

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Padbury Parish Council
held on Tuesday 14th April 2015 in the Pavilion, Springfields at 6:30 pm**

Present:

CLlr D. McGahey, Chairman
CLlr M. Bailey
CLlr S. Dickens
CLlr D. Gibbs
CLlr P. McHenry
CLlr F. Morris
CLlr K. Roberts

Also Present: Parish Clerk Mrs D. O'Brien; District Cllrs L. Monger and S. Renshell; County Cllr. J. Chilver; 3 residents

1. Welcome and Introduction

CLlr McGahey welcomed those present and advised that this is a meeting for the residents of the parish to learn what has been happening within the community in the past year.

2. Apologies for absence – none were noted

3. Minutes

Those present **RESOLVED** to confirm the summary notes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Saturday 10th May 2014, acknowledging that copies of reports given are available via e-mail from the Clerk.

4. Chairman's report

1. It has been yet another busy year in the Parish and for the Council. The Council continues to fulfil its responsibilities on behalf of the village to the best of its ability.
2. Planning has risen very much up the Council's agenda this year with at least one major housing development proposal on the stocks. A Village meeting on this matter was held in January attended by well over 100 residents. There have also been a number of very well attended PC meetings/discussions on the matter. Accordingly, the Council has decided to apply for Padbury's designation as a Neighbourhood Area and to explore the feasibility of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the village in an attempt to take some control over its future development. In addition, there have been the usual planning applications to consider and County, District and other planning consultation exercises to which to contribute.
3. The County Council has consulted us this year on the devolution of services to us, in particular grass/hedge-cutting. We have decided not to take on these services at this time, as the funding allocated would in our view be insufficient.
4. Regular speed monitoring exercises on the A413 and on Main Street have continued, organised by the Council in liaison with the Police and drawing on volunteers from the village. The Council's own speed monitoring device is being rotated around 5 fixed locations in the village. The Council continues to keep its eye on parking in the village, having for example set up some signs to discourage parking around the Play Area where access for residents was becoming obstructed.
5. The major redevelopment of the Playing Field is now complete, with the MUGA regularly in use and the new tennis courts providing much enhanced facilities for the thriving village tennis club. New signage, improved lighting and CCTV have been installed; the old cricket score-board has been repaired and repainted.
6. Potholes in Main Street and elsewhere around the village seem to appear constantly, and the Council as a consequence is constantly bringing them to the attention of the County Highways Department as the responsible authority. Similarly we are in regular dialogue with Eon about the street-lights. The renewal of several lights has been long delayed by difficulties in sourcing appropriate lamps, but is due for completion this Spring!
7. Dog fouling remains an issue around the village. A Dog Control Order is now in force covering both the Springfields Playing Field and the Bill Thatcher Play Area on Main Street.
8. The Council continues to manage Padbury Millenium Wood on behalf of the Woodland Trust and the village. The wood at the moment is looking lovely.
9. The War Memorial has been refurbished thanks to generous donations from the Padbury Sick Benefit Society and County Cllr John Chilver. Students from Bucks University Technical College in Aylesbury have been undertaking a number of improvement/repair tasks around the village, including at the Playing Field. In addition, Parish Councillors themselves continue to undertake assorted tasks around the village.

10. Henry Paxton continues as Groundsman at Springfields Playing Field, which is looking better and better as it recovers from the development project.
11. The Parish Council finances remain healthy, but it has proved necessary to increase the Parish Precept for 2015, not least in order to meet the cost of the replacement street-lights and to contribute to the prospective cost of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.
12. Finally, I wish formally to record my thanks to our former Parish Clerk, Donna Martin, who retired last Summer, to our new Parish Clerk, Debbie O'Brien, who has got off to a brilliant start, to my fellow Parish Councillors for all their hard work on behalf of the village (and especially to the three Councillors standing down this year, for their service to the village during their terms of office), to all of those who take the trouble to attend our meetings - your visible support is much appreciated -, and to all those villagers who join in village life and thus help to make our community such a good place to live.

