that** the Clerk should write a letter to the Economy and Business Development Scrutiny Committee for AVDC (next meeting 31/10/17) requesting that they recommend that Drayton Parslow is reinstated to the Connected Counties programme.

**51.2** Sliver of land transfer – Members noted that the PC solicitor has asked for further clarification on the area to be transferred by Carington Estates to the parish owned title BM347175. This is at the request of HM Land Registry. Information has been supplied together with a copy of the 2001 Village Hall/DPSSC leases.

**51.3** Members noted that the overhanging trees by the rear of the school are to be dealt with in November now that planning has been granted.

**51.4** War Memorial – members noted that a clean-up of the area is to take place Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October – 10am. Professional cleaning requires re-leading of the lettering and this expense is to be factored in to 2018/19 budget.

**51.5** Post Office – members noted that service time is to change to 9am-11am commencing 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**51.6** Parish Around the Parishes – members declined due to increased costs.

**51.7** Defibrillator pads & battery – members noted that these will need replacing in March 2018 and an approx. cost of £300 will be budgeted in for 2018/19.

**52.0 Planning <https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications> Members noted:**

**52.1 Planning Applications:**

- 17/03704/APP | Retention of agricultural temporary dwelling (Retrospective) | Land At Bletchley Road – this was previously 16/03274/APP (withdrawn) and liable for enforcement. **RESOLVED to** oppose the application on grounds of non-viability and unproven need for on-

site habitation as there does not appear to be a change of circumstance from the previous application.

- 17/03720/APP | Erection of 5 dwelling | Land At Chapel Lane Drayton Parslow. **RESOLVED** to oppose the application with concerns about substantially increased size of houses and overall plot making plot 3 very close to 6 Chapel Lane; insufficient parking/lack of garages; no bus service within the village thus making the application unsustainable; flooding and sewerage issues added to an already overloaded infrastructure; safety issues re pedestrian access and questions about the maintenance of the 'green areas'.

Members noted that an S106 sports & leisure contribution in the amount of £24,060 may be eligible for this application. **FURTHER RESOLVED** that a 'without prejudice' request is made on behalf of the Parish Council: *"Towards the improvement and/or refurbishment of the existing sports pitch and equipped play facilities at Drayton Parslow recreation ground MK17 0JR and/or the purchase of additional public open space within Drayton Parslow Parish and/or the provision of sports and/or equipped play facilities upon such additional purchased public open space or other appropriate leased land within the Parish."*

- 17/03868/APP | Loft Conversion with Rear Roof Extension, Internal and External Associated Works. | 5 Fox Lane – **RESOLVED** that there were no objections
- 17/01429/APP – Residential development of 24 dwellings with parking, garaging, landscaping and associated works | Land Off North Close - Guinness Partnership has submitted further flood strategies upon which the SuDS Officer has consulted and renewed objections.

## 52.2 Planning Decisions from AVDC: None from AVDC

### 52.3 Enforcement

- 17/00100/CON3 – Lorry/advertising at crossroads – Cllr Everitt to follow up with Enforcement Officer Dales.

### 52.4 Other planning issues – Members noted:

- Neighbourhood Plan – Members noted that the steering group met on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and further data analysis was conducted. An update will be given in the December newsletter but fliers will be distributed w/e of 24<sup>th</sup> Nov inviting residents to a festive evening and a chance to provide further input on key issues on 4<sup>th</sup> December.
- S106 agreements – Members further discussed usage of existing S106 funds (£12,816). Carington Estates has asked if the Parish Council has liability coverage and has been given a copy of the insurance policy. Cllr Batley is still obtaining three quotes for a petanque/boules court to the rear of the Sports & Social Club. Ideally such work to be performed when the planned ditching of the recreation area is undertaken. Further discussion at the November meeting.

## 53.0 Correspondence Circulated via e-mail – Members noted:

- TVP - Information about funded PCSOs
- AVDC Parish Liaison Officers
- B&MK ALC Annual General Meeting 2017 – 10<sup>th</sup> November
- B&MKALC Weekly Updates
- Agenda for Great Brickhill, Wing & Ivinghoe Local Area Forum, Thursday 5th October 2017, 7.00 pm
- AVALC Annual General Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> November
- MyBucks - October 2017
- AVDC Parish Newsletter - October 2017
- AVDC – VALP Parishes presentation
- BCC Chairman Reception Invitation at Buckingham Opportunities Centre 25 Oct 17
- Thames Valley Police – Hidden Harm campaign
- **BMKALC – Resilience Training Course – 12<sup>th</sup> December – Cllrs Spavins & Harvey to attend**
- TVP - Summary leaflet - Police and Crime Plan 2017 – 2021
- Community Impact Bucks Winners, funders, training and more .... October 2017 newsletter
- Play Around The Parishes Summer 2018
- BCC News: Have your say on Household Recycling Centres
- News from partners involved in improving health and care across Buckinghamshire
- 2018 Boundary Review – Revised Proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries

**54.0 Recreation Field/Play Area – Members noted:**

- Members noted that Cllr Harvey & Mr Lancaster will paint the designated bus parking lines
- HAGS (original supplier) has indicated that the replacement ropes will be installed this week.
- Sign at entrance to Play Area – Clerk to ask Mr Wise to restore this.
- Clerk to request that an extra cut of the play area is made.

