

BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Held on Monday 11th March 2019 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present

Shaun Orpen	Chairman	Polly Swann	Councillor
Mike Cooper	Councillor	Sarah Youldon	Clerk
Sue Sayers	Councillor	John Draper	PCC
Tim Wyatt	Councillor	1 Parishioner	

Apologies Received

Jackie Boxall	Councillor	Clive Hooker	Downland Ward Councillor
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minutes: The meetings from the January meeting were agreed and signed as an accurate record. ▪ Declaration of Interests: There were no declarations of interest. 	Resolved
PCC & APSIRE Project Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ J Draper reported that D Walmsley has resigned as Church Warden and will soon be moving away from the village. Acknowledged that this will be a real loss to the village. The PCC are looking a recruit a new warden. ▪ The Family Service is now held at 11am. It is hoped that a new Curate will be joining later in the year to assist Rev. Miriam Keen. ▪ Plans to reorganise the PCC and create a United Benefice PCC are still being discussed. ▪ Restoration of the School House is going well and is due to be completed and available for rental again soon. ▪ It was reported that Chaddleworth Church are looking at the possibility of downgrading to a festival church due to lack of attendees and cashflow problems. ▪ ASPIRE update – documents were submitted to the DAC for the March meeting, but they have since requested further documentation on the plans for the church organ. The team are currently putting a response together but it looks like a decision from the DAC will be deferred to the May meeting. ▪ There are is a good mix of both fundraising and community events in the planning, with the Open Gardens event confirmed for the 23rd June. Details to be published in the Brickleton News. 	
Matters Arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public Rights of Way: The appointed sub-committee will meet and update all at the May meeting. ▪ Tree Maintenance: An inspection has shown that there is an Ash tree that needs to be removed at the Old Churchyard due to deterioration. The PC has also been advised to remove another Ash tree at Dunmore Pond which is dying and currently leaning of the neighbouring tree, along with a Sycamore tree overhanging the road. The necessary permissions from WBC have been obtained along with quotes for the work. Councillors approved a spend of £1,380 to cover the work. Suggestion made that the PC maybe able to sell the wood. S Youldon to investigate and update the Councillors on email. ▪ Tree Planting: 135 saplings have arrived courtesy of the Woodland Trust. S Youldon in touch with the School to get their involvement, working party agreed for Saturday 23rd March – S Youldon to organise. ▪ Playing Field – Cricket Club Items: Good progress has been made by the members of the now disbanded Cricket Club in clearing the corner of the playing field. The container has been removed and the timber shed is almost empty. Unfortunately the moving of the container left the shed vulnerable, and with the high winds some of the roof had blown off in to a neighbouring property. Cricket club contacts have been made aware and put in touch with the affected party. S Youldon to remind contacts that the PC would like to see the cricket net framework kept for future use. ▪ Playground Maintenance: Six quotes had been obtained reference the replacement of the junior swings and renewal of the timber surround for the large climbing frame. Quotes varied, Councillors approved the cheapest from The Active Toy Company at £3,732.49 for the swings and £1,029.99 for the timber surround. S Youldon to submit grant application based on these figures. ▪ Highway Road Signs: As noted at the January meeting there are a number of fallen and damaged road signs throughout the village. S Youldon has reported these to WBC highways; they have acknowledged the request and added to their contractors list. 	<p>SO, SS, JB & PS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SY</p> <p>Resolved SY</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SY</p> <p>Resolved</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Land Behind Butts Furlong: Despite writing to residents there is still a collection of items behind the properties of Butts Furlong. The matter has been referred to the managing housing association – Sovereign. S Youldon to follow up as required. 	SY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Website Accessibility Regulations: In line with the Accessibility Regulations 2018 and guidance published by BALC, some background amendments have been completed on the website along with a printed accessibility statement to improve accessibility for all. 	Resolved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May Elections: Nomination papers were handed out to the Councillors for submission between the 15th March and the 3rd April in preparation for the 2nd May elections. Formal Notice of Election will be posted on the 15th March. 	Resolved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brickleton News Articles: S Youldon to send notice on tree planting. S Orpen has already submitted photographs and article on the mobile Farmshop in the snow. 	SY
Planning	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 18/02338/OUTD Isbury, Brightwalton – The PC had been advised that an appeal had been submitted following the refusal of the planning permission for demolition of the existing bungalow and replacement with 3 new dwellings. The case had been taken to the Planning Inspectorate; no amendments had been made to the plans to address the concerns raised by the various parties including the PC, planning officer and numerous neighbours. It was agreed that the PC should submit additional objections to the Planning Inspectorate. S Youldon to draft and circulate for approval and submission this week. 	Resolved SY
Finance	
<p>Current account balance as of the 11/03 £6,743.77 Business account balance is £6,277.88. This includes the following transactions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chq 200019 21/01 – Imprint – January Brickleton News £65.00 ▪ Chq 200020 12/02 – N Portlock Old Churchyard Tree Work £1,224.00 (inc £204 VAT) ▪ VAT reclaim dated 31/01 for £476.44 for the period 01/01/18 to 31/12/18 ▪ Transfer from Savings Account 14/02 of £900 of CIL funds for Tree Works ▪ Chq 200021 12/03 – S Youldon October to March expenses £21.21 ▪ A letter has been sent to D Whidbourne requesting the agreed £120 contribution towards the Old Churchyard tree work. ▪ £1,740 CIL funds remains and will be used for the additional tree work and playground equipment. ▪ 2018/19 Internal Audit: Councillors agreed to appoint the internal auditor from last year. S Youldon to complete end of year and audit paperwork for signing at the May AGM. 	Resolved SY
Any Other Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May Meeting: It was agreed the annual Parish meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Monday 13th May, followed by the AGM. 	Resolved

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

The 2019 meetings will be held:

13th May – Parish & Annual General Meeting, 15th July, 16th September and 11th November.