5. Treasurer's report

At 31st March 2015 Padbury Parish Council's bank accounts totalled £24,358.63:

- o £8,111.14 in the Santander Savings Account in respect of the Springfield Sport Ground legacy
- o £8,988.17 in the Barclays Bank Community Current Account (£15 cheque still to clear so available balance is £8,973.17)
- o £3,004.18 in the Barclays Business Reserve Account
- o £2,000 in the Barclays Millennium Wood account comprised of monthly donations towards the upkeep of the wood
- o £2255.14 in the Barclays Play Area Account (which is money raised to be utilised for on-going maintenance of the play area on Main St including annual inspections).

Income received from Pump advertising was £756, with a further donation of £100 made by the Lenborough Benefice contributing to the total printing costs of £1,369.39. In 2015/16 advertising rates will increase slightly (+£3) to help offset the cost of printing. A VAT repayment of £645.78 is due with £7,516.38 already claimed and received.

Padbury Youth and Tennis Clubs have paid their fees in full, with the Football Club paying 50% and the balance due in instalments. In addition income of £346 has been generated by hiring out the Pavilion.

The total expenditure for the Parish Council in 2014/15 was £66,670.77, inclusive of the final playing field redevelopment costs, marquee purchase, war memorial refurbishment, CCTV purchase & VAT. Grants were received from the Padbury Sick Benefit Society and Councillor John Chilver for the War Memorial refurbishment. The Marquee Committee donated the funds for the purchase of the marquee and the CCTV expenditure will be reimbursed from the Sports Ground Legacy fund. Normal Council expenditure totalled £16,003.67. A further £2,763 is to be spent on streetlight replacements, £921 of which will be paid for by Western Power.

After careful consideration, the precept for 2015/16 has been increased to £15,200 which is an increase of £0.48 per month for tax band D householders. The Precept has not been increased since 2012 whereas utility and insurance costs have risen dramatically. E-on has announced a 50%+ increase in their street lighting supply costs and a new supplier has been sourced still at an increase of 31%! We also changed the Sportsfield electricity supplier from E-on to Npower to achieve better pricing. Reserves for maintenance and streetlight replacement need to be accrued to allow for future expenditure.

In addition, a new Clerk has been employed with increased hours to take on more duties as needed by changes in the Transparency Code such as the building and maintenance of a website; and the administration of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Going forward more services will be devolved to Parishes and Padbury is prepared for this.

6. Sportsfield Committee report

Tennis Club

The Tennis Club reports no problems with the new courts and they are regularly used and enjoyed by club members. The floodlights have extended playing hours and have been a real asset to weekend club afternoons and for members who are unable to play in the daytime. Tennis club pay for the electricity used by the floodlights and the footpath lights.

The club contract has been amended to ensure that Padbury Tennis Club always has first option on the lease of the courts. This was done at the club's request as they are maintaining the courts themselves.

Henry reported a problem with loose stones causing a problem with the mowing. However the stones have now bedded down and we hope this will not be as big an issue this summer.

Football Clubs

Padbury Village have had two teams playing this season. There have been no problems with the pitch but the showers in the changing rooms have been very temperamental. Thanks to Jamie Beckenham we hope the problem has been resolved but there is a spare pump available if required in the future.

One of the teams has experienced problems paying their bill this year but an agreement has been reached so full payment will be made.

The clubs are not happy at the proposed increase in fees for 2015/16 and this will be addressed during the course of the year.

Youth Club

Thanks to a grant from the LAF a new club was relaunched in February with a great deal of enthusiasm from parents and young people in the village. Debbie Gibbs has taken on the role of Chair and a youth worker has been employed to run the club. The club averages 14 young people a week but they are expecting this to increase with the lighter evenings.

Crickets teams

Yet again we have no cricket team although there are still rumours that a team may be set up to play friendly matches over the summer. As yet the parish council has not been approached; if we were we would wholeheartedly support the idea and would help in any way we could.

