

Minutes of Berryfields Parish Council Meeting
held at Roman park, Sir Henry Lee Crescent, Aylesbury, HP18 0YT
on Wednesday 20th September 2023.

Present: Laurilee Green (Chairman), Paul Redshaw (Vice Chairman), Louise Rees, Lucy Harmes, Bindu Gundapudi (via Zoom) Gareth Lane, Nigel Pike, Ricky Smith, Anthea Cass (Clerk), Hannah Cass (minute taker), Ashley Waite (Buckinghamshire Councillor).

23.1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Sekhar
Cllr Yandrapati

23.2 Declarations of interests in items on the agenda.

No declarations of interest.

23.3 Open forum

Cllr Ashley Waite attended the meeting and gave updates on HS2 and discussed this year's Santa run.

23.4 Planning

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

23/02511/APP | Change of use from Agricultural to class B8 storage or distribution | Whitesfield Farm Berryfields Quarrendon Buckinghamshire HP22 4AB
Full details : [23/02511/APP | Change of use from Agricultural to class B8 storage or distribution | Whitesfield Farm Berryfields Quarrendon Buckinghamshire HP22 4AB \(aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk\)](#)

23/02531/APP | Householder application for single storey rear and side extension | 4 Zoe Street Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP18 0ZG
Full details: [23/02531/APP | Householder application for single storey rear and side extension | 4 Zoe Street Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP18 0ZG \(aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk\)](#)

No comments required as neither are now on the planning portal.

23/02573/APP | Installation of eight rapid electric vehicle charging stations with associated equipment | Overflow Car Park Sir Henry Lee Crescent Aylesbury, HP18 0PE
Full details: [23/02573/APP | Installation of eight rapid electric vehicle charging stations with associated equipment | Overflow Car Park Sir Henry Lee Crescent Aylesbury, HP18 0PE \(aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk\)](#)

Agreed unanimously to remain neutral in respect of the above application.

Proposed by: Cllr Harmes
Seconded by: Cllr Redman

23/02592/APP | Householder application for front porch. Single storey rear extension and extension to detached garage | 45 Bramley Road Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP18 0FT
Full details: [23/02592/APP | Householder application for front porch. Single storey rear extension and extension to detached garage | 45 Bramley Road Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP18 0FT \(aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk\)](#)

Agreed unanimously to remain neutral in respect of the above application.

Proposed by: Cllr Rees
Seconded by: Cllr Smith

23/02704/VRC | Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) 3 (drainage strategy) 6 (drainage and flooding) relating to application CC/66/16 (New three form entry (3FE) primary academy with nursery and accommodation block to accommodate 1no year 1, 1no year 2 and 2no reception classrooms) | Green Ridge Primary Academy President Road Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP18 0YA
Full details: [23/02704/VRC | Variation of Condition 2 \(approved plans\) 3 \(drainage strategy\) 6 \(drainage and flooding\) relating to application CC/66/16 \(New three form entry \(3FE\) primary academy with nursery and accommodation block to accommodate 1no year 1, 1no year 2 and 2no reception classrooms\) | Green Ridge Primary Academy President Road Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP18 0YA \(aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk\)](#)

Agreed unanimously to remain neutral in respect of the above application

Proposed by: Cllr Redshaw
Seconded by: Cllr Rees

23.5 Minutes

To agree the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 20th September 2023.

Proposed by: Cllr Redshaw
Seconded by: Cllr Harmes

23.6 Land & facilities

Roman Park & Village Hall

The Clerk gave the Councillors an update on the following issues:

Disabled parking spaces.

Gravel is being acquired for the disabled parking spaces.

Village Hall

There are a few electrical problems with the nursery building. An electrician is coming to have a look at it.

Stage

The outdoor stage cannot be used at the moment and is currently being repaired. This is at the cost of the builder and not the Parish Council.

Kiosk

The tenant is currently considering his options and is looking at handing the lease back. The Clerk is waiting for written confirmation.

Allotments Update

Most of the allotments have been leased. There are now regular inspections, and there are 8 people on the waiting list.

Park inspections and repairs Update

The annual inspection is due before the end of September which is conducted by the Play Inspection Company. The tunnel on Berryfields Green is not currently fit for purpose and has been fenced off. The Councillors discussed the issue of youths playing in groups, and residents complaining of swearing and shouting. They considered whether CCTV would be appropriate.

23.7 Finance

To approve the payment run as circulated and to ratify budgeted payments made outside the Parish Council meeting.

To agree the accounts to end August as circulated.

Proposed by: Cllr Pike

Seconded by: Cllr Rees

23.8 Review/ratify policies as circulated to councillors.

Health and Safety

Communication

Equality and Diversity

Proposed by: Cllr Rees

Seconded by: Cllr Smith

23.9 Events

Christmas dates to be agreed - Santa's Grotto and Santa's float (per email previously sent)

The Councillors discussed the Santa's Grotto and the Clerk confirmed that the hall has been booked for 9th December. It was decided to combine the Church carol singing with the Grotto, and then have the Christmas party in the evening. To make this a full event, stall holders will be invited to create a Christmas market (preference will be given to residents),

food vendors will be sought to provide food and the clerk has arranged for the local funfair to bring small rides. The Grotto will start at 9am, Roman Park Hall is available from lunch time and there can be a Christmas market in there from then. It was decided to charge a small fee for the event this year, and there will need to be security. The clerk advised plenty of volunteers will be needed.

Discuss/approve Cllr Lane request for Halloween event on Berryfields Green.

Cllr Lane suggested holding a Halloween event on Berryfields Green. The Councillors discussed this and wondered whether it will be too busy and unsafe. Councillor Lane will review this and maybe consider relocating it.

23.10 Our Berryfields & Communication

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has spoken with the printers and distributors and the current deadline for submissions for the next edition is 2nd October, to give Sure 2 Door enough time to put together and get to print for distribution to be the end of October (this will be the Christmas edition).

**23.11 Highways & transport
MVAS & Sentinel.**

It was agreed that the MVAS is not working efficiently, even with the addition of the solar panel it needs recharging more often than is practical. The clerk will look at other options.

23.12 Meetings & matters of report

It was decided that the youth club should open in January if possible.

The Clerk informed the other Councillors that Cllr Rees and her husband have been helping around the hall recently, fixing things and emptying the Versailles boxes as they were filled with rubbish.

23.13 Dates of next Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th October.