



Winslow & Villages Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Winslow & Villages Community Board held on Tuesday 25 April 2023 in St Laurence Room, Market Square, Winslow, Buckingham, MK18 3AB, commencing at 7:30pm and concluding at 8:45pm.

BC Councillors present

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

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations present

D Carter (Nash), T Cawte (Winslow Community Bus), E Davis (Action 4 Youth), P Delafield (Stewkley), C Dodds (Resident), H Ellerton (Granborough), J Gilbey (Great Horwood), K Higgins (Stewkley), R Mears (TVP), T Perkins (Oving), O Rhodes (Resident), R van de Poll (Winslow), I Whipp (Newton Longville)

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome

Brief action notes will now be taken for meetings going forward, replacing the minute format that we used to have due to a change in the Democratic Service Team.

Issue raised in the last meeting regarding a funding application from Stoke Hammond, this was resolved in the immediate days following the meeting to all parties' satisfaction.

2 Apologies for Absence

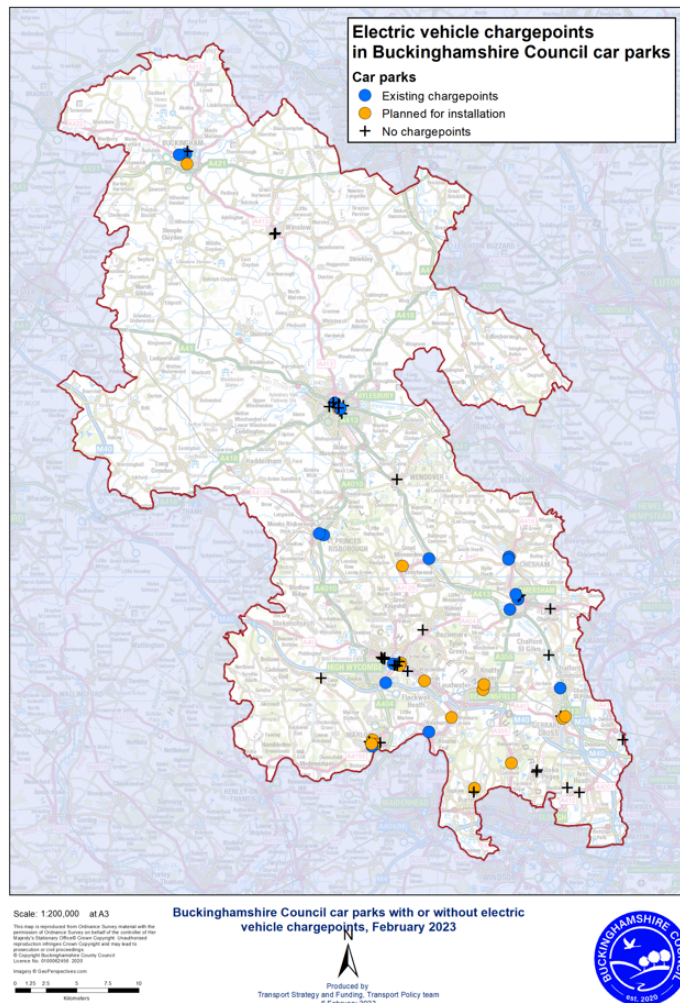
James Davies – TVP
Martin Dickman – Buckinghamshire Council
Caroline Cousins – Great Horwood parish Council
Llew Monger – Winslow Lions Club
Jan Roffe - North Marston Parish Council

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Minutes agreed from 1st February 2023

Action - Following questions, Martin confirmed that: He would confirm which

carparks in Winslow were already earmarked for inclusion in the EV charging scheme.



Attached map showing our car parks, ones where charge points are installed, and others which are planned for installation.

At present there are no locations earmarked for the latest round of BP Pulse points in the Winslow area. However, there is another workstream ongoing to try and secure funding for points in Parish/Town council owned car parks and Winslow Town Council have submitted a request to be included in this for their 'Public Hall'.

4 Declarations of Interest

None

5 Thames Valley Police

Superintendent Rebecca Mears provided an update on TVP.

A new PSCO has been recruited for Winslow and will be starting in the next few

months.

Philip Delafield Stewkley PC complimented TVP for their actions earlier in the afternoon for successfully rounding up 25 cattle that had escaped.