MUGA

This has been really well used throughout the year and has drawn people from outside the village too. Youth Club has found it a real asset during the winter months as the outside light has meant that they can play on the dark nights. It has also meant that the football field has been less churned up by the members on a Friday night.

Pavilion hire

Miss Rebecca's dance school has been hiring the pavilion one afternoon a week and has increased this by another afternoon so this has been a regular source of extra income for the PC.

There was also a regular booking from the church but unfortunately due to the state of the pavilion we lost this booking.

The pavilion advert is in the Pump for each issue and is available to hire for parties etc but last year we had just one booking for a christening. We hope to improve this but as it is a sports venue it is not ideally suited to catering for events.

A large village event is being planned for June 27. This will be on the scale of the Jubilee/Royal Wedding events and all village groups can use the afternoon to raise funds. Ticket and bar money will go towards the paying off of the loan for the marquee. Once this loan is paid off any future rental income for the marquee will then go to the PC.

Maintenance

As previously stated the showers have been repaired.

We continue to have cleaners in to do a very basic clean once a month. However all clubs are responsible for cleaning up after themselves. There has been an issue with football not doing this but things have much improved.

The storage heaters are expensive to run and we are looking into an alternative source of heating.

The outside toilets are not fit for use and are locked at all times. This is something that may have to be addressed this year.

Bucks University Technical College has been doing work on the pavilion outside and has done an excellent job of repairing the scoreboard and the benches in the changing room. They are also going to build storage for the new marquee in the garage – this will be paid for by the marquee committee. They have also repaired the picnic benches/benches at the sportsfield and on Main Street. Thanks must go to Henry Paxton for all his hard work this year. He has ensured that the field is maintained to an extremely high standard.

Millennium Wood

The wood is still a really popular spot for dog walkers and used very regularly. The rides were mown last year and will be done again as soon as necessary.

Thanks to our anonymous donor there is money available for any maintenance work that needs doing in the wood.

We are aware that at some point the trees will need to be thinned out – we intend to take advice on when this will be necessary and at what time of year this should be done to ensure the health of the trees and any wildlife that could be affected.

Play Area

The equipment was inspected but nothing was deemed to be needing repair this year. The old rocking horse's bearings are going but these cannot be replaced, however at present the horse is working. A new inspection will be carried out this year.

The company maintaining the grass did a good job last year and we have renewed their contract again for this year.

The gate post on the large gate has rotted away and this will need replacing very soon – quotes are being obtained.

Play around the Parishes

These sessions continue to be very popular but due to AVDC increasing the cost of these sessions we have decided to do just one this year.

7. Parochial Church Council (PCC) report (received via e-mail from Mr J Wrigley)

Late in 2013, we learned that the wall abutting the entrance to the car park was in danger of collapse. Having obtained the necessary permissions, we asked Mick Weatherspoon to take down the dangerous sections that autumn. In the spring of 2014, he started the reconstruction but concluded that the wall would have to come down completely and required new foundations. This work was completed during the summer, with a stupendous amount of voluntary help from David Rasmussen. The finished article is a credit to them both, structurally and aesthetically.

Our team of Neil Gibbard, Roger Plant, Chris James, Ken Roberts, John Wrigley, and David Rasmussen continued to keep the churchyard in an exemplary state of good order. Our thanks are due to all of them for their help. The PCC acknowledges with thanks, the recent receipt of £500 from the Parish Council, towards the cost of maintaining the church yard.

Clergy go into Padbury School regularly and the Footsteps after-school club is enjoyed by many. A Messy Church at school was held in the autumn term, more will follow. The school has been granted Voluntary Aided status from September 2015

Our finances are a continual worry. As ever, we met our Parish Share commitment to the diocese in full. This is the contribution we make to the diocese towards the stipend and housing costs of the vicar. This year it will top £14000.

As usual, we have run various fund raising events, among which the Open Gardens weekend and the Lamb Lunch remain popular and many people enjoyed a convivial evening wine tasting last autumn.

