

Downley Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
Held in the Downley Memorial Hall on the 14th November 2017 at 19.45

1 Attendance

Chairman Cllr C Burslem, Cllr Bowden, Cllr Chandarana, Cllr Egmore , Cllr Loadman, , Cllr V Srao

Apologies received from Cllr Lazenby, Cllr Monroe-West, Cllr Steneskog

County Councillor Wendy Mallen and District Councillor Paul Turner were in attendance

Three members of the public were present.

2) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda (7649/11/17)

None

3) Minutes of the Previous meeting (7650/11/17)

The minutes were agreed as correct and signed by Cllr Burslem

4) Adjournment for Public Questions (7651/11/17)

A member of the public raised concern regarding traffic in the Village, specifically on Grays Lane. Cars are frequently double parked, parked illegally or dangerously. There is a concern that these cars could restrict access should an emergency vehicle need to pass. The Parish Council are liaising with the Police regularly about this and the Police will be invited to the December Parish meeting to discuss this further.

5) Community Library (7652/11/17)

The Chairman of DOSCA has written to the Parish Council asking that the Council consider how else the Library could be used by the Community. The Clerk will contact groups in the Village and ask for suggestions. The Library is due to be decorated in the new year.

6) Fly tipping (7653/11/17)

Fly tipping is an increasing problem in the Village. The Clerk updated the Council on a meeting with an enforcement officer from Bucks CC who has advised that the Council must keep on reporting any fly tipping. Bucks CC will come out to inspect any rubbish that is fly tipped.

If the fly tipping continues the Parish will be considered for a fly tipping operation. An article on fly tipping will go in the spring Village news.

7) Allotment Management

Cllr Bowden attended Allotment Management training in November. The training was useful and showed that the monthly inspections of the plots are in line with what is recommended. Changes will be made in the new year regarding what is expected of plot holders in terms of cultivation levels. A new tenancy agreement will be issued in time for the new year on 1st April.

8) Street Light Narrow Lane (7654/11/17)

This item will be on the agenda for the November Assets meeting.,

9) Cllr Gays Memorial (7655/11/17)

It has been agreed that a fitting memorial will be placed somewhere in the Village to honour Cllr Gay. This will be done in full consultation with Cllr Gays family. The Clerk will take suggestions of memorials back to Cllr Gays family for discussion.

9) Reports from District and County Councillors (7656/11/17)

Cllr Mallen gave an update on the granite sets in the Village that had been replaced with Tarmac. This is now logged with Bucks CC to restore the tarmac back to granite and any future repairs are to be granite. The entrance to the Disraeli school has been resurfaced.

The Carey development is to open in November. Phase 5 of the town masterplan is underway. Queen Victoria Street and Easton Street is due to come out for consultation.

10) Planning applications – (7657/11/17)

A) 17/07974/FUL- 5 Curlew Close-

Householder application for the construction of single storey front/side extension, conversion of existing attached garage to habitable room, alterations to fenestration and associated works – No objections from DPC

Decision notices

A)Ref. No: 17/07526/CTREE - The Cottage Downley Common Status - Fell 1 x group of 4 Norway spruce trees (G1) - Not to make a Tree Preservation Order

B)Ref. No: 17/07109/FUL - The Old Post Office High Street- 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) - Status: Application Permitted

C)Ref. No: 17/06899/VCDN -19 Green Leys - Removal of condition 6 attached to PP 12/05143/FUL Householder application for erection of two storey side/rear extension to provide ancillary annex accommodation, new front porch and extension to existing

hardstanding) to allow the annexe to be occupied or sold as an independent unit - Status: Application Refused

11) Correspondence (7658/11/17)

- Councillors were asked to Comment of the Early help review for Children's Services. The details have been circulated.
- There are free NHS health checks at the Downley Community Centre on the 12th December.
- The Chiltern Arts festival are looking for volunteers to help organise the festival
- Community Impact Bucks have a number of workshops in the new year for volunteers to attend.
- The BRAG annual conference is taking place in November

12) Reports and minutes of Committees (7659/11/17)

Cllr Egmore gave an update on the DCPS AGM, minutes have been circulated to Councillors.

13) To consider resolutions and items for discussion which have been notified –

To make a donation of £200 to Medicines Sans Frontiers

Resolution approved by the full Council – Approved by the full Council

14 Accounts and Budget 2018 (7660/11/17)

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

Payee	Cheque Number	Amount
Downley Memorial Hall - Hall hire Nov	1561	15.00
Excel Office supplies - Ink	1562	46.42
TBS Hygiene - Dog waste collection Oct 2017	1563	187.20
Chiltern Society - Path clearance	1564	251.72
DOSCA-Library & venue hire	1565	280.50
Vizone - Peter Redman Litter Picking	1566	352.00
Castle Water - Allotment Water rates	1567	455.73
PT Carpentry - Downley Bus shelter repair	1568	560.00
SEE Street lighting maintenance charge Oct 2017	1569	610.70
C Masters - Clerks salary & Expenses	1570	1,452.00
KAD - Grass maintenance. Trees, paths and bollards	1571	2,259.00
Total		6,470.27

- Bank balance as at 24th October 2017 = 134,312.07
- Payments made in November 2017 = £6,470.27
- Current Balance £134,312.07 - Payments made £6470.27 = £127,841.80

A draft budget for 2018-19 was circulated by the Clerk. Questions were raised regarding the time switches on the lamp posts, Councillor training fees, Allotment rent. The Clerk will table a revised budget at the December meeting. All questions to be sent to the Clerk.

15) Date of Next Meeting (7661/11/17)

12th December 2017 at the Downley Community Centre

15) Date and Place of Next Meetings of Committees (7662/11/17)

CIS Meeting – 4TH December

16 Closure of the Meeting (7663/11/17)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.45

Chairman _____

Date _____