Cllr Jordon asked if TVP could have a representative attend the Community Board meetings to provide an update on crime figures going forward.

Performance:

Broadly the demand across the Aylesbury Vale is broken down as follows but please can I remind everyone of the health warning that the boundaries are not exact due to subsequent changes to parishes that no longer match the boundaries on the police systems.

Total crimes

- Aylesbury North - 4150
- East - 1201
- South - 4156
- West – 5297
- Wendover - 3463
- Buckingham & Villages – 3755
- Waddesdon & Haddenham - 2504
- Wing & Ivinghoe – 1893
- **Winslow & Villages - 1794**

Table showing the last two years in Winslow

Occ Type	Winslow 22/23	Winslow 21/22	% Change
TFMV	49	42	↑ 16.00%
TOMV	28	22	↑ 27.00%
Theft from Person	13	10	↑ 30.00%
Residential Burglary	19	42	↓ -54.00%
Robbery	3	3	No Change
Bicycle Theft	2	1	↑ 100.00%
Violence	179	163	↑ 10.00%
Domestic Abuse	194	255	↓ -24.00%

Table comparing the last 12 months of Winslow crime with Buckingham

Occ Type	Winslow 22/23	Buckingham 22/23
TFMV	49	70
TOMV	28	28
Theft from Person	13	13
Residential Burglary	19	37
Robbery	3	5
Bicycle Theft	2	3
Violence	179	383
Domestic Abuse	194	140

TOMV – Theft of motor vehicle

TFMV – Theft from motor vehicle

TVP are aware that there has been a lot of activity around a Nash site, there has been a lot of positive and proactive engagement with police warrants and public protection orders.

TVP are also aware of damage to seating in the football stands, as well as damage at the croquet lawn. CCTV is being considered.

John Gilbey (Great Horwood PC) asked if the new PCSO will come to the villages. Supt Mears advised that they would go where the demand and threat is, based on data.

Ian Whipp (Newton Longville PC) asked if given their location would PCSO's come from Milton Keynes or Buckinghamshire. Supt Mears advised that PCSO's would be allocated through Bucks. However, if there was an incident it would be the closest most appropriate resource available at that time.

Cllr Gomm asked if Nitrous oxide is an issue in the Winslow and Villages area. Supt Mears advised that there is no substantial problem in the area. If cluster of canisters are being found, then please report this so TVP have this information

Philip Delafield (Stewkley PC) asked for the Thames Valley website to be updated so the PC is still being shown as under the Wing neighbourhood policing.

Roy van de Poll (Winslow TC) asked for more contact with PC's and for them to regularly attend Town and Parish meetings.

Actions

- TVP to have more of a presence at Community Board meetings and provide

an update on local crime figures

- Once the new PCSO is appointed can they be introduced to the Community Board
- TVP to update their systems to realign Stewkley Parish Council to the Winslow area
- TVP to see if there is scope for PC's to have more of a presence at Town and Parish Council meetings

6 Funded Project Updates

Emily Davis from Action 4 Youth provided an update on the Breakout project, that the Community Board provided funding towards. Her case study and funders report would be appended to the action notes.

Ian Whipp from Newton Longville Parish Council provided an update on the Warm Wednesday initiative, that the Community Board provided funding towards. The details of the initiative presented by Ian would be appended to the action notes.

Action

- Action 4 Youth to email the case studies to the Community Board Manger who will circulate.
- All are welcome to attend the Warm Wednesday at the Free Church in Newton Longville.

7 Community Board Update

The Community Board have booked a stall again at the Winslow Show for the August Bank Holiday. If there are any other events that you think may benefit from having the Community Board on attendance, then please do let me know.

Local Plan for Buckinghamshire & Local Transport Plan 5 Vision and Objectives Consultation. The consultation will be open until 4th June 2023 and is available online on Your Voice Bucks: buckinghamshire.gov.uk/vision-and-objectives

There is also an Animal Licensing Policy consultation open until 31st May via your voice <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/communities/animal-licensing/>

Buckinghamshire School Awards 2023, celebrating the work of the teachers and school staff are open. There is a dedicated Buckinghamshire School Webpage and nominations are open until this Friday, 28th April.

Proud of Bucks event is taking place on 16th May at the Winslow Bowls Club from

2:00 – 4:00pm. This event is open to all. We will have some stall holders and a networking opportunity before the awards are announced. Refreshment will be provided. There are some posters, please do take a copy any if you are able to assist in the promotion then that would be much appreciated.

