

Downley Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
Held in the Downley Memorial Hall on the 12th September 2017 at 19.45

1 Attendance

Chairman Cllr C Burslem, Cllr Bowden, Cllr Chandarana, Cllr Egmore, Cllr Loadman, Cllr Monroe-West, Cllr V Srao, Cllr Steneskog

Apologies received from Cllr Lazenby, Cllr Mallen

District Councillor Paul Turner were in attendance

Four members of the public were present.

2) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda (7616/10/17)

Cllr Chandarana declared an interest in agenda item 9 and Cllr Turner declared an interest in planning application 10C.

3) Minutes of the Previous meeting (7617/10/17)

The minutes were agreed as correct and signed by Cllr Burslem

4) Tribute to Cllr Gay (7618/10/17)

Cllr Burslem gave a tribute to Cllr Gay who sadly passed away in August. Cllr Gay will be sincerely missed by all of the Council, he was an integral member of the Council and dedicated to the Community, he led by example and was an exemplary Chairman and Vice Chairman. Cllr Gays legacy will continue through all of the excellent work he carried out in the Village. A permanent memorial to Cllr Gay will be placed in the Village.

5) Adjournment for Public Questions (7619/10/17)

Members of the public expressed concern to the Council regarding planning application RH/17/06977/FUL Burrows House. The plans for this application are incomplete and raise many questions. Residents of Jubilee Road are very worried at the prospect of being a through road to a newly built estate. All of these concerns were discussed by the Council and will be reported to WDC.

6) Reports from County and District Councillors (7620/10/17)

Cllr Turner expressed his support to residents and would be happy to take questions on matters arising.

7) Street Light Narrow Lane (7621/10/17)

The Clerk obtained a quote for a street lamp on Narrow Lane as per request. The quote is from SSE and is approx. £2k. This will be discussed at the next assets committee meeting.

8) Allotment management (7622/10/17)

There is an allotment committee meeting in September. Cllrs are concerned that plot holders are not adhering to the tenancy agreement. Cllr Bowden has been monitoring the plots and there are plots that have consistently been unworked. A strategy is needed moving forward on how to manage this. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

9) Post Office discussion (7623/10/17)

Starlight store have applied for a Post Office and been turned down by Royal Mail. Reasons given were that there are other Post Offices within a mile radius. Cllr Chandarana was granted a dispensation to speak on this matter and stated that there is pressure on Post Offices to extend opening hours and train all staff. It was suggested that there is lots of support in the Village for a Post Office but there is no evidence of this by way of petitions or correspondence to the Council. The Council will discuss this at the next meeting and invite Starlight store to attend.

11) Planning applications – (762410/17)

Planning applications –

A) SN/17/07109/FUL - The Old Post Office- APPLICATION FOR: Demolition of existing building and erection of a terrace of 1 x 3-bed & 2 x 2-bed dwellings retaining existing access with new parking layout for 5 vehicles (amendment to plot 1 only).

No objection to this material objection

B) SCLARK/17/07203/CTREE - Land Opposite Diamond Cottage, Moor Lane- APPLICATION FOR: Trim back up to Chestnut paling tree by 1.87 metres to 1 x Yew Tree (T1), crown reduction by 6 metres to 2 x Plum trees (T2 & T4), crown reduction by 3 metres to 1 x Plum tree (T3) and trim away from roof and guttering of garage and road by 1.8 metres to numerous Hawthorne, Holly and Plum Trees (T5+)- No comment from DPC

C) RH/17/06977/FUL – Burrows House - APPLICATION FOR: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 16 residential units (Use Class C3) comprising two bed and three bed houses together with associated access, landscaping and surfacing works. Firstly, it is very disappointing that a proposed development of this size has been submitted for planning permission with no consultation with the Parish Council. The Council would have expected Red Kite to have at least contacted us out of courtesy. The plans in the most part is illegible, incomplete and very difficult to read. It is not possible to fully comment on the application with incomplete plans. The plans do not

note who the occupants will be, families, assisted living etc. The proposed access road, Jubilee Road, is not suitable to act as a through road to a housing estate. It could not withstand the extra traffic and parking. It is already vastly overcrowded, there is no room for any more cars on this road. The road itself would not withstand the daily traffic of an estate and a prolonged construction period. Trees need to be considered and mentioned in the plans and will possibly need be protecting.

The Downley Village Design Statement has not been considered at all. It clearly states that three story dwellings are not recommended when developing Downley and two stories should be the maximum. No thought has been given to the design of the dwellings. These plans show a complete disagreement for the local area and the Village. The Parish Council are not in support of this development.