**55.0 Highways, Footpaths, Footways & Street Lighting:**

- 55.1** New Homes Bonus Monies – Members noted that since TfB has re-lined the village, certain items on the Traffic Calming list are no longer required. In addition, a statement must be made to explain how the village has been impacted. This was agreed and the Clerk will finalise the expression of interest. **RESOLVED to request** £171,225 for measures as recommended by TfB.
- 55.2** Unsuitable for HGV signage – Members noted that an application has been submitted to LAF – to be discussed at their February meeting.
- 55.3** Bus Service – members noted that an E-petition has been submitted by residents to Bucks CC and handed to LAF to fund an extension of the Newton Longville-MK bus service. A Parish Councillor will need to attend the February LAF meeting to represent this item and item 55.2.
- 55.4** Presumed right of way between DPA/11/2 and DPA/2/2 – following earlier discussions pre-meeting it was agreed that the Clerk should write to concerned residents advising them that the PC has spoken with the land tenants who have described persistent abuse of their land which they feel justifies gating the access. The County Footpath Officer will address the bridleway DPA/2 gate blockage and check that footpath DPA11/2 has clear access. The Footpath Officer has suggested that a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) is applied for but this must be done by those with 20 years (or more) direct experience of usage, which the Parish Council does not have.

**56.0 Finance****56.1 RESOLVED to note that the balances for the Lloyds Bank accounts are as follows:**

Treasurers Account	£ 3,479.56	(as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017)
BIA Account	£50,383.28	(as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017)
Poor Land Treasurers Account	£ 1,840.47	(as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017)
Poor Land Call Account	£ 8,102.97	(as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017)

**56.2 Payments – RESOLVED to make the following payments:**

Deborah O’Brien - £510.49 (Oct salary £389.25; NPwebsite set-up £130.00; less PAYE (£31.20); less ICO Data Prot renewal (£35.00); Promain pain £35.99; Mileage £11.25; Parking £3.00; VAT £7.20) – cheque 0636  
HMRC – £31.20 – Oct PAYE – cheque 0637

Stewkley Enterprise Agency - £199.00– Sept Devolved Services – cheque 0638

Alan Burden - £113.00. – Sept play area, S & S mowing; sign install; lower rec clearance; oil – cheque 0639

Advance Display Solutions - £250.00 (£208.33 + £41.67 VAT) – Display Boards – N. Plan grant – cheque 0640

Willowbridge Marina - £80.00 (£76.20 + £3.80 VAT) – Diesel for tractor – cheque 0641

ICO/Data protection registration - £35.00 D/Debit

BT – Phone (CCTV) - £85.32 (£71.10 + £14.32 VAT) – D/Debit 1/10/17

Npower - £212.34 (£176.95 + £35.39 VAT) – MPAN1 unmetered streetlighting Sept 2016 – D/Debit 26/10/17

Npower - £204.53Credit (£170.44cr + £34.09cr VAT) – incorrect charge Sept 2016 – Credit 26/10/17

Npower - £7.68 (£6.40 + £1.28 VAT) – MPAN2 unmetered streetlighting Sept 2016 - D/Debit 26/10/17

Npower - £7.49Credit (£6.24cr + £1.25cr VAT) – MPAN2 unmetered streetlighting Sept 2016 - Credit 26/10/17

**56.3 Income – RESOLVED to note the following income:**

Interest: DPPC BIA a/c £1.76 (Sept); Poor Land Call a/c £0.37 (Sept)

Allotment rentals £71.14 + £7.57 (at time of agenda)

AVDC - Precept (2<sup>nd</sup> ½ year) £15,430.00

- 56.4 RESOLVED to approve** the Income & Expenditure Reports, Bank reconciliations and Budget YTD analysis dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
- 56.5** Members noted that the Annual Precept request has been received and that a preliminary budget needs to be discussed and at the next meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Members to advise the Clerk by 15<sup>th</sup> November of any special expenditure that may need to be included for the 2018/19 year. The Parish Tax base for that year will be £273.65.
- 57.0 Allotments**
- Members noted that there are still two allotments available at Manor Gardens and two at Stackyards. All except one tenant has paid for 2017/18 with one tenant giving up a plot.
  - Failed conifer & hedge – Clerk to contact Mr Lynch to see when this will be taken care of.
- 58.0 Date of next meetings** – Drayton Parslow Parish Council **RESOLVED to** note (7:30 pm start):
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017
  - No meeting in December
  - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018
  - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Meeting closed at 9:55 p.m.

Councillor Peter Moore tendered his resignation which was reluctantly accepted. The Clerk will notify the Monitoring Officer at AVDC that there is a Casual Vacancy.

Signed ..... Date .....  
Chairman