

## BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 8 pm in the Village Hall

### Present

Jackie Boxall	Councillor	Polly Swann	Councillor
John Uttley	Councillor	Sarah Youldon	Clerk
Mike Cooper	Councillor	John Draper	Parochial Church Council

### Apologies

Shaun Orpen	Chairman	Anna Britnor Guest	Village Hall Committee
Sue Sayers	Councillor		

Minutes of the Last Meeting	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The minutes of May's meeting were agreed and signed.</li> </ul>	
Matters Arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Playground:</b> Thank you to Clive Wells for kindly installing the new picnic bench, and thank you to M Cooper for spraying the weeds. J Boxall to order the new bark at the cost of £380 plus VAT. The gate springs have been installed in a bid to prevent loose dogs getting into the playground. S Youldon to obtain quotes for cutting back the hedges.</li> </ul>	<p>JB SY</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Dunmore Pond Duck House:</b> Shefford Young Farmers have kindly agreed to make the duck house. S Youldon liaising with contact to draw up plans and agree material costs.</li> </ul>	<p>SY</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Defibrillator:</b> Our nomination was put forward by the MP Richard Benyon, however, this doesn't provide funding just support for the project. Costs involved look to be between £1,750 and £2,000 for the equipment, £125-£150 for the installation and then £200-£350 per year for insurance, support and possible training. S Youldon contacting the Community Heartbeat Trust to ask what grants / funding may be available, J Boxall to contact West Berkshire Council and see if any funding is available there. Fundraising options to be discussed further at the September meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>SY JB</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Telephone Box Library:</b> To discuss at the September meeting.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Boundary Fence with Butts Furlong:</b> S Youldon still chasing Southern Housing.</li> </ul>	<p>SY</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Brickleton News Articles:</b> Following S Orpen's meeting with the School Headteacher; Mrs Patterson, it has been agreed that they will make regular contributions. S Youldon followed up 7 July. M Cooper offered to write an article in September to report on this year's harvest. Suggested that Brightwalton Cricket Club could put together an article on the history of the Brightwalton Club and help raise interest for next year. S Youldon to make contact.</li> </ul>	<p>SY MC</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Parish Plan Update:</b> The Plan is due to be updated in December, however West Berkshire no longer offer support to Parishes meaning that the lengthy task of research, analysis and write-up would need to be conducted by a team of volunteers in the village. Benefits of this to be considered further at the September meeting.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Basketball Hoop:</b> Question of replacing this was raised at the Village Hall Committee meeting. The PC has concerns on potential damage and costs involved. A decision to not replace the hoop at this time has been taken, S Youldon to report back to the Village Hall Committee.</li> </ul>	<p>SY</p>

<b>Parochial Church Council Update</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Both the annual Church clean and the Churchyard tidy up were very productive and the PCC thank all that helped with the tasks.</li> <li>▪ The first public consultation held on the 29<sup>th</sup> June was attended by around 20 villagers who shared their opinions on the future of the Church. There was a general consensus that the installation of toilets and a servery would be beneficial. Brightwalton school are keen to utilise the Church more and the PCC are keen to facilitate this. Specific improvements and ideas to be discussed further at the next consultation which will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> September in the Church – all welcome.</li> <li>▪ The Brightwalton Harvest Festival will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September.</li> <li>▪ An idea for a monthly pop up Pub has been put forward. P Swann reported that this works very successfully in Ashampstead and will contact their organiser and ask them to get in touch with J Draper with advice.</li> </ul>	PS
<b>Planning</b>	
The following application was Granted by West Berkshire:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 15/00643/FUL Brightwalton Stud – Variation of Condition</li> </ul>	
<b>Finance</b>	
<p>Current account balance as of the 19/07 £5,617.14; Business account balance is £7,207.56</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This includes the following payments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>03/06 Imprint – Brickleton News May £65.00</li> <li>08/06 Lasts Tree Care – Trees on Common £250.00</li> <li>08/06 Scofell – May Mowing £388.28</li> <li>08/06 Diocese of Oxford – Rent £471.82</li> <li>08/06 Payroll Admin Apr – Jun £12.00</li> <li>01/07 West Berkshire Council – Election Administration Contribution £100.00</li> <li>01/07 Zurich Insurance £318.40</li> <li>03/07 Scofell – June Mowing £388.28</li> <li>05/07 HMRC Apr-Jun £75.00</li> <li>05/07 Clerk Wages Apr-Jun £300.00</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ The Audit paperwork has been sent out to the external auditor, expected back shortly.</li> <li>▪ S Youldon submitted expenses for £67.38 includes the cost of the playground gate springs and padlock for playground bench.</li> </ul>	
<b>Any Other Business</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ M Cooper has kindly sprayed the nettles in the Old Churchyard again, to keep this up together.</li> <li>▪ Superfast Broadband Update – J Draper reported that installation is on track to be complete by the end of September. In addition the funding for phase 2 is now in place and will mean that by the end of 2017 West Berkshire will have 99% Superfast Broadband coverage.</li> </ul>	

**The next meeting will be held Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 8.00 pm**