

## BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Extraordinary Meeting Held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the Village Hall

### Present

Shaun Orpen	Chairman	Sarah Youldon	Clerk
Sue Sayers	Councillor	Mike Ananin	Village Hall Committee
Polly Swann	Councillor	Emma Aird	Village Hall Committee
Mike Cooper	Councillor	Parishioners	X2
Jackie Boxall	Councillor		

### Apologies

Tim Wyatt	Councillor
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Matters Arising	
<p>▪ <b>Playing Field Mowing following the Suspension of the Cricket Club:</b> Firstly the PC thanked Gabby Sayers, Pat Hayes, Richard Whidbourne &amp; Jay Stiles for the mowing of the playing field this year and their agreement to continue until the Village Fete on the 30<sup>th</sup> April. Three options for grass cutting going forward were presented and considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) PC purchase a mower and use a weekly volunteer rota - this was dismissed as the maintenance of the machine with various users would be high, plus concerns over the reliability of volunteers, if a week's mowing was missed the grass has potential to become too long for the same machine to manage.</li> <li>2) PC purchase a mower and pay a single operator – 2 quotes had been provided for this at £90 and £80 per cut plus fuel. Proposed that grass would need to be cut weekly. G Sayers offered to maintain the machine free of charge with the PC paying for parts. Current storage containers located on the field could potentially be taken over by the PC for storage. Agreed that the PC would need to spend around £6,000 on a capable machine. JB to investigate and report back on the possibility of a Parish Plan grant and the specific grant terms on new or second hand equipment.</li> <li>3) PC outsources the mowing; quotes had been supplied by two contractors at £100 and £125 per cut. Plus a quote from previous CC volunteer at £50 per cut using the old CC mower. Agreed that if the PC were paying for this to be cut, that G Sayers would not voluntarily continue cutting the ground behind the Village Hall car park, S Youldon to obtain costs for this in addition to the field. Proposed that CC mower would need to continue at one cut per week, S Youldon to check with contractors on the suitability with their equipment for one cut a fortnight.</li> </ol> <p>All agreed that as the Precept has been allocated this year and as this at best case scenario would require an increase of the precept by at least 30% next year, contributions and alternative funding would need to be looked into. Suggestion that volunteers are asked to cut the playground using own push mowers to save the PC £105 a month. The £630-735 could then be put towards the playing field mowing. S Youldon to check contract cancellation terms with Scofell. M Ananin to report back to VHC to confirm if and how much they would be willing to contribute from Village Hall funds. S Youldon to draft a letter to the School, as they are regularly using the field and request a £250 contribution. S Youldon to also draft a letter to the PCC with a proposal to reduce the PC contribution to the Churchyard mowing by £250.</p> <p>Agreed that a decision on option 2 or 3 would be made once information from the above actions was available and circulated to all.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">JB</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SY</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SY M Ananin SY</p>
Any Other Business	
<p>▪ <b>Telephone Box Library:</b> The PC thanked Jay Stiles installing the book shelves in the telephone box ready for the library. As agreed, a cheque was issued from the S106 account to Jay for £75.00 to cover the costs of materials.</p>	

**The remaining 2017 meetings will be held:** 15<sup>th</sup> May – AGM, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> November