Decision Notices

A) Ref. No: 17/07033/MINAMD - 17 Talbot Avenue- Proposed non-material amendment to permission for construction of part two storey, part three storey rear extension, conversion of existing basement to provide ancillary annexe accommodation and associated external alterations granted under householder planning ref: 16/08011/FUL - Status: Application Permitted

B)Ref. No: 17/06624/FUL - 40 Commonsides - Householder application for construction of first floor side / rear extension (alternative scheme to pp 17/05020/FUL) Status: Application Refused

C)Ref. No: 17/06483/FUL -15 West Court- Householder application for construction of single storey side and rear extension – Status: Application Permitted

D)Ref. No: 17/06463/CLP- 7 The Pastures- Status: Grant Certificate - Proposed Development

E)Ref. No: 17/06405/FUL - The Stables Downley Common- Conversion of existing garage to a three storey detached 4 bed dwelling with new patio and steps with associated car parking (alternative scheme to 16/07391/FUL and 16/06231/FUL) - Status: Application Refused

F)Ref. No: 17/06199/FUL - Land Between Silvergate And The Dairy Downley Common Erection of a detached two storey 4-bed dwelling with detached double garage and creation of new access with gates following demolition of four existing outbuilding - |Status: Application Refused

G) Ref. No: 17/06116/FUL - 14 Chapel Street - Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension - Status: Application Permitted

H) Ref. No: 17/05867/FUL - 40 Talbot Avenue - Householder application for construction of two storey side extension and first floor rear extension, formation of paved parking area with new retaining walls and steps and dropped kerb - Status: Application Permitted

I)Ref. No: 17/05869/FUL -20 Talbot Avenue - Householder application for construction of part two storey, part single storey side/rear extension, formation of paved vehicular parking area at front of property with landscaping, new steps and bin store and garden retaining wall to rear - Status: Application Permitted

11) Correspondence (7625/10/17)

- There are a number of training courses available to Cllrs on the BALC website. Cllrs are asked to let the Clerk know if there are any they want to attend.
- A member of the public has asked that a Zebra crossing be placed on Plomer Hill and The Pastures. Cllrs are aware that this is a very busy road. Funding would need to come from Bucks CC for this crossing as the Council does not have the funds to implement this.
- Community Impact Bucks are hosting a number of courses for volunteers, details have been sent to Councillors.
- There is a Macmillan coffee morning on the 14th October at the Community Centre.
- A resident of Chapel Street has contacted the Council as people are regularly parking in Chapel Street and blocking residents cars in and causing an obstruction. Clerk will add this to the agenda for the October meeting.

12) Reports and minutes of Committees (7626/10/17)

Cllr Loadman gave an overview of the Community Plan meeting. Minutes were circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The Best Kept Village results were discussed. The Village lost points on the High Street. The Clerk will contact business owners with the feedback.

Cllr Egmore gave Councillors an update on the latest DCPS meeting. The new information board will soon be installed on the Common. There have been reports of quad bikes in the woods, logs have been placed at the entrance to the woods as a temporary measure. The DCPS AGM will take place in October.

There is an emergency plan working party that is working on a draft emergency plan.

13) Resolutions of which have been notified (7627/10/17)

To consider Resolutions and Items for discussion which have been notified-
None

13) Accounts (7628/10/17)

Accounts.

Please find items set out below for payment by the Council.
Items to be approved in September 2017

Payee	Chq No	Amount
Downley War Memorial Hall - venue hire September	1473	15.00
C Burslem - Chairman's Expenses	1474	25.00
C Knapman- Notice board maintenance expenses	1475	74.26
TBS Hygiene - Dog waste collection July	1476	187.20
Excel Office Supplies - Stationary & Shredding	1477	231.51
DOSCA- Venue hire & Library rent	1478	288.50
SSE Contracting Ltd - Street light maintenance August	1479	610.70
C Masters - Clerks salary & Expenses	1480	1,463.54
KAD Garden Services- Grass maintenance in the village - July	1481	2,315.00
HMRC - Clerks Tax & NI with adjustment 2014-16	1482	2,962.91
Total		£8173.62

- Bank balance as at 31st August 2017 = 104,274.76
- Payments made in August 2017 = £8173.62
- Current Balance £104,274.76 - Payments made £8173.62 = £96,101.14

Balance includes festival contribution of £1067.50 from UP Festival Committee & £3000 from DOSCA as a contribution towards CCTV and Insurance.

15) Date of Next Meeting ((7629/10/17)

10th October 2017 at the Downley Community Centre

15) Date and Place of Next Meetings of Committees (7630/10/17)

Allotment Committee meeting
DCPS AGM
Festival Committee Meeting

16 Closure of the Meeting (7631/10/17)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.45

Chairman _____

Date _____