

Minutes of Berryfields Parish Council Meeting VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING
Wednesday 17th February 2021

Present: Councillors James Inch, Louise Rees, Monique Foster, Laurilee Green, Gareth Lane
Sue Severn (Parish Clerk), Anthea Cass (Deputy Clerk) and Agnes Alborzpour (Assistant Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Ashley Waite, Cllr Naser Habib

2. **Declarations of Interest** in items on the agenda.

None.

Chairman asked to change the agenda and start the meeting from point 7 of this agenda.

3. **Open forum for parishioners.**

A member of public joined the meeting.

4. **Police report and Neighbourhood Policing**

No report received.

5. **Planning**

21/00213/APP | Erection of detached multi-use garden Room | **39 Paradise Orchard Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP18 0EX**

Full details at <https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QN6RBMCLMJM00&prevPage=inTray>

Berryfields Parish Council is neutral in respect of this application but would ask that the LPA

considers the possible excess water run off to off to neighbouring properties.

Proposed by: Cllr Louise Rees

Seconded by: Cllr Monique Foster

Agreed unanimously

21/00485/AOP | Application for Outline planning permission for the redevelopment to provide approximately 52 residential dwellings along with car parking and landscaping | **Parcel EMP 03 Coment Way Berryfields Mda Bucks HP18 0WS**

Full details at <https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QO7FZ1CLFL200&prevPage=inTray>

It is widely accepted that 1.5 parking spaces per house does not meet the actual requirements for Berryfields residents where there are more than 2 spaces needed for the vast majority of houses. The PC is neutral in respect of this application but objects to the travel plan and traffic survey on the grounds that it was taken during a weekend and over a period when people were largely working from home. Martin Dalby Way must have a Pelican Crossing to all pedestrians from this site including the doctors' surgery, care home and nursery to cross safely. The road access should be extended other than just Comet Way to allow traffic a secondary route (possibly Siddington Drive/Clements Road) to avoid residents being stuck. The PC asks that Highways are consulted on these issues for safety and weight of traffic reasons.

Proposed by: Cllr Monique Foster

Seconded by: Cllr Louise Rees

Agreed unanimously

21/00484/AOP | Application for Outline planning permission for the redevelopment of the site to provide approximately 119 residential dwellings, along with open space, landscaping and car parking | **Land Known As EMP 01 Sir Henry Lee Crescent Berryfields MDA Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP18 0WG**

Full details at <https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=QO7FWZCLFL000&prevPage=inTray>

The Parish Council is neutral in respect of this application but would make the following requests:

They are concerned that no entrance/exit to/from A41 direct from the development be permitted.

The PC would like to comment that parishioners are already concerned that communal property attracts excessively high maintenance charges and this should be guarded against. The PC would be willing to take over any verges and open spaces from the developers with a suitable commuted sum.

Proposed by: Cllr Gareth Lane

Seconded by: Cllr Louise Rees

Agreed unanimously

6. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 18th November 2020 were agreed. The Clerk was asked to sign the Minutes on behalf of the Council.

Proposed by: Cllr Louise Rees

Seconded by: Cllr Laurilee Green

Agreed unanimously

7. Land & facilities

Roman Park

Village Hall Construction

Mr Paul Swart, Blackwood Architects attended the meeting to answer any questions from Councillors regarding the circulated final pricing for the build from the contactors.

Likely additional costs include the construction of a site access way which could, potentially require a Highways Agreement.

Mr Swart advised that fewer car parking spaces will be required with the reduced size of hall and additional parking will be sought at the station car park to meet any shortfall in spaces. Provision for drains for car park 2 will be made during the build to allow for any future change.

In terms of ventilation Mr Swart suggested that windcatchers may be required in the main hall and provision should be made for these.

After discussion Councillors decided to appoint Armfield Construction Ltd to undertake the village hall build.

Proposed by: Cllr Louise Rees

Seconded by: Cllr Monique Foster

Agreed unanimously

Allotments

No report.

Playground inspections

All parks are in good condition, however there is an issue with litter and dog poo.

8. Finance

8.1 The payment run was agreed as circulated and budgeted payments made outside the Parish Council meeting were ratified.

