

**Minutes of Berryfields Parish Council Meeting
held at Roman Park, Sir Henry Lee Crescent, Aylesbury, HP18 0YT
on Wednesday 17 July 2024.**

Present: Councillors Laurilee Green (Chairman), John Yandrapati, Gareth Lane, Lucy Harmes, Louise Rees, Nigel Pike, Paul Redshaw, Rick Smith, Anthea Cass (Parish Clerk), Sarah Tomlin (Deputy Clerk and minute taker) Ashley Waite (Buckinghamshire Councillor)

24.1 **Apologies for absence**
Councillor Gundapudi, Councillor Sekhar

24.2 **Declarations of interests in items on the agenda**

No declarations of interest.

24.3 **Open forum** (under adjournment)

A member of the public raised her concerns with the state of Exemplar Park and the excessive weeds growing out of curbs and around traffic lights, and with unfinished roads and pavements not tarmacked. She commented that no one is taking responsibility following phone calls with Kier and Linden Homes and the Council. The Clerk agreed and said she was speaking with the Consortium. She confirmed that Exemplar Park is not yet Parish Council land, that half is Buckinghamshire Council, and that the other half is still with the Housing Association, and that she is trying to work something out. Cllr Waite commented and said he would have a conversation with The Clerk to discuss the issue further.

A member of the public requested an update on the planters along the path, commenting that they are being used as rubbish bins, and at least two of them have smashed lights. The Clerk gave an update of the current situation, explaining issues with lighting as no ducting had been installed, and that following conversations with RTM, they advised that large trees would be an issue for several reasons. The Clerk advised that the issue needs further discussion.

A member of the public said they are happy with benches and litter bins recently installed.

Cllr Waite attended the meeting and gave an update to say the previous six weeks had been busy with the general election, he also commented on his concerns over Bucks as a target for future developments due to green space, and to see how it develops over next 6-8 months.

Clr Waite commented on the homeless man in the layby, he advised the court order is still running and that he had reminded TVP and the ASB team to focus more on the issue due to the man being next to the school so needs moving on.

Clr Waite also gave updates on the lighting outside Starbucks; the community board funding; the Proud Bucks awards; and the I'd like to Borrow scheme and bike project.

24.4 **Police Report**

The Clerk advised we have a new PSCO, PC Ashley Collins. He is the PC for the North Aylesbury border which includes Berryfields. He attends various events and will attend future meetings and he has issued a small report on things around Berryfields since Easter.

24.5 **Planning**

To consider any planning applications submitted for consultation to the Parish Council and any other applications received after the publication of this agenda:
24/02067/APP Householder application for new side roof dormers and new window in rear elevation I 20A Pershore Way Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP18 0WP
(aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk)

Resolved to be neutral

Proposed by: Cllr Smith

Seconded by: Cllr Harmes

24.6 **Minutes**

To agree on minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 19 June 2024.

Proposed by: Cllr Pike

Seconded by: Cllr Redshaw

24.7 **Land and Facilities**

Roman Park & Village Hall

Update as circulated on Clerk's report.

Kiosk

The Clerk gave an update on the kiosk to say the roof is leaking and not fit for purpose, it needs repairing and we are waiting for the surveyor's report which will be sent to the architect for comments.

Allotments

The Deputy Clerk gave up update on allotments to say we have a lot of new tenants and that RTM have strimmed many of the overgrown plots.

Park Inspections and repairs

The Clerk advised the previous park inspector had resigned due to ill health. Cllr Smith asked if councillors could help with park inspections. The Chairman proposed councillors split the parks among them. The Clerk said they will need training, but the next training course is in February 2025. The Clerk confirmed that she can do some group training with councillors in the meantime and can request Proludic to come and do some training.

Councillors agreed unanimously for park inspections to be split among them until a permanent park inspector is in place.

Regarding Berryfields Green, The Clerk referred to the basket swing, new swings and monkey bars which are on order and due for delivery in the coming days but cannot be fitted by the company till mid-August. As this will be during the summer holidays, Proludic is happy to fit them at the start of the holidays. The Clerk requested agreement from councillors to pay Proludic for the day's work.

Resolved to be in favour.

Proposed by: Cllr Rees

Seconded by: Cllr Smith

24.8 **Finance**

24.8.1 To agree the payment run for July 2024 (see attachments below)

Councillors approved unanimously.

