



Winslow & Villages Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 28th July 2022

Time: 6:30 pm

Venue: St Laurence Room, Market Square, Winslow, Buckingham, MK18 3AB

BC Councillors:

D Goss (Chairman), J Chilver, P Gomm, J Jordan and B Stanier Bt (Vice-Chairman)

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations:

A Batley (Drayton Parslow Parish Council), A Boyt (North Marston Parish Council), J Bruce (Drayton Parslow Parish Council), H Ellerton (Granborough Parish Council), J Gilbey (Great Horwood Parish Council), K Higgins (Stewkley Parish Council), C Leech (Great Brickhill Parish Council), N Primmer (Dunton (meeting)), A Rashid (Mursley Parish Council), S Severn (Oving Parish Council), G Stewart (Whaddon Parish Council), R van de Poll (Winslow Town Council), G Vinall (Beachampton Parish Council), S Walker (Adstock Parish Council), I Whipp (Newton Longville Parish Council) and V Wright (Soulbury Parish Council)

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For further information please contact: Sophia Comer (Community Board Co-ordinator) on 01296 387567 / 01296 585234, email WinVill@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

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Winslow & Villages Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Winslow & Villages Community Board held on Thursday 24 February 2022 in MS Teams, commencing at 6:30pm and concluding at 8:00pm.

BC Councillors present

J Jordan (Chairman), J Chilver, P Gomm, D Goss and B Stanier Bt

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present

J Anderson (St. Laurence Church), D Carter (Nash), T Cawte (Winslow), J Collinge (Newton Longville), C Cousin (Great Horwood), J Davies (TVP), K Higgins (Stewkley), C Leech (Great Brickhill), S Linsey (Whaddon) P Molloy (Padbury), L Monger (Resident), V Murray (Padbury), L Ormandy (Trading Standards), T Perkins (Oving), A Simone (Trading Standards), R van de Poll (Winslow), I Whipp (Newton Longville), V Wright (Soulbury)

Others in attendance

S Comer, L Dale, A Jenner, J Johnson-Walker

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a few updates. This included the following key points:

- Leone Dale (Co-Ordinator for the Winslow and Villages Community Board) would be transferring to the Buckingham Community Board. Elaine Hassell would act as an interim until a new, permanent Co-Ordinator was appointed.
- Winners of the recent Proud of Bucks Awards had been chosen and the results would be communicated in due course.
- The Community Board's budget for the coming fiscal year had been agreed at the Full Council meeting held on 23rd February 2022. The £150 energy rebate for band A-D properties in Bucks would help mitigate recent increases in energy costs. Details concerning help for those properties that did not qualify were still to be made clear.

2 Apologies

Martin Dickman, Nick Primmer (Dunton) and John Gilbey (Great Horwood) gave apologies.

3 Notes from the Last Meeting

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2021 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

5 Service Director Update

In Martin's absence, Leone Dale gave an overview of the information document circulated with the agenda. The report provided key updates and opportunities for residents and Members of the Community Board to provide feedback on the following topics:

- 98 councillors proposed for Buckinghamshire
- Buckinghamshire Local Plan
- A helping hand for those struggling financially this winter
- Children's Service updates
- Buckinghamshire Online Directory
- Community Cafes
- Jubilee Celebrations
- 70 trees for 70 years

The report would be appended to the Minutes and circulated again for the convenience of those wanting to find out more.

6 Thames Valley Police Update

Inspector James Davies gave a brief verbal update to Members on the work of Thames Valley Police in the Community Board Area. Members were informed that one of the PCSOs working with the team in the Winslow area had left to join Bedfordshire Police as a Police Officer.

Overall crime rates had risen slightly, though not significantly, and TVP remained confident that the levels were under control. Since April 2021, 14 residential burglaries had been reported, which was comparatively low compared to the national picture.

There had been a larger spike in rural crime in the area including agricultural burglaries and theft. Inspector Davies confirmed that the total number of offences was approximately 30. TVP in co-ordination with Bedfordshire Police had made 8 arrests to combat this and had seen no further related offences since.