Service numbers are slowly increasing, however we need to connect with our families more. So we are looking at how we include them. Cafe Sundae remains popular and we are looking at its continued development. An evening group called vagabonds has started and meets once a month in the pub to discuss topical, ethical and moral issues and has had a good response.

In his Autumn Statement, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced a special fund of £15m to help Listed Places of Worship repair leaky roofs and gutterings, especially where there is water ingress. As our last quinquennial inspection itemised necessary repairs to our roof, we immediately arranged for an architect's inspection, with a view to submitting an application for a grant of just over £50,000, before the cut-off date of 30 Jan 2015. This was duly submitted and we are delighted to have been awarded the full amount requested.

The Bucks Fine Arts society asked if they could undertake a two year project of recording, researching and photographing everything in the church in great detail. Work started in September. The end product will be a Coffee Table book, of which only seven will be produced. They are undertaking this work entirely voluntarily and the cost of the books will be borne by the society.

Weekly coffee events were started in the summer, using alternately the church and the pavilion at Springfields. The latter proved to be unsuitable for various reasons and we stopped using that venue. But the events have not successfully answered the original intention which was to provide a social outlet for residents, particularly the lonely or isolated.

The bible study group continues to be well attended and always welcomes newcomers, who are interested to learn how the bible relates to life today. This year we have continued studying Matthew's Gospel, looked at the life of the Apostle Peter and are now reading the letters of Peter and Jude.

8. Padbury C of E School report (Mr A. Jarvis)

Mr Andrew Jarvis reported that it had been a good year for the school with an extra classroom allowing for an additional intake of 15 bringing admissions to 60. The catchment area covers Padbury, Adstock, Addington, Thornorrough and Great Horwood and years 4, 5 and 6 are now included.

As of September the school will be a 'Voluntary Aided School' which enables greater control and closer liaison with the Church.

The Governors are investigating developing another building to give a maximum potential of 105 children. This could also be used as a hall space and could be a self-contained facility. Various funding options are available.

There are many teachers in training, some of whom go on to become permanent staff and the school is in a period of sustainable growth. However, they do not wish to grow too fast.

It was intended to make use of the Springfield pavilion and MUGA facilities but due to weather, schedules and other factors this has been unsuccessful so far.

9. Padbury Pre-school report (Mrs C. McHenry)

Padbury Pre-school has now been operating for six years and I am proud to say that we continue to develop and improve. We continue to build on our firm foundation of excellent facilities, high quality child care and knowledgeable and caring practitioners.

The continued success can be seen in our registrations as we are full until July 2016 and already parents are registering their children for the academic year September 2016 –2017 which is already half full. Since 2009 children have moved onto Padbury School each year which has helped Padbury School to grow. We work with the school to provide a smooth transition for the children moving onto school.

Over the past year we have said goodbye to our manager & welcomed someone new to the role. One member of our bank staff has left and one has reduced their hours. We are seeking a replacement. John Hannon stepped down from his voluntary role as our accountant and we are lucky to have been able to welcome Mark Taylor back with us as our voluntary accountant. The pre-school secretary volunteers endless amounts of her time to complete all paperwork (registrations, funding forms, invoices, policies and grant applications to name a few). As a charity we rely heavily on volunteers from the community to help deliver such a valuable resource to the village.

We developed our outdoor area to be able to offer outdoor activities at all times through a grant provided by Bucks County Council. We were inspected by Ofsted last September and received a 'GOOD' rating. We continually strive to be outstanding and work closely with the Early Years team at the local authority to support us with this. Padbury Sick Benefit Society gave us a donation last year which we were able to use to update our staff uniforms in line with our new branding.

The pre-school continues to run as a not-for-profit organisation, registered with Companies House. We are registered for charitable status and with the Charities Commission. We look at many ways of raising funds to ensure we are able to continue to provide the resource to the village that we currently do. For the pre-schools long term sustainable development further funding is constantly sought. We are currently looking for funding to update our IT resources so we can fulfil our Ofsted requirements in assessing

children's progress and for children to be able to access IT equipment. We are also looking for funding to update our tired & broken resources many of which we have had since opening in 2008.

