

DRAFT Minutes of Berryfields Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 16th October 2019

held at Community Rooms, C of E School, Berryfields

Present: Councillors Simon Carter (Chairman), Louise Rees, Ashley Waite, Monique Foster, James Inch, Laurilee Green, Naser Habib, Sue Severn Parish Clerk, Anthea Cass Deputy Clerk, Agnes Alborzpour Assistant Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence

CLlr Gareth Lane

2. Declarations of interests in items on the agenda.

None

3. Open forum

Five members of the public attended the open forum, Sylvia and Keith Robinson from 'Big Top Nursery' joined the meeting, they are a new nursery provider for Roman Park.

A resident asked for an update on Avalon Street – the argument is between contractors as the road is not adopted yet, but it now has got the attention and hopefully the issue will be resolved.

A resident highlighted the grass cutting at Berryfields Green – very good job but the drivers in the vans were driving too fast on parish roads. The clerk will speak to the contractors.

Residents from Worcester Street and Northcliffe Way came to ask for help on how to deal with their properties. The Clerk will visit and advise and try to help with the issues.

4. Police report and Neighbourhood Policing

No report received. No serious crime reported, although there had been antisocial behaviour. CCTV on Berryfields Green working well and had prevented a number of potential issues.

5. Planning

19/03495/APP | Removal of an existing 1.8 m high fence and its replacement with a 2.1 m high close boarded fence (retrospective)

79-83 Pippin Road Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP18 0PT

Full details: <https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=PYG1Z1CLLA600&prevPage=inTray>

Councillors resolved to object this application. The Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of visual amenity and that the fence is out of keeping with MDA vernacular.

Proposed by: Cllr James Inch
Seconded by: Cllr Louise Rees
Agreed unanimously

6. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th September 2019**

The draft minutes circulated were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

7. **Land & facilities**

Roman Park & Village Hall

Planning permission – Clerk updated on Deed of Variation and Conditions, and on land transfer status.

Cllrs accepted a proposed quotation from Landscape Architect as circulated.

Proposed by: Cllr Louise Rees
Seconded by: Cllr Simon Carter
Agreed unanimously

Any amendments to Cost Monitor since September meeting would be discussed and ratified during Working Group meeting on 23rd October.

Agnieszka updated on mains to site works. Currently on time and budget, with all issues dealt with.

Cllrs confirmed Working Group meeting on 23rd October to consider recommendations and options for Village Hall and other Roman Park features.

8. **Allotments**

Anthea updated on allotments; preparations for winter in hand with emails sent to plot holders. 3 plots were handed back and 4 people are on the waiting list.
The water wells are waiting for water test.

9. **Parks and Safety Inspections**

All parks are inspected on a regular basis and any remedial works required is reported to the contractors. The date of the last inspection Thursday 10th of October, all in good order. Any bigger problems are related to the clay and dry ground. Proludic Ltd representatives were on site and they will fix any listed issues in all parks.

Xylophone noise issue at Ridgeline Park: Feedback following letter is positive, it's not a concern to any other resident whose comments about the equipment were positive.

Councillors decided to leave this equipment in place.

Councillors' views on whether or not CCTV should be provided in all parks were discussed. Cllr Lane, who was unable to be present had asked that his concerns be considered: These included potential loss of privacy, the size of the pole, and cost of the system.

Cllr Foster believes that CCTV is a good idea and she would like to extend to other places, as the Parish Council should be proactive.

Cllr Waite would like to prevent the problem, not to wait for something to happen, incidents of vandalism and crime are rising everywhere and we should be prepared.

Cllr Green is in favour of CCTV but she is worried that this can move problems elsewhere.

Cllr Rees stated that the PC should install more CCTV to prevent the potential of crime and issues.

Cllr Inch is keen to carefully evaluate the issue and ensure the PC is not over-reacting and consideration given to ensure anti-social behaviour is not just displaced to another area of Berryfields without CCTV.

Cllr Habib is not sure if CCTV will fully help, but he recognises that is impossible to police the playground and only a camera can do the job.

Cllr Waite further stated that the PC should look at the positive effects of the Berryfields Green installation and take that as a benchmark to protect the other areas.

Cllrs should consider the cost against the benefits. The cost of CCTV is covered by commuted sum coming with the park not precept and provides a means of helping to keep Berryfields safe.

Members of the public present at the meeting made very positive comments about the benefits that CCTV had demonstrated through Berryfields Green.

Cllrs agreed in principle that CCTV is required and they noted that they hadn't received any complaint about Berryfields Green CCTV system.

Councillors proposed that the office prepare a proposal where CCTV is needed and the cost associated with this.

Proposed by: Cllr James Inch

Seconded by: Cllr Louise Rees

Agreed unanimously

10. Finance

The payment runs were agreed as circulated:

BERRYFIELDS PARISH COUNCIL				
Payment run 16th October 2019				
Payee	Detail	Net	VAT	Total £
S Severn	Net salary & expenses			£ 2,499.62
A Cass	Net salary & expenses			£ 979.46
Agnes Alborz Consulting	Invoice No PC001810 : 40 hours social media & marketing 30 hours project management			£ 1,050.00
AMU Surveys Ltd	Inv 19047 Roman Park: Setting out 2 manholes, 4 percolation pillars, feeder pillar, survey gas main, verge, data processing	£ 400.00	£ 80.00	£ 480.00
	Invoice No. 19047-02 Setting out 12 manholes, survey compound, electric slab	£ 250.00	£ 50.00	£ 250.00
	Invoice No 19047-03 Setting out 2 changed manholes, trial pits 1 & 3	£ 400.00	£ 80.00	£ 480.00
See the Light	7 months payment wifi CCTV			£ 425.58
Blackwood Architects	Inv BVH14/ps	£ 700.00	£ 140.00	£ 840.00
		£ 1,750.00	£ 350.00	£ 7,004.66

Balances at bank post payment run & transfer to deposit of £150,000

Barclays current account	£ 31,537.49
Barclays deposit account	£ 242,811.10
Lloyds treasurers account (Current)	£ 4,616.00
Village Hall fundraising account	£ 3,274.58
Paypal	£ 1,828.89
Total non-designated reserve	£ 284,068.06
Designated reserve commuted sums Lloyds Bank Reserve account	£ 209,323.30

11. Events Working Group and 2019 Events

Christmas tea Thursday 5th December.

Father Christmas Tuesday 10th December 6-8pm at Berryfields Green.

Cllr Monique Foster updated on the progress and the event plan.

12. Berryfields News & Communication

Berryfields News & Social Media.

We are on time with our schedule. The draft would be ready for printing by the end of the month.

13. Litter in Berryfields

As agreed at the previous meeting another litter pick will be arranged with the assistance of the residents of Berryfields. Cllr Waite will organise the event on 16th November.. It will start at 10am and all participants to meet in front of Green Ridge school. Clearance of rubbish will be organised by the office team.

14. **Highways & transport**

MVAS & Sentinel

INVAS wasn't out over last months.

15. **Meetings & matters of report**

Cllr Waite updated on HS2, overall the work hasn't stopped and will continue until the final decision will be made. Unfortunately it's not slowing down, regardless of AVDC and BBC's complaints.

16. **Date of next Parish Council Meetings**

Wednesday 20th November

December: No Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.