

**Minutes of Berryfields Parish Council Meeting
held at Roman Park, Sir Henry Lee Crescent, Aylesbury, HP18 0YT
on Wednesday 16th October 2024.**

Present: Councillors Laurilee Green (Chairman), Arun Sekhar, Gareth Lane, Louise Rees, John Yandrapati, Lucy Harmes, 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 Bindu Gundapudi

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 concerns regarding the Versailles boxes lining the cycle path being used for rubbish and attracting rats, and the lack of light along the pathway. The Chair commented that the boxes are due to be filled with soil very soon, and there are plans in place to install lights. Versailles boxes are addressed further in the minutes.

A member of the public raised strong concerns regarding a Starbucks planning application to erect a 7-meter illuminated pole sign just meters from his property, towering over his garden. Councillors agreed to strongly object on the grounds of possible light pollution and the potential increase in road traffic accidents referring to planning ref. 22/02401/AAD further in the minutes.

Cllr Waite gave updates on the Government's new housing numbers for Bucks with a 42% increase over the next 5 years; the homeless man with efforts to have the caravan removed from the layby; scooters being re-introduced into the town from 4th November; a £2.4m award for Helping Hands; and roadworks on the A41 to Bicester with no more closures due till this time next year.

24.4 Police Report

No police report

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:

22/02401/AAD | Pole sign (Internally Illuminated), Drive Thru directional signage (Internally Illuminated), Menu boards (Internally Illuminated) Exit/ Thank you signs (Internally Illuminated) 'Starbucks' fascia signage (Internally Illuminated) 'Siren' Starbucks

logo fixed to external cladding to building 'Siren' Starbucks logo fixed to signage blade to exterior of building (Internally Illuminated) | Land Off Sir Henry Lee Crescent Berryfields Bucks

Resolved to strongly object

Proposed by: Cllr Smith

Seconded by: Cllr Redshaw

24/02437/APP | Householder application for erection of standalone home office | 30 Kentish Street Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP18 1AA

Resolved to be neutral

Proposed by: Cllr Sekhar

Seconded by: Cllr Harmes

24/02322/VRC | Variation of condition 11 (plans) relating to application 17/00041/ADP and 17/B0041/NON (Construction of 60 flats with associated car parking, landscaping and access road) | Berryfields Mda Bicester Road Quarrendon

Resolved to object

Proposed by: Cllr Smith

Seconded by: Cllr Lane

24/02843/APP | Householder application for single storey rear extension | 14 Amber Close Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP18 0UG

Resolved to be neutral

Proposed by: Cllr Pike

Seconded by: Cllr Sekhar

24.6 **Minutes**

To agree on minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 18th September 2024.

Proposed by: Cllr Redshaw

Seconded by: Cllr Harmes

24.7 **Land and Facilities**

Roman Park & Village Hall

Update as circulated on Clerk's report.

Versailles Boxes

Councillors to approve for lights to be installed after the boxes have been filled with soil.

Resolved to be in favour

Proposed by: Cllr Smith

Seconded by: Cllr Rees

Kiosk

As detailed in The Clerk's report.

Allotments

Existing wooden sheds are at a stage whereby they need repairing/replacing. Quotes for replacement plastic storage sheds have been obtained at £249.99 per shed. Following advice from the legal adviser at The National Allotment Society; the recommendation is we manage the removal of sheds on a case-by-case basis, with a view to removing all sheds over a period of time.

Councillors proposed to not replace sheds and manage removal on a case-by-case basis, with clear communications to tenants.

Resolved to be in favour

Proposed by: Cllr Pike

Seconded by: Cllr Sekhar

Park Inspections and repairs

As detailed in The Clerk's report.

24.8 Finance

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

Councillors approved unanimously

Proposed by: Cllr Pike

Seconded by: Cllr Smith

24.8.2 To agree the accounts to the end of September 2024 as circulated.

Councillors approved unanimously

Proposed by: Cllr Yandrapati

Seconded by: Cllr Rees

24.9 Community Grant Application

Councillors to consider a grant application from Aylesbury Gujarati Society as circulated.

Proposed to offer half the amount of £250.00

Resolved to be in favour

Proposed by: Cllr Rees

Seconded by: Cllr Pike

24.10 MVAS and Sentinel

The Parish Council are in the process of obtaining grant funding for MVAS. The Chair called for a Councillor volunteer to organise and head a group of volunteers to manage and operate the Sentinel equipment. Cllrs Sekhar and Yandrapati agreed to head the group. Cllr Smith said he is also happy to be involved.

24.11 Events

Remembrance Day, Monday 11th November 10:50am, remembrance reflection with Reverend Gareth Lane.

Over 55's Christmas tea, Wednesday 5th December 2pm.

Carols at the Hall, Santa's Grotto and Craft Fair, Sunday 15th December; Cllr Lane is requesting the Parish Council to split cost of the outdoor stage and cover for choir.

24.12 Meetings & matters of report

None

24.13 Dates of next Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 20th November 2024.

BERRYFIELDS PARISH COUNCIL Payment run 16 OCTOBER 2024				
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BARCLAYS				
SHARD TEC	Dropbox licences inv 5037	£ 576.00	£ 115.20	£ 691.20
SHARD TEC	Month support retainer/Office 365/ Port PO Switch	£ 1,017.66	£ 203.53	£ 1,221.19
BAUGHAN PEST CONTROL	Bi monthly vermin Lawson Road inv 7163	£ 80.00	£ 16.00	£ 96.00
SHIELD	Dog Waste and Litter Bin Routine collection of new bins inv 8085	£ 819.00	£ 163.80	£ 982.80
BAUGHAN PEST CONTROL	Bi monthly at Roman Park inv 7192	£ 120.00	£ 24.00	£ 144.00
PICKERINGS	Container Hire Inv 1229683	£ 168.00	£ 33.60	£ 201.60
PICKERINGS	Container Hire Inv 1229682	£ 100.80	£ 20.16	£ 120.96
RTM	Monthly Contract work inv 4950	£ 2,902.86	£ 580.57	£ 3,483.43
Attitude Autos	Removal of handle and chain from zip wire Mayberry Place Park inv AA00777	£ 70.00		£ 70.00
Buckinghamshire Pension Fund	Late submission inv 22200004760	£ 100.00		£ 100.00
SUREZDOOR	Our Berryfields Oct edition inv 5892	£ 3,166.75	£ 153.35	£ 3,320.10
RTM	Strim allotment plot 228 inv 4858	£ 45.00	£ 9.00	£ 54.00
NOLAN SUPPORT	Collection and recycling of fly tipping (re charge to Consortium)	£ 196.00	£ -	£ 196.00
			£ -	
		£ 9,362.07	£ 1,319.21	£ 10,681.28
LLOYDS				
			£ -	
LOCK AND KEY	Replacement DDA Alarm switch inv20970	£ 234.00	£ 46.80	£ 280.80
PRINT NOW	Wedding leaflets inv 3015	£ 18.00		£ 18.00
ASTON COMMERCIAL CLEANING	Hall cleaning for September inv 2966	£ 844.03	£ 168.81	£ 1,012.84
ABLE GROUP	Call out to repair heating inv 4610701-J1	£ 276.00	£ 552.00	£ 331.20
AFS	Fire system inspection	£ 149.70	£ 29.94	£ 179.64
DAYLA	Bar stock outstanding balance	£ 87.81	£ 17.56	£ 105.37
DAYLA	Bar stock	£ 757.92	£ 151.58	£ 909.50
		£ 2,367.46	£ 966.69	£ 2,837.35
	TOTAL	£ 11,729.53	£ 2,285.90	£ 13,518.63

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