A Cannabis Factory had been identified in Winslow and TVP were in the process of dismantling it.

Following the verbal update, Inspector Davies made the following points in response to questions:

- TVP were aware of the misuse of e-scooters in the Winslow area. Trying to stop them had proven difficult logistically as well as owing to limited resources. Many people who had bought them were not aware of the legislation in place to prevent their misuse, and TVP had been making efforts to educate people about this in response. Inspector Davies informed Members that the best way to ensure a lasting solution to the problem was through greater public knowledge of the law surrounding e-scooters, or legislation change. TVP had the power to impound e-scooters if their users had no insurance or were using them anti-socially.
- Inspector Davies informed Ian Whipp that informative signs were helpful in deterring cyclists from using the pavement, and that wider public engagement and education about the dangers of doing so were an appropriate way to combat the issue. Any abuse or harassment on the matter should be reported to TVP.
- The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002 gave the Local Authority the power to issue fines to cars idling improperly outside schools and causing traffic congestion.

7 Trading Standards Presentation

Aldo Simone and Lee Ormandy gave a presentation highlighting the work of the Buckinghamshire and Surrey Trading Standards Team. The presentation slides covering the details would be appended to the Minutes of the meeting.

Members were asked to use their contacts and networks to spread awareness of Trading Standards to local residents and to encourage people to report suspicious activity or scams directly to them or TVP. In addition, Members were asked to promote the devices highlighted in the presentation such as Doorbell Cameras, Call Blockers and 'No Cold Calling' door stickers to residents that may benefit from them. These could be fitted free of charge by Trading Standards.

Anyone wanting literature or digitised information to be shared and circulated in a local parish newsletter or magazine to promote Trading Standards was invited to contact Aldo who could arrange this. Aldo could be contacted at the following email address: trading.standards@surreycc.gov.uk

If anyone wanted to forward suspicious emails or provide evidence of suspicious activity for further investigation, they could do so by sending it to the National Fraud Centre. They could be found at the following link: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/about-this-website/contact-us>

Lee confirmed that he would like to see Trading Standards working more closely with Crimestoppers in the future to provide assurance to those who wanted to report something anonymously.

Inspector Davies informed Members that if they noticed legitimately suspicious activity by door-to-door salesmen or cold callers, to call 999, as this would enable a faster response than 101.

8 Winslow Town Centre Development

Martin Connor, Head of Property Transformation & Regeneration provided an update on the Winslow Town Centre Development Project. The following key points were noted:

- Redevelopment of the Winslow Centre site required the reconstruction of the sports facilities currently present in the area. The new facilities would be constructed on the Redfield Farm site.
- The Winslow Centre site would be redeveloped with a new library, community access point, office accommodation, extra care housing, general needs housing, and enhanced green public amenity space.
- The Sports Hub redevelopment would see the reprovision of 3 tennis courts, 1 Multiple Use Games Area, 1 grass rugby pitch, 1 3G football pitch, an amenity building with community space, a skatepark, and 8.3ha of community green space.
- A public consultation on the proposals closed at the end of January 2022. 86% of respondents supported or strongly supported the development of the site. Martin and his team would consider amending the proposals to address the feedback by respondents where possible.
- The business case for the proposals would be submitted to Cabinet in May 2022. The planning application would be submitted in June 2022 and the estimated completion date of all construction was August 2024. Mark stressed that these were part of a rough timeline and were subject to change if necessary.

Following questions for Members, Martin clarified the following points:

- The proposed medical centre replacing Norden house Surgery that had formed part of the initial plans would now not go ahead as planned. Following negotiations with the NHS and CCG, the decision had instead been taken for the existing surgery to expand into the neighbouring building instead.
- The proposed developments conformed to the Neighbourhood Plan and

meetings with Winslow Town Council had taken place to take feedback on this.

