

Downley Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
Held in the Downley Community Centre on the 11th April 2017 at 19.45

1 Attendance

Chairman Cllr C Burslem, Cllr Chandarana, Cllr D Egnore , Cllr Lazenby, Cllr Loadman, Cllr Steneskog, , Cllr Monroe-West , Cllr V Srao

Apologies received from Cllr B Gay Vice Chairman, Cllr Bowden, Cllr Mallen, ,Cllr P Turner

Three members of the public present.

2) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda (7553/4/17)

A Councillor declared an interest in the planning application for 74 Southfield Rd

3) Minutes of the Previous meeting (7554/4/17)

The minutes were agreed as correct and signed by Cllr Burslem

4) Public Questions (7555/4/17)

A member of the public expressed concern at the Planning Application for The Old Post Office. Parking is a great concern to residents if three dwellings are approved. Members of the public are worried that the site is going to be over developed and the current infrastructure cannot support three new dwellings on the High Street. The safety of the access to the dwellings was called into question, safety for both drivers and pedestrians. The Council are sympathetic to all concerns raised by the Public and will be commenting in due course. It was noted that Bucks Highways have formally withdrawn their recommendation to refuse the application.

5) Report from County Councillor (7556/4/17)

None received

6) Car park maintenance at DOSCA (7557/4/17)

There are maintenance works scheduled at DOSCA in the summer. The ground beneath the Car Park has sunk and there will be a revamp of the drain and gully. Disruption will be kept to a minimum for hirers.

7) Street Light Narrow Lane (7558/4/17)

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) Street Light Maintenance(7559/4/17)

The current contract with SSE is due for renewal. SSE have stipulated a 3-year contract period. The Clerk has asked SSE if it is possible to renew for a rolling period of six months. SSE have yet to confirm. Cllr Egmore has offered to look at the current lighting contract to see if there are any restrictions or penalties if the Council does not renew for the full three year period.

9) Planning applications and Decision notices (7560/4/17)

A) SN/17/05089/FUL – The Old Post Office APPLICATION FOR: Demolition of existing building and erection of a terrace of 2 x 3-bed & 1 x 2-bed dwellings retaining existing access & erection of 3-bay car port to rear with associated bin/cycle stores.

The Parish Council reiterate their previous comments submitted to WDC planning. The amended plans have not done enough to answer the numerous concerns regarding parking and access problems.

B) IAB/17/05149/FUL – 33 South View - APPLICATION FOR: Householder application for construction of two storey side extension and creation of new driveway.

The Council ask that WDC note the objection that has been submitted for this application.

C) JSABAT/17/05602/FUL – 74 Southfield Rd - APPLICATION FOR: Householder application for construction of raised decking and steps to rear (part retrospective).

This is not the first retrospective planning application that has been made for this property. The Council would like it noted that process is not being followed.

D) PM/17/05457/FUL – 9 Turners Field - APPLICATION FOR: Householder application for construction of single-storey rear extension and loft conversion with 2 x rear dormer windows, 1 x rear roof light and 1 sunpipe.

This application had been decided on the day of the meeting. No further comments applicable.

E) JSABAT/17/05658/FUL – 22 Jubilee Road - APPLICATION FOR: Householder application for construction of single storey front and rear extensions.

The Council ask that WDC note the objection that has been submitted for this application.

F) JSABAT/17/05716/FUL – 15 Plomer Green Lane - APPLICATION FOR: Householder application for construction of a timber framed two bay carport to front. This is in keeping with other properties on the street.

G) G) 17/05492/FUL - 48 Gosling Grove - Householder application for construction of part two storey, part single storey, part first floor side/rear extension and conversion of existing garage into habitable living space with associated external alterations.

This property will be going from a 3 to 4 bedroom dwelling and provision for at least 2 cars needs be made within the boundary of the property.

