

## BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 7.30pm in Brightwalton Village Hall

### Present

Shaun Orpen	Chairman	Sarah Youldon	Clerk
Tim Wyatt	Vice Chair		
Christine Delahunty	Councillor	<b>Apologies:</b>	
Sue Sayers	Councillor	Mike Cooper	Councillor
Annie Agnew	Councillor	Clive Hooker	District Councillor

	Action
<b>Minutes:</b> The minutes of the January meeting were agreed and signed as an accurate record.	Resolved
<b>Declaration of Interests:</b> None	
<b>Updates</b>	
<p><b>Community Coordinator:</b> Katherine attended meeting to share work to date. A successful soup lunch had been held, next scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> April and 15<sup>th</sup> May. VH had agreed to permanently loan a few tables to the church to facilitate this, churchwarden also obtaining required cutlery and crockery. Coffee drop- in has also been set up for Wednesday mornings. Katherine was pleased to report that she had enough volunteers to go ahead with setting up a term time youth club after Easter. Start up costs of c.£200 approved. Request to use the corner of the playing field as a community garden considered, agreed it was best to pilot this with the school raised beds and see what interest there was to make this successful before progressing to a larger area. Other suggestions from parishioners are also being looked at. The Councillors congratulated Katherine on her progress so far and asked for a brief email update to be sent to the steering committee too.</p> <p><b>Village Hall Committee:</b> Email report received stating that the AGM went ahead in February, no nominations for new officers were received so the existing committee was re-elected. Plans for the fete were underway for the 30<sup>th</sup> April, with request for help and support to make this another strong fete and help make up for the income shortfall during covid and cover the costs of recent and planned maintenance works.</p>	KM
<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<p><b>Parish Council Elections:</b> Councillors ran through the nomination forms in preparation for the Parish Elections taking place in May. AA offered to deliver completed forms 20/03.</p> <p><b>Playground:</b> Following report of rats crossing the playground at the last meeting, the school have had pest control in. Clerk spoke to Environmental Health who visited site and stated that no action necessary in playground but residents of Butts Furlong should be notified as rats were crossing from school to the house gardens. Under advice provided, Clerk has written to Housing Association to ask tenants to be informed that they must stop any potential food sources in the gardens (ie. Bird feeders, compost heaps).</p> <p><b>Village Housing Availability &amp; Allocations:</b> Clerk reported that the recent vacancy had been advertised in accordance with the S106 agreement with advance notice given to the parish. Unfortunately, no eligible applications with a direct local link were received for the property and it has been allocated according to next criteria level.</p> <p><b>Annual Parish Meeting &amp; AGM:</b> Parish Meeting will take place at 7.30pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> May with AGM following after. SO and TW to prepare the council's annual summary.</p> <p><b>Kings Coronation Celebration Planning:</b> Picnic will go ahead on the playing field on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. TW to create poster, CD to put together list of actions, SY to organise colour printing of posters. Hall, furniture, and marquees have been booked.</p> <p><b>Brickleton News Articles:</b> AA raised that it would be good to publish useful numbers in each edition, agreed this takes up vital space and we should advertise the website more within the Brickleton News, as this includes a useful contacts page. KM is providing coordinator update. Details of coronation to be submitted.</p>	<p>Resolved AA</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>TW, CD, SY</p> <p>KM</p>
<b>Planning</b>	
<b>23/00043/FUL &amp; 23/00044/LBC</b> Malthouse Cottage, Brightwalton – Section 73: Variation of Condition 3 (Approved Plans) of previously approved application 01/01579/FUL: Proposed extension and replacement garage. WBC granted permission. <b>23/00030/HOUSE &amp; 23/00031/LBC</b> for replacement of various garden outbuildings also granted.	Resolved

<p><b>22/02618/FUL</b> 4 Ash Close, Brightwalton – change of use and renovation / rebuild of an existing garden store/pool room to a self-contained 1-bedroom dwelling ancillary to the main house. Clerk reported that WBC decision still pending, although outstanding ecology report had now been received.</p>	
<p><b>Finance</b></p>	
<p>Current Account Balance £3,380.37. Clerk reported that the following payments have been made since the January Meeting :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25/01 CJM Services Climbing Frame works £710.15 (plus £142.03 VAT) (£355.08 coming from the Members Bid Grant, £286.99 from CIL and £68.08 from general funds)</li> <li>• 25/01 PCC Churchyard maintenance £250.00</li> <li>• 06/02 Village Hall booking for First Aid Workshop £80.00</li> <li>• 06/02 Imprint Brickleton News £77.00</li> </ul> <p>The following payments have been received since the January Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18/01 Dunmore Millennium Green Trust Return of Funds £100.00</li> <li>• 13 Jan – 2 Mar First Aid Payments £330.00</li> <li>• 16/02 WBC Members Bid Grant for Climbing Frame £355.08</li> </ul> <p>VHC have agreed £250 contribution to the 2022 mowing of the playing field. Invoice issued to treasurer.</p> <p><b>Savings Account</b> Balance £7,599.11  <b>Community Coordinator Account</b> Balance £13,281.02</p> <p>Following payments have been made since the January Meeting: 03/03 Hours (10.5) and Expenses for February £153.95</p> <p><b>End of Year</b>  Clerk reported that the completed accounts will be delivered to the Auditor on the 5<sup>th</sup> April to ensure we have them back for sign off at the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> May</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>SY</p>
<p><b>Open Session</b></p>	
<p>BB sent update on telephone box repainting – this will be done when weather is suitable. Also reported that the notice board to the side of the telephone box is in need of repair as post has snapped. TW agreed to look at options and advise.</p> <p>Enquiry about using the parking behind the village hall received and referred to the VHC.</p> <p>Clerk reported that due to teething troubles with the new public bin collection service WBC dog bin will remain in place taped up for time being.</p> <p>Number of full dog poo bags thrown in hedges and left in verges in other areas of the village noted.</p>	<p>TW</p>
<p><b>Clerk Reports &amp; Any Other Business</b></p>	
<p><b>WBC Local Plan:</b> Further delays have set the consultation back further. Clerk to forward details as and when received.</p>	<p>SY</p>

**Meeting closed at 9.00pm**

**The 2023 Meeting will be held:** 15<sup>th</sup> May Parish and AGM, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm

*Signed: S K Youldon 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023*