The pre-school hopes the parish council recognises the value that the pre-school has brought to the village and the continued viability and development of Padbury School and the pre-school would like the parish council to be able to demonstrate that they believe we are a valuable asset to the local community.

10. Aylesbury Vale District Councillor Llew Monger's report

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) is one of the largest in the country with a population of 180,000 represented by 59 District Councillors. The political makeup is as follows; Conservative 36, Liberal Democrat 17, UKIP 3, Independent 2, Labour 1. Padbury is in the Winslow Ward which also includes, Adstock, Addington, Shipton and Winslow itself.

AVDC is responsible for Planning, Waste Collection and Recycling, Economic Development, Community Matters, Leisure, Environment, Housing and Benefits. The Council operates through a Cabinet system which means, in effect, that it is controlled by a small group of members from the largest political party. There are four Scrutiny Committees with cross-party membership which, in theory, have oversight of the decisions and policies of the Cabinet. There are also regulatory committees for planning and licencing.

AVDC receive 10% of the Council Tax they collect from you. The rest goes to Bucks County Council (75%), Thames Valley Police (11%) and the Fire Service (4%). Historically the District and County Councils received about 50% of their budget from Council Tax and 50% from the annual central government grant. Over the last few years the latter has been gradually reduced and as a result councils have been forced to increase charges for some services, reduce staff numbers and either drop some services or pass them on to parish councils or the voluntary sector. This is set to continue whatever the complexion of the next government.

Aylesbury Vale is in a dreadful position with regard to future housing development as they have now twice failed to deliver a district wide Local Development Plan and the third attempt, Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) will not be completed before mid-2017 at best. Fortunately I was able to persuade members of all parties on the Council to support my proposal to set up a special Scrutiny Committee to oversee the development of the new plan. This oversight and scrutiny will ensure that this time the plan meets the government requirements without any political interference.

All planning authorities (AVDC for us) have to maintain a five year supply of land approved for housing development to meet on-going needs. AVDC do not have a five year supply and in those circumstances the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) dictates that there is a '*presumption in favour of sustainable development*' unless '*any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits*'. This has already had serious implications for many smaller villages in the Vale where housing developments have been approved contrary to local wishes. There is no doubt that we need more housing and that includes a need for affordable homes to rent. However, those houses need to be the right type in the right places, at the right time and with the support of the local community. Winslow and Great Horwood have addressed this issue by developing Neighbourhood Plans which have real weight in planning terms. I am pleased that Padbury Parish Council have now started the process and have offered my support. Believe me it will be a difficult project, taking a year or so, and will require the involvement and commitment of the whole community. In Winslow we achieved 98.2% approval for the final plan in a community referendum and I sincerely hope that Padbury will have a similar level of success.

During the year I have supported residents on issues related to, housing, benefits, planning applications, highways matters, anti-social behaviour, homelessness, local policing, farming, community groups, public transport and council tax. I represent AVDC on the Trustee Board of Buckingham and Winslow Citizens Advice Bureau. I also chaired the Steering Group which developed the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan and successfully represented the community at two public enquiries. If re-elected on May 7th I will continue to offer my support to all residents and parish councils in the Ward.

11. Aylesbury Vale District Councillor Sue Renshell's report

It has been a great honour for the past four years to serve as your Winslow Ward District Councillor. These are exciting times for our area, particularly with the East West Rail line opening in 2019 and a new station in Winslow bringing growth and employment prospects to the district.

I've really enjoyed working with local residents in Padbury, – advising and helping answering queries - and I've met some lovely people during this time. I hold a monthly surgery in the Winslow Community Library on the first Saturday of each month from 10.00 to 12.00 - and it's a pleasure to work on your behalf.