Decision Notices

A) Ref. No: 17/05294/FUL - 11 Woodcote Green - Householder application for construction of single storey front porch extension - Status: Application Permitted

B) Ref. No: 17/05328/CLP - 40 School Close - Certificate of lawfulness for proposed construction of single storey rear extension, 1 x rear dormer window and 2 x roof lights to front in connection with loft conversion - Status: Grant Certificate of Proposed Use

C) Ref. No: 17/05277/FUL - 36 Gosling Grove- Householder application for insertion of window to front in connection with garage conversion to habitable living space - Status: Application Permitted

D) Ref. No: 16/08483/FUL - 4 Middlebrook Rd - Householder application for construction of raising of roof, roof extensions & alterations, construction of part three storey, part two storey front / side extension and widen existing vehicular access to front. - Status: Application Refused

10) Correspondence (7561/4/17)

- The Pastures Church have contacted the Council asking for a grant for £500. The Council does not have the authority to grant money to religious organisations so will regretfully decline this application. The Clerk will offer advice to The Pastures church regarding other grants that may be available to them.
- Japanese Knotweed has been reported on the Common. The Clerk is in correspondence with West Wycombe Estates about this and a contractor has been to visit the site to assess the growth.
- The Police have contacted the Council to inform them that there are cars being damaged on Grays Lane. The Police believe this is criminal damage and have written to home owners in the area to reassure them that they are investigating.
- The LAF have contacted the Council to advise that 'High Wycombe decides' is taking applications
- Trees are being cut down in the Downley Woods, West Wycombe Estates have been in contact and this matter has been reported to the Police. The neighboring houses have been written to inform that that is illegal to cut trees down and also to dump garden waste into the woods.
- The Downley School have been in contact to thank the Council for the grant of £350

11) Reports and minutes from other Committees (7562/4/17)

A sub group have been researching MVAS devices with a view to the Council purchasing one in the near future.

The Communications forum had a meeting in April. The deadline for the next DVN is the end of April. It was agreed that a precept statement would go in the next DVN. The forum have funds that could be granted to a worthy cause. The Clerk will contact them as a new notice board is needed in the village.

12) Resolutions of which have been notified (7563/4/17)

To consider Resolutions and Items for discussion which have been notified-

- The Council resolved to grant £100 to Chilterns Dial a ride
- The Council resolved to donate £50 to South Central Ambulance

13) Accounts (7564/4/17)

Accounts.

Please find items set out below for payment by the Council.
Items to be approved on 11th April 2017

Payee	Cheque Number	Amount
P Greggor -Simply Walk admin cost - Printer ink publicity material	1418	12.48
Best Kept Village Entry Fee	1419	20.00
James Findlay - Order & fit of Signs/Sign cleaning	1420	180.00
DOSCA - Library rent & room hire March 2017	1421	262.00
Excel Office Supplies - Clerks office annual stationary order	1422	334.11
TBS Hygiene - Dog waste collection Feb /March 2017	1423	421.20
SSE Contracting - Street light maintenance March 2017	1424	532.09
Bucks Association Local Councils Annual Subscription	1425	547.30
DCPS - Annual bonfire donation	1426	550.00
ASW Marquees - Deposit for UP Festival marquee	1427	800.00
C Masters - Clerks Salary & Expenses	1428	1,468.87
KAD Garden Services - March grass maintenance in the Village	1429	1,538.00
		6,666.05

- Bank balance as at 1st April 2017 = £87,913.43- uncleared cheques to payees £550= £87,363 .43
- Payments made in April 2017 = £6,666.05
- Current Balance £87,363.43 - Payments made £6,666.05= £ 80,687.38
- Balance includes £ 5,709.07 annual devolution payment received from Bucks CC

13) Any other Business (7565/4/17)

The Clerk reminded Councillors that Downley Day was in June and that the Parish Council will be represented in the Parish Marquee

A sign has been made to be placed at Tank Crossing regarding Fly Tipping. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Egmore who would like to assist with potential CCTV in the area.

Anti Social behavior has been reported in Scholl Close. The Police and the Council are monitoring this.

14) Date of Next Meeting (7566/4/17)

Annual meeting of the Paris – 25th April at the Community Centre
Annual Parish Council meeting 9th May

15) Date and Place of Next Meetings of Committees (7567/4/17)

None

16 Closure of the Meeting (7568/4/17)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.45

Chairman _____

Date _____