The Winslow and Villages Community Board have a funding budget of £103,029 for the 2023-24 financial year. There are two funding streams available Community Board Project Funding and Small Grants. Full criteria for funding can be found on the webpage. If you would like to discuss a potential project, please get in touch with the Community Board Manager before applications closed in December 2023 via winvill@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

John Gilbey (Great Horwood PC) asked for clarification on contribution funding for a project. Sophia advised that there is set amount and it would depend on the group applying and be done on a case-by-case basis.

Roy van de Poll (Winslow Town Council) suggested the Community Board could promote themselves more widely in local publications.

Action

- All Town and Parish Councils to send the Community Board Manager details of local publications.

8 Task & Finish Group Update

Cllr Chilver provided an update on the Environment Action Group. The next meeting is planned for 16th June, the itinerary for the day is;

- 10:15am – meet at Stewkley School (Forest School)
- 11:00am – Stewkley Circular Walk
- 12:00am – The Boot Inn (Lunch)
- 2:00pm – Stewkley Wildlife Reserve
- 3:30pm – Winslow Fishing Club Lake (BYO Picnic)
- 5:00pm – Padbury Millennium Wood
- 6:00pm - Finish

If you have any ideas for future field trips, please let either Cllr Chilver or Sophia know.

Cllr Gomm provided an update on the Rural Economy Uplift Task and Finish Group. The aims of the group are to help uplift the economy of Highstreet ready for the station opens, to include the villages by looking at working collaboratively with the Community Bus. Look at the possibility of hosting events and increase into the night-time economy, increase the market capacity. Oliver Rhodes will assist Cllr Gomm from a younger person's perspective.

Will engage with the wider Community Board to seek their input and ideas shortly.

9 Community Matters

Q - When will the Great Horwood High Street be scheduled for resurfacing?

A - I would advise you to contact the Highways Department, as I know you have had previous communications with them, and they would be best placed to provide an answer as this doesn't relate to a Community Board project. I do know that we have a new Highways Contactor and with that money is being invested in technology and tools so hopefully you will see the positive impact of this in the coming months.

Q - We carried out a successful Litter Pick in the village on a very wet Sunday morning in March and as well as the litter which was collected on the following Tuesday by BC a large dump of tyres and other debris was found in a ditch in Nash Road (B4033) close to the roundabout with A421, This was registered on Fixmystreet but on Tuesday I got an email notification that the case had been closed. However, when I reinspected the site, the rubbish had not been cleared and was still in place as reported. So, I would like to know if this is normal practice and if so this makes a mockery of the whole system. See second attached word document.

A – Apologies for the confusion, the case was closed on the day the litter was cleared however following specialist arrangements the 126 tyres were cleared on April 21st. The case should have been closed once all items of fly tipping were removed from the site, please accept our apology for the early administration error.

Q - Given recent announcements that the government would no longer pursue a mandatory target of 300,000 new homes a year, what are the implications for the housing targets contained in the VALP and the housing targets that would be included in the new Buckinghamshire local plan.

A - The answer to this one is the housing targets in the VALP (2021) remain part of the development plan until that plan is replaced, regardless of any Government announcements.

For the Wycombe area, the target will be that in the Adopted Wycombe District local plan (2019). In Chiltern and South Bucks areas there is no NPPF-compliant local plan in place, so the Government's Standard Method for Local Housing Need is used.

There is no housing target yet for the new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire as it is at an early stage, options for what it should be informed by an evidence base and the national planning policy framework and will be consulted on in 2024 as part of the local plan process. There will be some information in a late 2023 consultation on the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire on the Government's Standard Method for Local

Housing Need and an indication of the sort of housing growth level that is needed.

Q - Can we have an update on the likely/made changes to constituency boundaries for elections to Westminster & to Buckinghamshire Council and what are the implications for the community board areas.

A - The Council won't know the Commission's final shape of the Council's electoral boundaries until 30 May, when they are scheduled to publish them. The new ward boundaries will come into effect in May 2025. The Boundary Commission for England are currently analysing the feedback from their final consultation on Parliamentary Constituencies. Their final proposals for the South East are available to view via <https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/south-east/> however these may differ from their eventual final recommendations due to be published at any time. Their final recommendations must be sent to Parliament by 1 July 2023.