Payment run 17th February 2021				
Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total £
Pickerings	Invoice No 746116 2 weeks' hire 21ft container (removed 13.1.2021)	£ 23.40	£ 4.68	£ 28.08
Brightpay	Invoice 343241 : cloud storage payroll records	£ 0.90	£ 0.18	£ 1.08
Portable Offices Luton	Invoice No 78631 Temporary hall hire January	£ 1,495.00	£ 299.00	£ 1,794.00
RTM Landscapes Ltd	Invoice No 2676: Supply & install edible hedgerow along railway line fence £3850 (grant funded); Remove rocks & plants from Taylor Wimpey site and relocate to Roman Park including mulch, woodchip and soil/labour	£ 6,475.00	£ 1,295.00	£ 7,770.00
Net staff salaries	Net salaries, expenses & office costs	£ 4,371.25		£ 4,371.25
Agnes Alborz Consulting	Invoice No PC001827: 40 hours social media, 22.5 hours project management	£ 937.50		£ 937.50
Brightpay	Invoice No 333572 Bright Pay software cloud storage monthly cost	£ 0.90	£ 0.18	£ 1.08
Netnerd	Invoice 29114 Sitebuilder PC website	£ 11.00	£ 2.20	£ 13.20
	Invoice 291798 Email spam filtering	£ 1.99	£ 0.40	£ 2.39
David Lucas	Invoice BPC7/02/2021 Remove & dispose of tricycle SUDS and repair 3 items of play equipment £60,	£ 265.00		£ 265.00
HSQE Ltd	Invoice RC24397034: Training H & S (Clerk)	£ 10.00	£ 2.00	£ 12.00
Intelligent e-learning Ltd	Training H & S (Deputy Clerk)	£ 10.00	£ 2.00	£ 12.00
Stem Telecom	Monthly payment phones	£ 30.00	£ 6.00	£ 36.00
BGs Garden Service*	Invoice No 1550 Post & rail fence to driveway, type 1, crushed concrete etc. groundworks for temp village hall/car park preparation	£ 1,990.00	£ 398.00	£ 2,388.00
Cartridge Save	Invoice INVZAW3NB Ink cartridges	£ 61.30	£ 6.13	£ 73.56
Bucks CC	DD: Commercial bin hire	£ 6.30		£ 6.30
Blackwood Architects*	Invoice BVH27/ps November to February: Amending plans	£ 500.00	£ 100.00	£ 600.00
Nolan Support Services	Removal of fly tipping PC land Invoice No. NS5153	£ 25.00		£ 25.00
Baughan Pest Control Ltd	Invoice No 3900: Vermin service Lawson Road	£ 80.00	£ 16.00	£ 96.00

Proposed by: Cllr Louise Rees

Seconded by: Cllr Monique Foster

Agreed unanimously

8.2 Accounts to end of January were agreed as circulated.

Proposed by: Cllr Louise Rees

Seconded by: Cllr Laurilee Green

Agreed unanimously

9. Events

Nothing to report

10. Coronavirus Act & Covid-19 situation report

The Clerk confirmed that the Valuation Office Agency has determined the rateable value of the temporary hall. Small Business Rate relief grant will be sought for this building.

11. Grant Funding & BPC Community Larder project:

-RTM -Purchased trees for the Orchard-Aylesbury Garden Town has granted funds to pay for 80 trees to start the community orchard.

-Aylesbury Vale Housing Trust - We awaiting decision on application for...

-HS2 - A decision for grant for tennis courts is awaited.

-ASDA - We have received funds for the Community Larder

Berryfields Buddies project

In line with the Government's and Parish Council's Loneliness strategy, the Deputy Clerk presented a proposal to work with the residents to support who may be struggling alone and feeling isolated.

Councillors decided to support the project and approved the idea to apply for grant for the Gazebo.

Proposed by: Cllr Louise Rees
Seconded by: Cllr Laurilee Green
Agreed unanimously

12. **Berryfields News & Communication.**

The next Berryfields News issue is ready for approval. Councillors agreed to extend February issue to 20 pages. The price agreed at £671. Due to numbers of ads sold this issue is self-financing.

Proposed by: Cllr Monique Foster
Seconded by: Cllr Louise Rees
Agreed unanimously

13. **Highways & transport**

No report was received.

14. **Meetings & matters of report**

A zoom meeting has been arranged with Rob Butler MP to discuss and update on parishes.

15. **Date of next Parish Council Meetings (online)**

- . The next PC meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th March 2021.
- There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.