- Topographically, it would not be feasible to build housing on the Redfield Farm site, and it would make more logistical sense for the new library and other facilities to be moved into the Winslow Centre site to allow for greater public access.
- An operating model for the Sports Hub had not yet been designed.

9 Community Board updates

Leone drew Members' attention to the information that had been circulated with the agenda, and gave an overview of the funding updates for the Community Board. The funding cycle from the previous fiscal year had finished and would re-open in April. If anyone had any queries about the contents of the update, they were encouraged to contact Leone. The key figures from the funding update were as follows:

- £211,482 total budget
- £128,528 spent so far
- £82,954 remaining
- £82,954 in pending applications (36)

Leone also gave an overview of the projects that had been funded over the previous fiscal year. This had also been circulated as part of the update information included in the agenda report.

It was noted on behalf of Winslow Town Council their concerns that unspent Community Board Grant Funding would not be carried over into the following year's budget, and the impact this decision had had on the funding for Winslow Town Council's skatepark application. Leone confirmed that she would discuss the application with Winslow Town Council after the meeting and stressed that improvements to the overall funding process were being considered as part of the service review currently underway in the Community Boards team. It was hoped that these could be communicated to Members when the review had finished.

Reports containing funding applications for consideration and comment would be circulated in due course.

Members also heard updates from the leaders of the Community Board Action Groups:

Phil Gomm (Health and Wellbeing) – Phil recognised that there had not been enough meetings since May 2021, and those that had taken place had been infrequent. This would be put right for the coming year.

John Chilver (EWR/HS2 & Environment Sub-Groups) – The EWR/HS2 group had met

on 18th January and would meet again in March 2022 (date TBC). The Environment Sub-Group met on 17th November to consider applications submitted by Chiltern Rangers and the Padbury Millennium Woodland Project. It also discussed updates on the Winslow Green Space Group, electric vehicle charging, wild verges and tree planting.

Billy Stanier (Highways) – Billy apologised that the proposed meeting in January did not take place. A new date would be confirmed and communicated. Anyone was welcome to attend and suggest topics for discussion.

David Goss (Local Economy) – an Economic sub-group meeting date was TBC. David expressed his hope that the service review would ensure a robust Terms of Reference for the group moving forward, and that the nature of meetings would closely reflect a task and finish group.

10 Community Matters

Leone encouraged members to look at the open public consultations listed on the Citizen Space and provide feedback. Anyone interested could find the consultations at the following link: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

11 Topics for Future Consideration

Members were encouraged to consider ideas to discuss at future meetings of the Community Board and feedback at the next meeting.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was to be confirmed. Communication would be circulated to Members concerning possible future dates in due course.

Pre-Submitted Question

Question - 'Where hedges outside the 30mph zones are overgrowing pavements, to whom in Bucks Council should Parish and Town Councils communicate the problem for rapid resolution.' Such problems are of course outside any devolution agreement and responsibility for PCs and most, if not all TCs in the county.

Answer provided by the Local Area Technician (LAT) - The town council of course should not be undertaking any works themselves outside the 30mph speed limit. If for example there is a footway which is within a 40mph speed limit and has boundary vegetation obstructing it, the town council under their devolved serviced contract are expected to write to the adjacent property / land owner instructing them to cut back their overhanging vegetation. If the issue is within the parish boundary, they can write to offending property owners whether the issue is within a 40mph or national speed limit.

Nine times out of ten, vegetation or trees affecting highway assets such as footways, carriageway and lighting columns are private and not maintained by the local highway authority.

The LAT is best placed to answer such questions.

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An update for Community Boards from Buckinghamshire Council Summer (July to September 2022)

Support for Ukrainian guests continues across the county – further help is still needed

Over the last few months there has been an outpouring of support for our Ukrainian guests from our communities, alongside the work that we at the council are doing. We now have over 1,100 Ukrainian guests with more than 600 still expected to arrive.