The Government must then prepare an order to implement the new constituencies for the whole UK. This must be within four months of the Government receiving the last report of the four Parliamentary Boundary Commissions for the UK (therefore the latest will be November 2023). The new constituencies will then take effect at the next general election thereafter.

In summary, the Boundary Commission's proposals for Buckinghamshire are for the following 6 parliamentary constituencies (currently there are 5). The Buckingham & Bletchley constituency covers both Buckinghamshire Council area and an area of Milton Keynes.

Proposed Constituency Name (Final proposals)	Electorate
Aylesbury	75,636
Beaconsfield	73,238
Buckingham & Bletchley	73,644
Chesham & Amersham	73,232
Mid Buckinghamshire	72,240
Wycombe	71,769

There will be a consideration of the many governance implications over the next few months, including understanding how it may affect the Community Boards and whether changes are needed to them.

10 Date of Next Meeting

TBC

Cllr Goss thanked Councillors, the Community Board Manager, stakeholders, and Council staff who have supported the Community Board over the past year.

The Breakout Programme ran for 12 weeks, starting on 23/01/23, and finishing on 24/04/23. During this time, the 10 young people took part in 3 mentoring sessions, and 9 days of educational and adventurous sessions. The educational sessions consisted of things such as a county lines prevention programme, first aid, leadership skills, emotional resilience as well as a session from Thames Valley police centred around knife and gang crime, and a session from drug and alcohol services.

The adventurous sessions involved things such as Jacob's ladder, indoor climbing, high ropes, bushcraft, caving, archery and team dynamics. These were all aimed to support the young people in developing greater confidence and teamwork.

The programme started with 10 students, with varying needs and issues that were explained before starting to work with them. For example, risky behaviours (drugs and alcohol), struggling to maintain relationships, dislikes to authority, discrimination, experience in care, victim of grooming, lack of trust, broken families with lasting effects and disruptive behaviours. Every student on the programme was experiencing a lack of confidence in themselves and trust in others, which was a potential cause of any risky or disruptive behaviours.

However at the end of the programme there were 6. This is due to 1 having been on a temporary move and so returned back to their old school. Another was on a reduced timetable and was waiting for a space at a specialist provision, which became available during the programme and so they left the school. Another student was dismissed from the programme by the school staff due to verbal abuse towards staff at Caldecotte. A further student was dismissed from the programme again by the school staff due to lack of engagement. This young person didn't know anyone else on the programme so felt unable to engage and didn't want to come.

Of the students remaining on the programme till the final mentoring session, all increased their ratings on the shooting star on at least 4 areas, with majority increasing in 5 areas, and one in all 6 areas. Additionally, no students dropped back in their ratings, meaning they remained the same for the 2/3 areas they didn't increase in.

Overall, there was a clear development of confidence within the group. At the beginning, it was obvious the group didn't know each other well. They were hard to engage, and wouldn't contribute or take part. They were unwilling to speak up in front of those they didn't know. This went on for many weeks, with the A4Y team trying new things to engage them and get them interested. After some time, they began engaging in the session and speaking their mind, discussing their opinions and contributing. The teambuilding/adventurous activities definitely helped this to happen, they got more comfortable around each other and started to support one another.

The fact that these students started rating themselves as higher on their shooting stars shows the development in how they positively feel about themselves. They gained confidence in their abilities and who they are. Rating themselves higher in these areas – Aspirations, Contribution, Confidence, Learning, People & Support

and Communicating – could show that the programme has positively impacted them and supported them to make better choices for themselves now and in the future.

Some feedback from students –

- I enjoyed the caving, it was better when there was a whole group of us, when some weren't there it wasn't as fun. Should be more people on it. The morning sessions were good.
- It has been good. I enjoyed the canoeing a lot. The morning sessions were good. I wish I came to more sessions.
- Really enjoyed it. The afternoon sessions were a lot of fun, and the morning sessions were good. They taught me a lot about life.
- I enjoyed it, it was all fun. I have learnt about confidence and how to deal with stress. It has been good.

STFS Case Study – CP

CP came in to the first mentoring session very uneasy and unsure about the programme. She was very quiet and didn't engage much. Before the session I was made aware that CP had been through a lot of trauma as a child, was a victim of grooming, had 2 experiences in care, is very anxious and takes a lot of time to trust anyone. On the star, CP rated herself as mostly 2's and 3's in the first session.

