

BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

General Meeting Held Monday 10th March 2025 7.00pm in Brightwalton Village Hall

Present

Tim Wyatt	Chair	Katherine Moore	Community Coordinator
Annie Agnew	Councillor	Anna Britnor Guest	Village Hall Committee
Christine Delahunty	Councillor		
Sue Sayers	Councillor	2 officers from WBC Neighbourhood Planning	
Mike Cooper	Councillor (arrived 20:00)	1 member of public present	

Clive Hooker	Ward Councillor
Faye Bates	Clerk

Apologies
Damien Goatley

Meeting Started at 19:00	Action
10 Minute Open session: No questions or comments	Clerk
Declaration of Interests: None. Apologies: As above Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were agreed. Clerk to pass printed copy to Cllr Wyatt for signing.	Resolved
WBC Neighbourhood Planning officer: The officers presented to the council the Overview of the neighbourhood planning. More information can be found at : https://www.westberks.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning The councillors thanked the officers for attending the meeting and for the presentation.	
Updates	
West Berkshire Council- Councillor Hooker Update: The full update can be found here: https://www.brightwalton.org.uk/uploads/8/8/1/9/88193284/cllr_hooker_update_february_2025.pdf Community Coordinator Update: The water butts for the rain garden at the school will be ordered soon. Open gardens in June. Good Friday the community coordinator and Reverend Mike are organising a children's craft event at the church. Village Hall Committee update: Fete plans are going well. The AGM was held for the village hall committee, Mike Ananin has stood down as chairman, there are a couple of new committee members and volunteers.	
Matters Arising	
Pump Track: Community Coordinator has spoken with the clerk at Upton Parish Council regarding the pump track in the village, it was reported that the track cost between £30,000 and £50,000. Upton PC had one major benefactor from the village to help cover the costs. Brightwalton PC have decided not to pursue the idea of a pump track due to the costs. When the Parish Plan is revised, the Parish Council will ask the villagers for ideas of what amenities they would like to have in the village. The priority was decided to potentially update the playground in the future.	
Football Club: MOP emailed the clerk to inform the council that he would like to start a children's football team in Brightwalton, using the playing field twice per week. The council are very supportive of the idea with no objections. There would not be a fee to use the field, MOP to contact the village hall committee if the use of the hall is required. Clerk to make contact with MOP. Councillors suggested it would be a good idea to have a team for older children/teenagers.	Clerk
Climbing Frame Maintenance: It has been noted that the climbing frame is very slippery. Clerk to contact maintenance to gain quote for removing the algae and clean the frame.	Clerk
Combi goal net damage: Clerk presented quotes for new nets and new hooks to the council. Cllr. Cooper is going to see if he can make repairs to the damaged net.	MC
Annual Playground inspection: This is being carried out in April/May by RoSPA, total £88.00+VAT.	
Asset Register: The asset register was reviewed, land added to the list: Dunmore Pond, Old Churchyard, The Common and Black Pond. Asset register approved.	Clerk
Tree Survey: Clerk presented one quote from Tactical Facilities Management for a survey of the trees at Dunmore pond, quoted £550 exc VAT. Awaiting one more quote, clerk to chase.	Clerk
Internal Auditor: Approved to appoint Claire Connell for this year's audit.	

Brightwalton Parish Council Clerk – Faye Bates

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Minute Page Reference: 13.01.25/PCM

Planning	
<p>To discuss: 25/00321/AGRIC THE PROPOSAL AND LOCATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: New Building - Steel portal framed general purpose building. Land at Manor Farm at Junction Of Long Lane and, Browns Lane, Brightwalton, Newbury. The PC response is " The parish council have received a number of concerns related to this due to the size and visual impact". Clerk to respond to WBC. The clerk is to organise a site visit with the councillors.</p> <p>To note: WBC has granted permission for 24/01859/FUL Erection of 2no. essential rural workers dwellings and associated access, car parking and landscaping. Land at Brightwalton Stud and Opposite Junction Of Spray Lane and, The Green, Brightwalton, Newbury</p>	
Finances	
<p>Outstanding invoices: No invoices outstanding.</p> <p>Monthly Finance Report: Clerk presented to the council, Cllr Wyatt signed forms for January and February. Clerk to file.</p> <p>Payments and receipts made since the January meeting: Current Account: Brickleton news Imprint Invoice £77.00 paid on 30.01.25 Savings Account: Interest paid in £35.91 on 03.03.25 Coordinator Account: Total youth club income since last meeting £58.44, invoices paid Brightwalton Village hall £55.00 on 30.01.25 and wages £91.00 on 18.02.25</p> <p>Bank Balances on 10th March 2025: Current account £3,563.98 Savings Account £10,190.06 Community Account £10,292.35 CIL Balance £2,895.60 (included in the savings account balance).</p> <p>Barclays bank update: Interest rate on the savings account is being reduced by 0.10% on 13th May 2025, new rate will be 1.25%.</p>	Clerk
Clerk Reports & Any Other Business	
<p>Members bid application: We were successful for this bid, total of £525 has been awarded towards the cost of refurbishment of the telephone box. £225 left to pay from CIL funds.</p> <p>Park inspections for : March: Cllr. Cooper, April: Cllr. Goatley, May: Clerk. Councillors to send completed inspection reports to the clerk.</p> <p>Items for next agenda: Annual Parish meeting</p> <p>Ideas for Brickleton News: Cllr. Wyatt to send a PDF of a Loan Shark poster to Brickleton news. Reminder of the different waste collections available to residents in Brightwalton.</p>	

Session closed 21:10

Parish Council Meeting as Sole Trustee of Brightwalton Millennium Green Trust	Action
<p>Session opened at 21:10 £9.82 held in bank account. No maintenance to report. Clerk to change signatories on bank account Next meeting for BMGT due September 2025</p>	Clerk

Meeting closed at 21:15

The 2025 meetings will be held on:

12th May, 14th July, 8th September and 10th November at 7.30pm