

**Minutes of Berryfields Parish Council Meeting  
held at Roman park, Sir Henry Lee Crescent, Aylesbury, HP19 0YT  
on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

**Present:** Councillors Arun Sekhar (Vice Chairman), Bindu Gundapudi, Gareth Lane, Laurilee Green (Chairman), Louise Rees, Naser Habib, Paul Redshaw, Sue Severn (Parish Clerk), Anthea Cass (Deputy Clerk), Ashley Waite (Buckinghamshire Council).

1. **Apologies for absence**  
Councillors Lucy Harmes, Vernon Hills and John Yandrapati  
Councillor Irwin (Buckinghamshire Council).
2. **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**  
None.
3. **Open forum for parishioners**  
No members of the public attended.

Cllr Waite of Buckinghamshire Council provided an overview of current projects and updates on Buckinghamshire Council and Communities Board.

Specific areas covered were:

- The details concerning plans to move forward with the Bucks plan vs Vale of Aylesbury plan. There are three areas signposted for development over the next few years between Jackson Road and Westcott. This is being carefully managed and if approved the appropriate infrastructure will be put in place.
- Road works at Jackson Road still in progress – no completion date.
- South of county issues with refuse collections will not affect Aylesbury.
- Due to staff shortages grass verge cuttings are 3 weeks behind.
- Bernie the Bus is going from strength to strength. A food donation collection service is run for the benefit of any food bank who requires support. Bernie requires collection points within Berryfields.
- Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board community engagement event on 30<sup>th</sup> June at Waddesdon – exhibition for council providers. This will be a good networking opportunity
- Cllr Waite congratulated the Councillors on the success of the Jubilee event.

Cllr Lane advised that footpaths over the fields towards Hulcott are overgrown with nettles. The Clerk will advise the landowner.

4. **Police report and Neighbourhood Policing**

No written report received:

4a. **Planning**

To consider any planning applications submitted for consultation to the Parish Council and any other applications received after publication of this agenda:

**22/00693/APP** | Householder application for proposed single storey rear/side infill and first floor side extension. Rear extension and roof replacement to rear extension. Dormer to loft level to the front slope and roof lights to the front and rear slope. Additional windows to elevation, enlarge front hard standing area and rear solar panels (amendment to 21/02061/APP). | 3 Freyberg Drive Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP18 0HR

Full details : <https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R7YFNYCLFQL00&prevPage=inTray>

**Proposed by:** Cllr Redshaw

**Seconded by:** Cllr Sekhar

**Agreed unanimously to remain neutral**

5. **Minutes**

The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Redshaw

**Seconded by:** Cllr Gundapudi

**Agreed unanimously**

6. **Land & facilities**

**Roman Park & Village Hall**

Update on the village hall had been circulated in the Clerk's report and was taken as read.

The Deputy Clerk reported a meeting she had had with Elaine Hassell from the Community Board during which she indicated that we could apply for further micro grants and others to fund ongoing projects in the Park.

Councillors agreed it would be a good idea to organise children's entertainment at Roman Park again this summer. Suggested activities were tennis coaching, skateboarding, donkey rides, reptile show, and table tennis. A budget of £2000 was agreed to include a possible grant of £1000 from the Communities Board. The deputy clerk will apply for this.

**Proposed by :** Cllr Rees

**Seconded by :** Cllr Sekhar

**Agreed unanimously**

**Nursery building repairs and maintenance**

The Clerk advised that the roof has been repaired and the insurance claim has been submitted to our insurers.

**Allotments**

Any update.

Cllr Sekhar expressed his concern there appeared to be allotment plots which looked uncultivated. He suggested that plots be halved again (currently they are a half pole) with the aim of making them more manageable and reducing the number of people on our waiting list.

The Deputy Clerk agreed to ask on the allotmenters Facebook page if anyone would like to share their plot. All allotment holders are leaseholders, and we must adhere to the lease when managing the plots. (The leases can be terminated for non-payment of rent, non-cultivation or contravention of any condition).

**Park inspections and repairs**

Cllr Hills reported that he was concerned about some holes at the edge of the path at Marston Green playground. The PC contractor had looked at the area and confirmed that it could be repaired using a DIY-type tarmac and a whacker plate. It was confirmed that repair work will be carried out over the summer.

The Clerk asked councillors to advise if they personally knew any tradesmen who carried out groundworks, minor repairs that they are able to recommend, since the council needs to increase its roster of approved contractors. Emergency work is frequently required to make areas safe within the parish at weekends and in the evenings. It is necessary for all contractors to have a minimum of £5,000,000 public liability insurance and all necessary licenses and health & safety documentation. Once our simple due diligence is complete we can use their services. This requirement will also be posted on the PC's social media.



**Website** – update. Cllrs are impressed with the new website to date, especially the planning page which links to the AVDC planning portal. Whilst this portal is very useful it was felt that due to complex planning laws residents must be advised to take professional advice if they are unsure of what requires planning permission.

10. **Highways & transport**  
**MVAS & Sentinel.**

Councillors will agree a date to start using the new MVAS. Cllr Redshaw is waiting on bigger clips to set the camera up on the lamp posts.

11. **Meetings & matters of report**

Cllr Lane presented the plan drawn by Blackwood Architects (to be included in the planning application for the BMX track by the skatepark being made by the Parish Council) for a ‘tuck shop’. Councillors were supportive of the design and idea and confirmed their approval for the plans to be submitted to the Planning Authority.

12. **Date of next Parish Council Meetings**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022.