Once the programme began, CP kept herself to her herself in the morning sessions. But in the activity sessions in the afternoon, she began to engage and push herself, for example in canoeing, which she really enjoyed. There were a few sessions that CP missed due to reasons outside of hers or the schools control, things happening at home which meant she wasn't in school, or that she was being supported by teachers during the sessions.

When CP attended the sessions and pushed herself, you could see she was very proud of herself and happy with what she had achieved. CP started to then engage more in the morning sessions, not always offering her opinions or getting involved in the discussion, but you could see she was actively listening and taking everything in.

Despite CP missing a few sessions, she was very positive about her experience on the programme in the last mentoring session, she explained that she had fun and the programme had been good. CP stated that she wished she could have attended more sessions than she did.

On the final star, CP rated a 5 on the people and support section, which is a huge improvement for her, especially as she finds it hard to trust people and takes a long while to feel comfortable around others. The programme has allowed her to gain a bit of confidence to see that those around her at school and friends are trying to support her and want to be there for her. CP also increased to a 4 for confidence, learning and aspirations.

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Newton Longville's Warm Space Initiative.**Briefing to the Community Board Winslow 25th April 2023**

National issues such as Covid and now the energy crisis mean we all have to look to solve these problems as best we can.

Covid allowed us to call on volunteers to aid those who could not get out for essentials supplies. Our Help Heroes - call for volunteers (March 2020) produced 70 people, (a fantastic response for our village). Volunteers were allocated to a specific person or couple, as and when needed, this approach produced a bond which is still in place today.

The Warm Spaces initiative has been the same, the suggestion on using libraries or other venues to allow people to meet was fine in principle for large areas or towns. N.L has none of these and the nearest library is in Bletchley, outside of Buckingham.

N.L along with 5 other villages in the North of the county are not served by the Bucks, in our case we are served by the Beds/Luton/MK ICB, so health care services are in MK or Bletchley and public transport is very limited for residents who need to attend appointments.

In November the PC along with the two churches and village hall group looked at how we could support our residents with our existing resources, over the winter period until the end of March. It was realised that the only venue available was the Free Church on a Wednesday, it also runs a coffee morning on Tuesdays. The church has disabled facilities, easy access, a meeting room and kitchen.

It was decided the sessions should be covered from 10am until 4pm and the PC agreed they would fund reasonable costs and so "Warm Wednesday" was born.

Volunteers were found, along with donations of soup, rolls, biscuits, tea and coffee were obtained. - Attendees and villagers bring in various items, including books, cakes, biscuits and fresh baked rolls each week, I can confirm we have some very good cooks in the village.

The session gives support to all ages that need it and provide activities such as bingo, word search, raffles, sing along sessions, knitting and crocheting groups. They are currently knitting Post Box toppers and bunting for the Coronation. This gives those who would be alone company, an interest and a chance to meet new and old friends.

The event has gone from strength to strength with over 40 people attending each week. We even have the Lord Taverner's from outside the village with their young person's who drop in some times.

There has been a bonus for residents, when a regular attendee fails to attend for an unknown reason, fresh soup and rolls are delivered as a check to ensure all is well. One couple who are both 99yrs old, Nell fell and Bill her husband stays in to look after her, they both look forward to these visits and the soup.

Sue Sparling of the Free Church is fantastic ensuring everything runs smoothly, Cllr Val Coeshall holds regular health checks and personal interviews on a number of topics, while Cllr Tim Welch runs computer and media awareness for those who have limited or no knowledge of the internet or mobiles.

We have also invited Fairhive's neighbourhood manager Jane Wedderburn to attend, so she can meet with her residents to discuss issues and the progress these in person.

The Community Fridge and Helping Hands are due to attend soon, with dates provisionally agreed.

I would like to thank Sophia for her help in obtaining the grant and the board for authorisation, which covered the running and heating costs from November until March. This was very much appreciated by ourselves and has made a real difference to the community and our villagers.

The event is such a success that we (PC) have agreed to continue running this throughout the year, and an open invite is offered to you all, who would like to visit and meet the team.

In fact this "Warm Space" initiative has given the village, a "Community Hub" we never had, which we hope will continue for all our residents.

Thank you

Ian Whipp
Chair Newton Longville P.C