

## BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

### Present

Polly Swann	Acting Chair	Mike Cooper	Councillor
Annie Agnew	Councillor	Sarah Youldon	Clerk
Sue Sayers	Councillor	Clive Hooker	Downlands Ward Councillor
Tim Wyatt	Councillor		

### Apologies Received

Shaun Orpen	Chairman	John Draper	PCC
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Minutes:</b> The meetings from the May meetings were agreed and signed as an accurate record.</li> <li>▪ <b>Declaration of Interests:</b> There were no declarations of interest.</li> </ul>	Resolved
<b>PCC &amp; APSIRE Project Update</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ J Draper submitted a report that plans were still awaiting approval, a full update is expected in time for the September meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>West Berkshire Council Update:</b> Cllr Clive Hooker reported that a full West Berkshire Council meeting had taken place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July, and several Motions were put forward to the Council to consider; the two main ones were proposed by the Green Party. The first Motion was for WBC to declare a climate change emergency. The Motion was passed and will now go forward to the relevant cross party committee for further consideration. The second Motion was a move for WBC not to support the expansion of Heathrow Airport. It was agreed that this would be referred to the Transport Advisory Committee for consideration and return to the Council at its meeting scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> September for further consideration. The consultation closing date is 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019.</li> <li>▪ Cllr. Hooker was pleased to report that as Vice Chairman to the Council he had deputised for the Chair and attended five civic events and also continues to Chair Western Area planning Committee meeting. A full report from Cllr Hooker can be found in the News section on the Village Website.</li> <li>▪ <b>Dog Fouling on Footpaths:</b> Following complaints from several parishioners, reminder signs have been installed on several footpaths, asking owners to ensure footpaths are kept clean. An article has also been written for the Brickleton News. It was agreed that the PC would like to avoid installing more dog bins as it takes away from the rural village feel and adds to maintenance costs. Situation to be monitored.</li> <li>▪ <b>Highways:</b> A request was put into Highways on the 4<sup>th</sup> July for the verges on the 4 junctions down from Brightwalton to the B4494 to be cut back as visibility was very limited. Highways had confirmed that contractors had been instructed and some work was carried out the following week. Clerk has followed up as contractors have cut some of the verges on the lane but not the junction, appears to be a mis-communication between WBC and the contractors. S Youldon to continue to chase. Parishioners are also reminded that they can report visibility problems and similar on the West Berkshire Council website under Report A Problem.</li> <li>▪ <b>Playground:</b> Work is in progress to replace the toddler swings and timber surround. Work expected to be complete before the end of term next week.</li> <li>▪ <b>Playing Field:</b> One of the permanent goal posts on the playing field had been damaged and has had to be removed. Clerk presented costs of £363 to replace the goal. Councillors suggested that the VHC may wish to contribute to its replacement. S Youldon to ask and add to the September agenda.</li> <li>▪ <b>Standing Order &amp; Financial Regulations:</b> These were last updated March 2017, S Youldon has reviewed content against BALC guidelines and confirmed that no update is required. S Youldon to circulate to Councillors for their records.</li> <li>▪ <b>Brickleton News Articles:</b> S Orpen has submitted a piece on dog fouling. Cllr Hooker has submitted a brief WBC July update. Suggested that a reminder is published about reporting problems direct to WBC, as this generally gets a very prompt response. S Youldon to write a note.</li> </ul>	<p>SY</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>SY</p> <p>SY</p> <p>SY</p>

<b>Planning</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>19/01205/FUL Brentani, Brightwalton</b> – Proposed construction of a stable and associated storage area and fenced hardstanding to front – No objections had been submitted, WBC decision pending. The following decision notices had been forwarded to the Councillors prior to the meeting:</li> <li>▪ <b>19/00336/LBC2 The School House, Brightwalton</b> – Proposed replacement of sash windows and retention of unauthorised works with the addition of mechanical extraction in kitchen and bathroom – WBC granted permission.</li> <li>▪ <b>19/00980/HOUSE Llamedos, The Green</b> – Proposal for porch, side and rear extensions and alterations – WBC granted permission.</li> <li>▪ <b>19/00873/HOUSE Poplars Barn, Brightwalton</b> – Extensions and internal alterations – WBC refusal.</li> </ul>	Resolved
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<b>Finance</b>	
<p>Current account balance as of the 15/07 £8,863.74 Business account balance is £5,353.67. This includes the following transactions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chq 200032 03/06 – The Active Toy Company 50% Payment £2,857.50 (inc £476.25 VAT)</li> <li>▪ Chq 200033 03/06 – Imprint May Brickleton News £65.00</li> <li>▪ Chq 200034 14/06 – Scofell May Mowing £223.70 (inc £37.28 VAT)</li> <li>▪ Chq 200035 14/06 – Zurich Insurance £348.20</li> <li>▪ S/O 04/07 – S Youldon Clerk Wages April to June £419.04</li> <li>▪ S/O 04/07 – HMRC Q1 PAYE £104.60</li> </ul> <p>The following cheques were signed at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chq 200036 – Diocesan of Oxford Annual Ground Rent £549.60 (inc £91.60 VAT)</li> <li>▪ Chq 200037 – Scofell June Mowing £223.70 (inc £37.28 VAT)</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the Workplace Pension re-enrolment was due for renewal. S Youldon to complete.</p>	Resolved
<b>Any Other Business</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>B4494 Racing:</b> The PC had been copied on a complaint from a Catmore resident to WBC Highways following an instance of 8 cars racing from Wantage to Newbury on the B4494 late one evening. A report had been made to the Police at the time. The resident had requested that the advisory speed of 35mph should be replaced with 30mph limit. WBC had responded that this would need to go through the Speed Limit review process and be initiated by the Parish Council. The matter was discussed at length and action was agreed as follows: S Youldon to pass the spare 'Protect the Community' speed signs to the residents for installation. Matter to be followed up with the Police with a request for regular police presence at the times when this is more prevalent. Request WBC carry out some data gathering to assess the extent of the problem and resident to be advised of the SID training where they can carry out their own speed recording. S Youldon to also note in the response the experience the PC has had in the Holt, and also the ongoing request for a vehicle activated sign.</li> <li>▪ <b>District Parish Council Conference:</b> Councillors were informed that the next DPC will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Cllr Hooker reminded Councillors of the benefits of representation at these twice yearly conferences in assisting Parish Councils to see the bigger picture and build relationship with the District Council teams. S Youldon to forward agenda once received.</li> </ul>	SY
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**Meeting Closed at 8.50pm**

**The 2019 meetings will be held: 16<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> November.**