The community boards have been central to our efforts and have achieved so much across the county. Highlights include:

- More than 60 people gathering at a local pub to welcome and make new friends and share stories.
- Working with the community to put together welcome packs including food parcels, toiletries, vouchers from supermarkets and cafes, free eye test, donated gifts, clothing, toys, tech equipment, and SIM cards.
- Coffee mornings with talks covering a wide range of subjects including trauma, fraud, banking and life in the local area.
- Weekly lunch sessions where professionals help support both the host families and Ukrainian friends with various issues.
- Helping to secure funding for Ukrainian professionals – so far funding has been secured for a doctor and an accountant to take the relevant exams to practise here in Buckinghamshire.
- English classes.
- A social event led by a group of Ukrainian guests to celebrate summer solstice.
- A weekly yoga class led by one of the Ukrainian guests.

There's a dedicated area on our website for anyone who would like to know more about how they can help/get involved – check out [‘Helping Hand for Ukraine’](#)

Support with food, bills and finances – Helping Hand and Holiday Activity Fund

As we approach the summer holidays, this is a timely reminder that we have support available for families and individuals in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis.

Our Helping Hand team can help if you – or someone you know:

- are struggling to afford food

- cannot keep on top of your bills
- are in debt
- are struggling to pay for essential goods in your home.

Find out more about our Helping Hand team and how they can [support with food, bills and finances](#). Our #backontrack scheme offers practical advice and support for people experiencing money difficulties: [Money problems - advice and support if you are struggling to make ends meet | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Using the Government Household Support Fund, the Helping Hand team will be providing £50 Digital Food Vouchers to eligible children and young people to support families over the summer holidays. These vouchers will be distributed through schools in July.

We also have our Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme for children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Further information can be found at [HAF information for families | Family Information Service \(buckinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)

Community boards will be at the county show on 1 September

The Bucks County Show is happening on Thursday 1 September at Weedon Park on the outskirts of Aylesbury for the first time since 2019, before the lockdown.

This action-packed one-day event includes a whole range of summer activities for all the family, from the traditional livestock competitions, horse of the year show and showjumping, freestyle motorcycle display, to the gentler arts of home and garden skills.

Buckinghamshire Council will be having one big combined stand highlighting that we are one unified organisation supporting residents in so many different aspects of their lives.

Of course the community boards are central to that support. The managers are working together to plan the community board stall that will raise their profile, show some of the many successful projects carried out and encourage people to get involved with their communities through the boards. There will also be fun activities for the younger visitors!

Update on the £150 council tax energy rebate

Over 80% of the £150 council tax rebates to help offset rising fuel costs have been paid to eligible households. There is also an additional discretionary £25 Helping Hand top-up which Buckinghamshire Council is paying to householders who are on specific benefits.

Anyone who pays their council tax by direct debit should have received their rebate automatically. Anyone who pays by another method is required to claim their rebate –

details can be found at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/council-tax/150-council-tax-energy-rebate/how-to-claim-the-council-tax-energy-rebate/>

Claimants have until August 2022 to supply their bank details enabling the council to pay directly into their bank account. There is funding available for all eligible properties.

From Monday 1 August householders will not be able to supply their details and all those households that have not claimed will receive a £150 voucher instead, which can be cashed at any post office.

Bucks Online Directory

A reminder that the Bucks Online Directory is a great place to publicise any community events, support groups, activities and services to local people. And please do share the link with anyone who may benefit from the information provided:

[Find activities, groups and services near you | Bucks Online Directory | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Current and upcoming consultations

Buckinghamshire Council consultations

A reminder that current consultations and surveys from Buckinghamshire Council are available to view on our website <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

Where appropriate, we also list NHS consultations and surveys as well.

Here are current and upcoming consultations that are relevant to the Winslow and Villages Community Boards;

- [Winslow Neighbourhood Plan](#) (closes 11 Aug)
- Drayton Parslow Neighbourhood Plan (due to launch 14 July)
- Mursley Neighbourhood Plan (due to launch 4 Aug)

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