

Downley Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
Held in the Downley Memorial Hall 11th December 2018 2018 at 19.45

1 Attendance

Chairman Cllr C Burslem, Cllr Bowden, Cllr Chandarana, Cllr Egmore, Cllr Monroe-West, Cllr P Loadman, Cllr Sapsford, Cllr W Steneskog, Cllr Srao

Wycombe District Councillor –Paul Turner
District and County Councillor Wendy Mallen

Apologies – Cllr Lazenby, Cllr Sapsford

Two members of the public were present

2) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda (7853/12/18)

Cllr Burslem declared an interest in planning item 42 Southfield Rd

3) Minutes of the Previous meeting (7854/12/18)

The November minutes were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman

4) Adjournment for Public Questions (7855/12/18)

A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for the work carried out in the Village, the Council were humbled to receive thanks from members of the public.

5) Reports from County Councillor and District Councillor (7856/12/18)

County Councillor Wendy Mallen reported on the following-

- There are street light issues at the moment in Bucks due to underground electrical faults that are the responsibility of SSE to resolve. This matter has been escalated. Twenty separate areas in Bucks are affected.
- 147 members have been selected for a shadow Unitary committee
- The Children Center consultation has now closed

District Councillor Paul Turner reported on the following –

- WDC is investing £60 million of reserve funds into various projects in High Wycombe.
- Plans for the development of the Chilterns Centre are due to be released shortly.
- A Unitary discussion took place, there is nothing yet to be announced, Cllr Turner will keep the Council informed of any update.

6) Resilience plan update (7857/12/18)

Cllr Loadman gave the Council an update on the Resilience plan. An article about the plan was in the most recent edition of the DVN. A public meeting will be held in March to inform members of the public about the plan. It will be well publicised locally. The working party will continue to work on this outside of the Parish meeting and will keep the Council up to date on any developments.

7) Progress on Community Projects (7858/12/18)

The website has been updated, thanks to Cllr Bowden for his work on the website.

Replacement LED Street light project was discussed, the Clerk will move this forward in January.

Thank to the DCPS for the time spent on Bonfire night and the Beacon lighting.

Residents on Middlebrook Rd have requested a speed survey, Cllr Mallen has offered to pay for this out of her budget. The Clerk asked that all matters regarding road safety go through the Council.

It was agreed that a small committee would form to discuss Unitary matters when updates are available.

8) Downley School (7859/12/18)

The Council invited a School representative to attend the meeting to discuss recent traffic issues at the School. The School were unable to send a representative, the Clerk will contact the School to arrange a meeting. The Clerk has met with the Police and they have suggested that parents are asked not to drive down Faulkner Way during pick up and drop off.

9) Beautification of Downley (7860/12/18)

Following the Best Kept Village results Cllr Egmore suggested noting any improvements in the Village that could be done to enhance the overall appearance. Council agreed that this would be productive, some ideas were removal of phone boxes, cleaning of road signs, litter picking, street lights repaired, bus shelters cleaned. The Clerk will arrange for some quotes.

10) Fencing on Littleworth Rd (7861/12/18)

Cllr Mallen has used ward budget to pay for a fence on Littleworth Rd to prevent people from parking on the grass verge.

11) Private security in the village (7862/12/18)

The Clerk has looked into financials for the proposal of private security in the village. A dog handler would cost £270 a day, a patrol car to visit the village up to three times an evening would cost £75. The Council have agreed that a working party will meet to discuss this further, Cllr Monroe-West, Cllr Steneskog and Cllr Loadman will meet in due course.

12) Irresponsible dog owners (7863/12/18)

The Clerk asked the Council to consider a campaign by Keep Britain Tidy to deter dog owners from leaving their dog waste on the pavements. The cost is £250 for a campaign package. The Council agreed to purchase the campaign.

13) Budget 2019/2020 agreement (7864/12/18)

The budget was agreed, a full budget review will take place next year The Clerk will circulate a budget that shows spend to date.

14) Planning applications (7865/12/18)

A) MPJ/18/07716/FUL- 42 South View- Householder application for conversion of conservatory to habitable accommodation with mono pitched roof with possible rebuild of walls if required-No concerns from DPC.

B) SCLARK/18/07861/CTREE-123 Littleworth Rd- Prune back by 2.5m to 1 x Walnut Tree- Objection - There are insufficient details presented on line to allow Downley Parish Council to draw an opinion and until there is clarity to the scope of the works, they should not be allowed to proceed

C) VJB/18/07797/FUL-12 Ford Way- Householder application for construction of single storey front porch extension incorporating alterations to bay windows, part two storey, part first floor rear extension and fenestration alterations-No objections from DPC

D) 18/07538/FUL- Downley Lodge- Householder application for reconfiguration of front entrance gates to improved visibility by removing part of the front entrance wall – This application is still pending, DPC have objected to the application in its current form.

Decision notes

E)Ref. No: 18/07656/CTREE, 37 Commonside Downley, Fell 1 x Holly (T1), crown lift to a height of 3-4m & trim back as far as possible to 1 x Conifer Tree (T2), cut overhang back to boundary to 1 x Holly (T3) & crown thin by 15% and lift to 3m to 1 x Box Elder (T4) Status: Not to make a Tree Preservation Order

F)Ref. No: 18/07583/FUL , Shelana Jubilee Road, Householder application for erection of single storey side extension - Status: Application Permitted

G)Ref. No: 18/07469/FUL - 14 Sunny Croft - Householder application for part conversion of integral garage to form study, single storey rear extension, first floor alterations and minor elevational changes- Status: Application Permitted

H)Ref. No: 18/07222/FUL- 57 Littleworth Road Householder application for conversion of garage to habitable room with internal alterations & alterations to fenestration - Status: Application Permitted

I) Ref. No: 18/07040/FUL - 2A Cross Court Plomer Green Avenue- Conversion of existing 3 bed dwelling into 2 x 1 bed flats (retrospective) - Status: Application Permitted

15) Correspondence ((7866/12/18)

- Santa will be at the Downley Community Centre on the 15th December 2018.
- The Police property fund are currently taking applications
- The Parish Portal is now live on the Transport for Bucks website
- There are a number for training courses available for Councillors on the BMKALC website

16) Reports and minutes of Committees (7867/12/18)

None

17) To consider Resolutions and Items for discussion which have been notified

(7868/12/18)

None

18) Accounts (7869/12/18)

Please find items set out below for payment by the Council.
Items to be approved in December 2018

To whom Paid	Cheque Number	Amount
Excel office supplies- Archive storage and minute book	1706	124.56
Castle Water-Allotment water supply	1707	179.39
Society Local Council Clerks Annual Membership	1708	200.00
TBS Hygiene Ltd - Dog waste collection	1709	234.00
Sparx-Street light contractors-12 lamps fixed in Nov	1710	810.00
KAD Garden Services -December maintenance	1711	1191.00
C Masters -Clerks salary & expenses inc seasonal expenses, phone, wfi, WFH allowance, stationary, Postage & reimbursement for key cutting.	1712	1719.95
Total		4458.90

Bank balance 1st December 2018 - £ 154,404.21

19) Date and Place of next Meeting (7870/12/18)

8th January 2019-Downley Memorial Hall

20) Date and place of next meetings of Committees (7871/12/18)

8th January - Resilience planning

15th January - Resilience planning

16th January – Traffic working party

18th January – Street light meeting

26th January – Community Initiatives and Action

21) Closure of the Meeting (7872/12/18)

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Chairman _____

Date _____