

## Draft minutes for adoption at Wing Parish Council Meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009.

**MINUTES** of a meeting of **WING PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2009** at 8.00pm in The Small Hall, Wing.

**PRESENT:-** Cllrs Mrs M Crutchfield (Chairman), Mr N Beattie, Mrs C Collier, Mrs C Hellgren-Derry, Mr J Nixon, Mr S Naghi, Mr M Shrubsole and Mr E Waller. District Councillor Mrs N Glover.

**APOLOGIES:-** Cllrs Mr R Godfrey and Mr A Duthie.

### **98. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:-**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 were approved by the Council, and signed as a true record.

### **99. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:-**

The County Council has decided not to go ahead with the provision of an in vessel composting facility. AVDC is therefore no longer able to introduce the scheme as planned which would have allowed kitchen waste and cardboard to be collected for composting throughout the vale. The County Council is also in the process of procuring an alternative method of dealing with the municipal waste that is currently going to landfill. There are two companies under consideration for the provision of an Energy from Waste plant (an incinerator), one is WRG who are looking to provide it at Calvert where they currently provide the landfill facility. The other company is Covanta, who are proposing a very large scheme in Bedfordshire. Bucks County Council plan to announce their decision in the next month.

Waitrose will be the new supermarket in Aylesbury. It will be on the same side of the road as the new theatre.

Benefit cheats have been prosecuted and fined recently. AVDC and the Department for Work and Pensions investigate all types of benefit fraud, both individually and in partnership. They welcome reports of suspected fraud and all calls are treated in confidence and can be anonymous. Call either 0800 854440 or 01296 585570.

Ambassador Theatre Group has been appointed to operate the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury. The group is the second largest theatre operator in the UK and manages a total of 23 venues, including Milton Keynes Theatre. The theatre will open early next year and in her role as Chairman of AVDC, District Cllr Glover will be carrying out the topping out ceremony next month, which involves climbing to the top of the building clad in health and safety gear!

An update on the possible developments close to Wing, namely an area of land to the west of Linslade, bordered by the new bypass – this section of land is within Aylesbury Vale. The Luton and South Beds Joint Committee decided in June that it wants expansion of Leighton Buzzard to take place to the east of the town not the west. Despite this decision a developer has put forward proposals to build on this piece of land to the west of Linslade. The proposals are being vigorously opposed by local residents, Leighton-Linslade Town Council, South Beds District Council, the Joint Committee, environmental groups and the MP. AVDC is expecting to receive a planning application shortly.

### **100. LEASE UPDATE:-**

Cllr Nixon reports - Ultimately there will be three slightly different leases reflecting the needs of the individual clubs. Each lease will have clear definitions of what each club is required to fulfil and what it receives. There will some legal costs incurred in the finalisation and rectification of the errors in the Land register which have recently come to light. The Charity Commission also needs to be approached re the proposed peppercorn rates as they usually like to see that charities are getting the best income they can for any assets. The three clubs agree to the outline proposals. The length of the proposed leases needs to be discussed and agreed on by the Parish Council.

The clerk, as requested, is to make enquiries to other Parish Councils to find out what they do with their land and the local clubs which may wish to use it. It was also requested that it be noted that the football club receive additional support in the form of grass cutting of the pitch. Cllr Nixon is to circulate via email copies of the proposed leases to all councillors and invite comments back within a two week deadline. The question of why a lease was necessary as opposed to a 'licence to use', Cllr Nixon is to investigate this and find out our position re this suggestion with the Charity Commission.

### **101. VILLAGE PLAN:-**

Bucks Community Action have sent a letter re our initial questionnaire detailing that they think our feedback levels should be higher before we progress any further. They have suggested a presentation or meeting encouraging people to attend to achieve a higher feedback rate. It was suggested that we use a current issue to launch the plan eg cycle routes, our use of open spaces etc. Another suggestion was that we send out a draft copy of the plan in an attempt to provoke enthusiasm, apathy or disagreement with its content. Other villages had success in their surveys as they had collected all surveys, door to door, in person. Cllr Shrubsole proposed that the current document be distributed to all households with a follow-up event to discuss it and suggestions to be made regarding a second edition.

Cllr Waller is to email all councillors a copy of the current plan for discussion at the next meeting.

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### 102. JUBILEE GREEN AND WAR MEMORIAL:-

£150 was raised at the recent Table Top sale. The money that is due from the Waterloo Farm development has to be used within a certain timeframe, Cllr Naghi is to investigate this further. Work on the War Memorial is expected to finally start in May.

### 103. PLANNING:-

#### a. Applications

<b>09/00118/APP</b>	Overstone County Combined School.	Erection of solar thermal and photovoltaic array on south east and south west roof slopes.
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The Parish Council supported this application.

#### b. Decisions

<b>08/02454/APP</b>	Overstone County Combined School.	Construction of solar Thermal panels/Photovoltaic array and two 15m wind turbines. <b>Application withdrawn.</b>
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The formation of a planning sub-committee and its remit is to be put on next months agenda and information is to be circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

### 104. FINANCE:-

Payment of the following invoices and expenses were unanimously approved:-

Supplier	Service provided	Invoice total	Payment method
E-on	Street Lighting	£460.95	Dd
Wages	Clerk, street cleaning, book keeping etc.	£798.69	Cheque
Aylesbury Mains	Street Light repairs	£65.03	Cheque
PKW Associates	Audit fees	£402.50	Cheque
WHT	Hall Hire	£15.00	Cheque
L Brooke	Expenses - Postage	£17.28	Cheque
Bucks County Council	Salt Bins	£900.00	Cheque
BT	Telephone	£74.10	Dd
Bucks Playing Fields	Subscription	£20.00	Cheque
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2753.55</b>	

The payments were proposed by Cllr Shrubsole and seconded by Cllr Mr Beattie. All in favour.

The final internal audit required to bring the council up to date has been completed. The comments were read to the council and the audit was adopted.

It was asked that thanks be minuted to the various people involved in bringing the Parish Council up to date. It was acknowledged that it has not been an easy task.

### 105. CORRESPONDENCE:-

- NATS – Update on consultation.
- Beds CC – survey re Linslade Wood.
- Bucks CC – Parish Paths Partnership info.
- Letter from individual re field paths in Parish.
- Bucks Community Action – info re village homes for village people. Clerk to arrange meeting.

### 106. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:-

Tuesday 31st March, 2009 at 8.00pm in the Small Hall, Wing Village Hall.