Proposed by: Cllr Pike

Seconded by: Cllr Smith

24.8.2 To agree the accounts to the end of June 2024 as circulated

Councillors approved unanimously.

Proposed by: Cllr Yandrapati

Seconded by: Cllr Smith

24.9 **Events**

Youth Club – quieter than usual but hoping to run throughout the summer.

Summer events – there has been lots of advertising on Facebook for the Friday evenings and the Kids Summer fun days. Hoping all will be successful.

24.10 **Meetings & matters of report**

Our Berryfields – The Clerk commented that the volunteer group had proved to be unsuccessful and made recommendations for the management of the magazine to be brought back into the office.

Cllr Rees reported she has undertaken a task to assist the Roman Park Food Bank with

organised collections on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, advertising leaflets to follow.

24.11 Dates of next Parish Council Meeting
Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 18th September 2024

| BERRYFIELDS PARISH COUNCIL Payment run 17 July 2024 | | | | |
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| | BERRYFIELDS PARISH COUNCIL Payment run 17 July 2024 | Net | VAT | Total £ |
| BARCLAYS | | | | |
| PICKERINGS | Container Hire - INV 1205337 | £ 160.00 | 32.00 | £ 192.00 |
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| SHARD TECH | Office 365 - inv 4836 | £ 112.10 | £ 22.42 | £ 134.52 |
| RTM | Monthly Contract works - INV 4741 | £ 2,752.86 | £ 550.57 | £ 3,303.43 |
| RTM | Initial Cut to Valor Drive and allotment strims INV 4722 | £ 400.00 | £ 80.00 | £ 480.00 |
| Nolan Support | Collection of waste from allotments INV NSS120 | £ 30.00 | £ - | £ 30.00 |
| Baughan Pest control | Bi Monthly Vermin service - Big Top Nursery INV 6905 | £ 100.00 | £ 20.00 | £ 120.00 |
| All That Glitters | Face painter | £ 150.00 | £ - | £ 150.00 |
| | | | £ - | |
| | | £ 3,800.96 | £ 724.19 | £ 4,525.15 |
| LLOYDS | | | | |
| | | | £ - | |
| See It Clean | Window Clean INV 10729 | £ 80.00 | £ 16.00 | £ 96.00 |
| Culligan | Water machine INV CD-243327666 | £ 15.22 | £ 3.06 | £ 18.27 |
| Aston Cleaning | Cleaning services for July plus annual fee for nappy disposal INV2759 | £ 2,681.07 | £ 536.21 | £ 3,217.29 |
| DAYLA | Bar stock inv 1508795 | £ 452.57 | £ 90.51 | £ 543.08 |
| SANDY PLUMBING | High pressure water through drainage to clear blockage INV 21159 | £ 125.00 | £ - | £ 150.00 |
| | | £ 3,353.86 | £ 645.78 | £ 4,024.64 |
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| | TOTAL | £ 7,154.82 | £ 1,369.97 | £ 8,549.79 |
| Receipts Barclays | | | | |
| Allotment Rent | allotment rent and deposit plot 18A | £ 80.00 | 0.00 | £ 80.00 |
| Allotment deposit | Allotment deposit - 20B | £ 50.00 | 0.00 | £ 50.00 |
| Big Top Nursery | EON recharge | £ 1,089.29 | £ 217.86 | £ 1,307.15 |
| Big Top Nursery | Quarterly Rent to Sept 2024 | £ 6,250.00 | £ 1,250.00 | £ 7,500.00 |
| | | £ 7,469.29 | £ 1,467.86 | £ 8,937.15 |
| Receipts Lloyds | | | | |
| Hall Hire Deposits | holding account - to be refunded | £ 1,550.00 | £0.00 | £ 1,550.00 |
| HALL HIRE to 16/7 | | £ 8,085.00 | £ 1,617.00 | £ 9,702.00 |
| BAR to 16/7 | | £ 3,305.00 | £ 661.00 | £ 3,966.00 |
| TENNIS COURT INCOME | | £ 327.93 | £ 65.59 | £ 393.52 |
| Ticket Sales | Bingo ticket sales | £ 69.79 | £ 13.96 | £ 83.75 |
| | | £ 13,337.73 | £2,357.55 | £ 15,695.27 |