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

Officers are continuing work on the HEDNA (housing and economic development needs assessment) and HELAA (housing and economic land availability assessment), the two technical documents which will underpin the VALP. Our consultants, G L Hearne, are carrying out work on the HEDNA in the Vale and at the same time AVDC is working with Chiltern District Council and Wycombe District Council on a joint HEDNA and HELAA for Central Bucks, since both Chiltern and Wycombe fall within our housing market area.

Duty to Cooperate: These meetings with our neighbouring authorities are continuing. Planning meetings with Chiltern, Wycombe, South Bucks and Bucks CC take place quarterly. Officers and Members are also working with Central Beds and Milton Keynes Councils. Central Beds lost their local plan at Examination recently because the Inspector decided that they had not cooperated sufficiently with Luton. A planning application has been lodged with AVDC for 1800 houses on land to the north of Newton Longville and to the south west of Milton Keynes. (This is part of the previous Salden Chase area.) Forward Plans and Development Management officers and Members from AVDC and Milton Keynes Councils are working very closely on this

opportunistic application. Milton Keynes Council does not support this application and recently passed a Notice of Motion setting out their reasons for objection.

The dialogue with the GLA and other London Councils continues. Last month there was a meeting at the GLA which included Councils from the South East and from the East of England, the GLA and London Councils (called the Wider South East). This includes councils from Norfolk to the South coast and as far west as Oxfordshire and Hampshire. This meeting was called to agree the process of handling the dialogue on planning, infrastructure and economic development. All areas (except the GLA) have duty to cooperate responsibilities. The next meeting will take place in November.

HS2

The 'long tunnel' (i.e. the extension of the tunnel throughout the whole of the AONB) will be debated at our next AVDC Full Council meeting. Wendover will gain by this, but other communities such as Stoke Mandeville and Aylesbury have more to lose. AVDC will need to take a view on whether to support the extended tunnel before the Select Committee meets again after the election. Members will be carrying out a site visit in Buckinghamshire during the third week of May.

Everyone Activate Dance Festival

The recent Everyone Active dance festival sponsored by AVDC at the Waterside had 31 dance groups taking part, most of whom came from the Vale, with more tickets being sold this year than last for the two day event.

Litter

This is a problem that is affecting an increasing number of Parishes and Green Spaces are looking at educating as well as penalties to try and reduce the nuisance factor

Buckingham Public Toilets

Although a planning application has been submitted by AVDC it did not show the position of Shopmobility and will be re-submitted

Embleton Way Pavilion, Buckingham

The scouts have asked for additional S106 funding of £20000 on top of the £15000 agreed and £20000 Community chest money already granted. They are also applying for New Homes bonus to supplement the £16000 they have raised themselves.

Swan Pool, Buckingham

A temporary disabled parking bay will be made available as one has been removed to make access to part of the site.

Waterside Theatre

A meeting has been held at which ATG raised concerns over lack of a coach drop off point. There are arrangements whereby coaches can use the bus stops on the north of Exchange Street. AVDC has looked at providing a drop off outside the theatre but this is not practical

If there's any more information you require, please email me and I'll do my best to answer your queries. It's been a pleasure to live in the area for over 30 years (including 4 years in Padbury) and if I'm re-elected in May as your District Councillor I'll do everything I can to ensure Padbury remains a great place to live.

12. Bucks County Councillor John Chilver's report

Transport for Buckinghamshire's road capital investment programme is in its fifth year after it was identified that substantial investment in Buckinghamshire's roads was urgently required.

Since 2011 in excess of £50 million has been invested to improve, maintain, and prolong the life and condition of the Buckinghamshire road network. Between April 2015 and March 2016 a further £25 million will be invested.

Roads chosen for treatment in 2015/16 are a combination of those chosen by local Members, and those shown by road condition survey data to require priority treatment.

Recently completed capital maintenance programmes in the Winslow division include Shucklow Hill, Little Horwood, Sheep Street Winslow, and Stratford Road Whaddon. Work scheduled for 2015/16

includes the A413 through Padbury, and High Street and Buckingham Road Winslow.

