

**Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held
in the Committee Room at Eskdale Community Centre
on Tuesday 8-November 2022 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr B Ezra (Chairman of Communities Committee), Cllr P Wood, Cllr D Field
 Clerk: Mr Tony Skeggs Absent: None
 Assistant: Mr Peter Rayner Residents: Two

C22/53	It was NOTED that Cllr J Magill has resigned from the communities committee.	
C22/54	APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted from J Durden-Moore.	
C22/55	OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS The parish council were thanked for their work on pruning and removing trees on the village green, painting the barrier in front of the gas station and adding a new pinboard surface to the community notice board.	
C22/56	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION None	
C22/57	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on the 13-September 2022 were unanimously AGREED as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. b) The action plan was reviewed and would be updated accordingly. c) The committee AGREED to recommend that the SLN footpath quote of £11,147 be put to Full Council. 	
C22/58	WAR MEMORIAL It was agreed to investigate the idea of a wrought iron bench with a commemorative design. Potential locations discussed were the church or the new burial ground.	Asst Clerk Cllr Wood
C22/59	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON AND CRISTMAS TREE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school have a Christmas fayre on Friday 2-December from 15:20 to 17:00. It was AGREED that the switch on of the new lights can be during that event. Cllr Ezra will coordinate with the school and offer to let one of the children do the switch on. • It was AGREED to buy an inexpensive fast growing potted tree and plant this on the green before 2-December. It will then be available for the school children to decorate before or during the Christmas fayre. The growth of the tree will be monitored, and it will be replaced when it gets too big. 	Cllr Ezra Asst Clerk
C22/60	TREES IN LIGO AVENUE It was AGREED to accept quote for £1500 + VAT to prune the cyprus conifers around the sub-station and leave the maple as it is.	Asst Clerk
C22/61	DEFIBRILLATOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Field reported that the landlord of The Bull public house has agreed to have a defibrillator on the wall on the building and to allow it to be connected to their power supply. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that there is a defibrillator at the Weston Way Industrial Estate but it is kept in one of the units and difficult for the public to access. • It was AGREED that the parish council will purchase a cabinet and defibrillator for The Bull and it was AGREED we will offer to purchase a cabinet for Weston Way. The defibrillator should be the same model as we have in other locations. 	Asst Clerk

C22/62	PLAYGROUND Buckinghamshire Council have still not made a determination on the planning application. This is now expected in 2 week's time.	Clerk
C22/63	SPEED MONITORING Locations and types of speed activated signs were discussed. There are some that just show the speed and others that also collect data. One location suggested was on Lower road going towards the village. It was agreed to investigate costs and think about suitable locations.	Asst Clerk
C22/64	GARDENER Siding out of paths was discussed and the Clerk confirmed that this can be done as part of the devolved services contract with Aylesbury Town Council. The next step is to define what paths need doing.	Clerk J Durden-Moore
C22/65	VILLAGE GREEN OWNERSHIP It was AGREED that Buckinghamshire Council be approached with the view to start discussions on devolving ownership to the parish council. The clerk to work with the Village Society to try and progress this.	
C22/66	CONSERVATION AREA There was a brief discussion on this topic. The next step is to define exactly what area we would want covered.	J Durden-Moore
C22/67	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting date will be Tuesday 10-January 2023.	

The meeting closed at 20:36.

Signed _____ Dated: 10-January 2023

Action List

Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
14/09/21	C21/43	Contact Agripower to obtain costings and proposed solution to fix drainage problems in waste pipe that runs along the side of the Community Centre where the PC office is. Update – Agripower were due to attend in October but didn't. Clerk to get different contact at Agripower.	Clerk	In Progress
12/05/22	C22/18	As a follow on from the original survey, send a parking review questionnaire to additions roads where commuter parking may be displaced to. Update – decided Hampden Road solution is yellow lines on corners so process started.	Clerk	In progress
12/05/22	C22/22	Plant a small Christmas tree on the village green and purchase decorations.	Asst Clerk	In progress
13/9/22	C22/41	Go back to path company and ask them to provide a cost price quote. Also get second opinion. Update – Bucks Council Local Area Technician has confirmed cracks are due to weather rather than poor design/workmanship. The committee agreed to recommend the SLN footpath quote of £11,147 be put to the Full Council.	Clerk	In Progress
13/9/22	C22/44	Produce draft content for heritage notice board.	J Durden-Moore	In Progress

8/11/22	C22/58	Investigate availability and cost of a wrought iron memorial bench.	Cllr Wood Asst Clerk	
8/11/22	C22/58	Investigate whether there are local forges that could make a memorial bench.	Cllr Field	
8/11/22	C22/59	Meet with the school to agree a time on 2-Dec to switch on the Christmas lights and offer to let one of the children do the switch on. Also let them know a Christmas tree will be planted prior to 2-Dec.	Cllr Ezra	
8/11/22	C22/59	Purchase and plant a rooted Christmas tree in the week prior to 2-Dec.	Asst Clerk	
8/11/22	C22/60	Arrange for the trees in Ligo Avenue to be pruned.	Asst Clerk	
8/11/22	C22/61	Purchase a defibrillator and cabinet to the same design as those at the community centres and work with the landlord of the Bull to arrange installation.	Asst Clerk	
8/11/22	C22/61	Meet with the landlord at Weston way and offer that the parish council will purchase a cabinet to house their defibrillator.	Asst Clerk	
8/11/22	C22/63	Investigate types of vehicle activated sign available and their cost.	Asst Clerk	
8/11/22	C22/64	Agree with the clerk what footpaths need to be sided out so the clerk can then get them added to the scope of work carried out under devolved services.	J Durden- Moore	
8/11/22	C22/65	Work with the Village Society to approach Buckinghamshire Council to try and progress devolving ownership of the village green to the parish council.	Clerk	
8/11/22	C22/66	Make a proposal for the boundary of a potential conservation area.	J Durden- Moore	