

Meeting of the Bovingdon Parish Council

Held in The Memorial Hall, High Street, Bovingdon

04th March 2024 starting at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillor David Stent (Chairman)
Councillor Hugh Schneiders
Councillor Mike Foulds
Councillor Pauline Wright

Also present:

Borough Councillor Stewart Riddick
Parish Clerk
Parish Marshall Lead

Press:

None

Representatives from the Village:

One members of the public

1.	To receive apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Gbola Adeleke, County Councillor Richard Roberts, Councillor Graham Barrett, Councillor Philip Walker, Councillor Julie Steer, Councillor Adrian Watney & Councillor Alison Gunn. In the absence of Councillor Barrett, Councillor Stent was appointed Chair for the meeting.	
2.	Specific Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest	
3.	Co-option of new Councillor to fill vacancy Nicholas Leon was welcomed to the council and will join the Finance and General Purposes & Planning Committees.	
4.	Public Question Time: 4.1 policy on advertising Its was asked what is the Council's policy on advertising private enterprises that operate in this Parish?" The council's response is that the Bovingdon News was a Parish Council Publication and a community resource magazine. which was the outsourced in 2021. The parish council do not promote private enterprise. 4.2 The Nisa Members of the public are concerned with the appearance and upkeep of	

	<p>The Nisa in the high street. Since the current owner has taken over there has been an increase in rubbish. There is was also concern over the lighting on the front of the shop as it is felt it is too bright and could be a danger to drivers.</p> <p>Councillor Wright advised that she has spoken with the owner on several occasions requesting that this issue be addressed.</p> <p>4.3 Upkeep of the high street Bus Stops</p> <p>The council was asked who is responsible for the upkeep of the bus shelters in the high street as they are in a “Disgusting State” with urine on the floor and graffiti on the walls.</p> <p>The council explained that Sunnyside Rural Trust are contracted with the Upkeep of the bus shelters. There is a meeting arranged with Sunnyside Rural trust arranged for 07/03/2024 and this will be discussed.</p> <p>Signing of Minutes: Bovingdon Parish Council Meeting, 8th January 2024</p> <p>Those Councillors present agreed the minutes of the meeting of Bovingdon Parish Council Meeting held on 8th January 2024 were a true representation of the meeting and the minutes were signed by Councillor Stent.</p> <p>Matters Arising from Minutes: Bovingdon Parish Council Meeting, 8th January 2024</p>	
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5.1	<p>HMP The Mount</p> <p>The Parish Clerk is meeting the HMP representative 05/03/2024 to have a Walk around the village to see what Jobs the prison would be able to do.</p>	Parish Clerk
5.2	<p>Opening /closing of school gates on Saturdays</p> <p>Councillor Stent reported that ‘K’ café are opening and closing the gates on Saturdays and are happy to continue.</p>	Councillor Stent
5.3	<p>Village Gates</p> <p>Councillor Schneiders confirmed that the work on the village gates had now been completed.</p>	Councillors Walker /Schneiders
5.4	<p>The Dock – damaged rail</p> <p>The Parish Clerk is still in the process of getting quotes although we have received one. The parish Clerk is still waiting for Garden Companies quote. Councillor Wright suggested asking Mark Jarman to quote.</p>	Parish Clerk
5.5	<p>Drains</p> <p>The flooding outside the St Lawrence Church Hall in Vicarage Lane is still an issue.</p>	
5.6	<p>Tree Outside Library</p> <p>Councillor Wright & Councillor Schneiders have confirmed that the tree has now been replaced.</p>	Councillor Wright/Cou ncillor Schneiders
6.	<p>BP 10K</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	

7.	<p>Crime Report For January only. In the last month there has been an upturn in opportunist burglaries in the Dacorum areas. It is believed that this is new group operating in this area and may be using a Black and possibly White/Silver cars. On Wednesday 28th February, there was a site meeting at the A41 Services regarding the repeated ASB driving on the roads and roundabouts in the area. This was attended by Councillor Richard Roberts, Councillor Graham Barrett and the community safety representative Ben Richardson together with police officers. There are now two Dacorum CCTV cameras monitoring the roads and Richard Roberts is to discuss options for reducing this problem with Highways. On Friday 1st March, Wesley and Dean Searing appeared at St Albans Crown Court regarding the Green Bloom Nurseries Cannabis factory.</p>	
8.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan (NP) There was no report</p>	
9.	<p>To receive and adopt the following Committee reports: (9.1) Planning Committee Meetings: (i) 8 January 2024 (ii) 29 January 2024 (iii) 19 February 2024 (9.2) Finance & General Purposes Committee (i) 12 February 2024 Resolved that the minutes of these meetings as circulated, be received and adopted.</p>	
10	<p>Feedback from Chair of Committees: We are currently working through documents/Policy's which will brought to the May Parish meeting.</p>	
10.1	<p>Finance & General Purposes Committee (a) It was proposed by Councillor Stent and, seconded by Councillor Foulds that the Council approved the revised Memorial hall charges to take effect from 1st April 2024.</p>	
10.2	<p>Memorial Hall Management Committee In the absence of Councillor Steer there was no report.</p>	
10.3	<p>Outdoors Committee The outdoors committee are due a meeting in April. The village Warden is making good progress. He has cleared the majority of the drains in the village. There is a meeting arranged with Sunnyside Trust for 05/03/2024 to discuss the contract. The Parish Clark is in the process of applying for the License for the Hanging baskets. It was agreed that the Parish need a trailer for the Warden to use a budget of £500 was agreed.</p>	

<p>10.4</p> <p>10.5</p> <p>11.</p> <p>12.</p> <p>13.</p> <p>14.</p> <p>15.</p> <p>16.</p> <p>17.</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Personnel Committee There have been no further meetings of the committee. There is a meeting planned for the 10th April</p> <p>Planning Committee The Committee has met 3 times since the last meeting of the parish council and considered 21 Applications.</p> <p>Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) A meeting will be held 18th March.</p> <p>Report from the Council’s Representative on outside groups/bodies: (12.1) Bovingdon Primary Academy In the absence of the representative there was no report. (12.2) Bovingdon Community Library In the absence of the representative there was no report. (12.3) Chilterns Conservation Board In the absence of the representative there was no report.</p> <p>Bovingdon Improvement Plan (BIP) Working Group Councillor Stent will be arranging a meeting with the working group in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Christmas Lights & Street Fayre. In the absence of Councillor Gunn there was no report</p> <p>Drains – Flooding See 5.5</p> <p>The Docks See 5.4</p> <p>Parish Marshalls An increase in the Parish Marshall budget was approved from £100 to £200. The Parish Clerk advised the cost for a Parish Marshalls email address would be £7.34 per month which would need to come out of the Marshalls budget. This was agreed.</p> <p>80th Anniversary of D-Day - 6 June 2024 It was suggested that before the event it maybe good to enhance the base of the Beacon the monies for this are already in the budget. The council also need to arrange the burning material.</p> <p>Any other urgent business</p> <p>To note date of the next Bovingdon Parish Council meeting:</p>	
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Monday 13th May 2024 to be held in The Memorial Hall, Bovingdon starting at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.40p.m.

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