A budget of £ 1.7m was allocated for pavements and footways in 2014/15 and local Members invited to submit priority areas.

Pavement improvements scheduled in the Winslow Division include Stratford Road Nash and Stock Lane Whaddon.

High Speed 2

The provisional dates for the Select Committee visits to Buckinghamshire have been announced. The visit to the Buckingham Constituency is scheduled for 22nd May.

The County Council will be working with local councillors and community representatives in order to achieve a co-ordinated and successful visit by producing handouts, suggesting speakers, and finding ways to visualise the route.

The original HS2 proposals include a tunnel through the southern 13.2 km of the Chilterns Area of Natural Beauty with the northern 11km at ground level, which would have serious impact on the environment, landscape, local communities and businesses. The County Council supports the proposal for an extended bored tunnel through the entire AONB which would emerge near Wendover.

East West Rail

Ground investigation surveys are taking place along the line between Bletchley and Steeple Claydon. This involves some vegetation clearance along the mothballed railway, installing temporary drainage at locations prone to flooding and drilling bore holes for geotechnical surveys and water table investigations.

A temporary site compound has been set up in a field at Verney Junction in December 2014 and will be operational for around 40 weeks. The Verney Junction compound has offices and will serve as a storage site for large machinery and a vehicle parking site whilst work is being carried out on the mothballed section of track.

The scheduled date for reopening of the line is March 2019.

A 413 Cycle Path

Funding has been secured from the Government for a new cycle path along the A413 from Winslow to Buckingham to connect with the new Winslow station. Design work and consultation will take place later this year, with construction starting in 2016.

The future timetable is as follows:

Review Feasibility and Prelim Design July 2015

Consultation August 2015

Detail Design Dec 2015

Implementation March 2016

Completion of cycleway Sept 2016.

Sir Thomas Fremantle Secondary School, Winslow

Negotiations on a new school site are continuing, with a view to opening at the new site in Sept 2016. A Combined Cadet Force (CCF) has been approved for the school starting in Sept 2015.

Furze Down School, Winslow

The school is about to move into new, state-of-the-art school premises which will enhance its commitment to Specialist Status in Communication and Interaction.

Bedford and Milton Keynes Healthcare Review

A formal consultation started in Dec 2014 on the future of services at Bedford and MK hospitals.

North Bucks has been included in the consultation with a recent public meeting in Buckingham.

Thrift Farm

Thrift Farm near Mursley is run as an income generating activity by Buckinghamshire Care and provides activities for adults with learning difficulties. There is a farm, shop, café and horticulture sales. New investment this year will improve the café, shop and parking. It is now open at weekends and bank holidays.

Well Street Centre Buckingham

The Well Street day opportunities centre in Buckingham reopened in October 2014 after a £ 1m refit with new facilities to welcome customers for its day services. The centre is one of six new or refurbished centres in the county which are designed to provide day services to the elderly and people with learning disabilities.

Do It Online

Buckinghamshire County Council has embarked on a 'Bucks Online' digital campaign with a view to increasing take-up of council services available online.

It has invested significant funds on overhauling its website, enabling more people to access services and complete transactions online more quickly and easily.

There are around 64 different services already available on the website, from renewing library books or applying for a school place, to reporting a pothole or booking tickets for events.

It is intended that all the new online services will be as simple and easy to use as possible.

Other initiatives include the extension of live web chat, which is already a feature on the schools and libraries web pages.

To promote its digital campaign the Council is engaging directly with people at libraries, children's centres, shopping centres, supermarkets and community events such as coffee mornings.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their reports (which will be made available online via <https://padburyparishcouncil.com/> and opened the floor to residents.

A resident asked what was happening in regard to the proposed new Bloor housing development. Cllr Roberts replied that as no application had been formally made there was no update available. The Planning Committee is analysing 3 other sites mentioned in the 'Call for Sites' and will respond to each if and when an application is made. Cllr McGahey reported a call from All Souls College which was interested in learning about Padbury's proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Annual Parish Meeting.