

BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Held on Monday 21st November 8 pm in the Village Hall

Present

Shaun Orpen	Chairman	Mike Cooper	Councillor
Sue Sayers	Councillor	Sarah Youldon	Clerk
Polly Swann	Councillor	John Draper	PCC
Jackie Boxall	Councillor	Parishioners:	2

Apologies

John Uttley	Councillor	Clive Hooker	Downlands Ward Councillor
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Minutes of the Last Meeting	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The minutes of September's meeting were agreed and signed. 	
Matters Arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Councillor Resignation: The PC was sorry to receive John Uttley's letter of resignation and expressed their thanks for his contribution to the PC over many years. The PC will advertise a Casual Vacancy. S Youldon to contact WBC and place official notices on the notice boards / Facebook. S Orpen to write a piece for the Brickleton News. 	<p>SY SO</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Speed Limit on the B4494 through the Holt: Following several accidents in the Holt in the past two weeks, residents raised their concerns over speeding and careless driving through The Holt. In the long term, the PC and residents would like to see the limit reduced to 50mph over the length of the B4494 with 40mph limits through the Holt and other hamlets. In the short term, the hedges to the east side need cutting back, J Boxall has already raised this with WBC, S Youldon to follow up. A review in 2012 noted the possibility of fitting white gates at either end of the Holt, PC to follow up on this. S Youldon to arrange a meeting with WBC to raise all the points discussed. To start investigation work WBC have agreed to fit a speed recording device to collect data, S Youldon to advise on the location. 	<p>SY</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dog Fouling / Request for Additional Bins: Request has been raised by a Parishioner to install more dog waste bins in the Parish, due to the number of dog bags left hanging on hedges and gates. There is one bin situated on the playing field. Although concerned about dog fouling, PC didn't believe more bins were the solution and are reluctant to fit more at this stage, as it spoils the rural nature of the Parish. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Village Website: There was a positive response to the draft new website. S Youldon to feedback Councillors notes to the designer. Councillors to provide more photos for the site. S Youldon to contact the current hosting company (Caltek) to agree a contract end date. S Orpen to make enquiries on the new hosting costs. 	<p>SY SO</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parish Plan Update: S Orpen to seek quotes to format the current text into the final document. Costs to be forwarded to Councillors for approval. 	<p>SO</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Second Defibrillator: The original initiative to install a 2nd defibrillator on the telegraph pole on the Green has been refused by SSE. A separate structure would have to be created and a new electrical connection and meter would need to be installed, at a cost of over £1,000. S Youldon reported that Chaddleworth PC is installing a defibrillator on The IbeX which would be within the crucial 5 minutes from south side of the village. Decision made to return the grant money. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2017 Meeting Dates: were agreed as follows: 16th January, 13th March, 15th May – AGM, 3rd July, 11th September, 13th November. S Youldon to book the hall. 	<p>SY</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brickleton News Articles: J Boxall to write about the speeding issues on the B4494. S Orpen to write a thank you notice and advert following John Uttley's resignation. S Orpen has written up the October Working Party. The Newbury Show Society sent in their press release on the success of the September show, S Youldon has forward to M Ananin for inclusion if space allows. 	<p>JB SO</p>

Planning	
16/02608 Grey Tiles – 11 objections were raised by the public, WBC decision pending. 16/02461 Lime Tree Farm – PC response of no objections was returned, with note that it was out of view and replacing an existing structure. WBC decision pending.	
Parochial Church Council Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A very successful Bluffers Wine Evening took place and raised over £3,200, thank you to all those that took part. J Draper to write up for the Brickleton News. ▪ The Brightwalton Christmas Carol Service will be held on the 11th December. ▪ The re-organisation committee continue to make good progress; they have agreed the new scheme, approval will now be requested from the relevant heritage bodies before a public consultation is held in February / March 2017. ▪ The PCC is looking to recruit more volunteers to assist with the running of the Church, J Draper to place a note in the Brickleton News. 	J Draper
Finance	
<p>Current account balance as of the 21/11 £9,207.97 Business account balance is £6,982.26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Second Precept payment of £3,000 received from WBC 22/09 ▪ This following payments have been made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13/09 - 637 Scofell – July & August Mowing £252.00 27/09 - 638 Imprint – September Brickleton News £65.00 27/09 - 639 Active Toy Company – Bark for Playground £399.60 04/10 - S Youldon Wages – July to September £320.00 04/10 - HMRC Payment – July to September £80.00 06/10 – 640 S Youldon Expenses – June to September £42.60 11/10 – 641 Scofell – September Mowing £126.00 11/10 – 642 Oxford Diocese Replacement Cheque (631 Lost in Post) £549.60 11/10 – Bank Charge for Cancelled Cheque 631 £12.50 17/10 – 643 Mazars – External Audit Fee £30.00 18/10 – 644 J Boxall – Food for Working Party £27.80 21/11 – 645 Scofell – October Mowing £126.00 21/11 – M Ananin – Brickleton News Expenses £81.29 ▪ Cheque 631 to the Oxford Dicoese was lost in the post and had to be cancelled. Bank refused to waiver the cancellation charge of £12.50. ▪ Councillors reminded that there is £2,601.83 remaining of Section 106 money. This needs to be spent by January 2018 or it will have to be returned to WBC. Possible suggestions included installation of the white gates in the Holt if WBC is unable to fund. S Youldon to confirm if this would be within the agreed terms. 	SY
Any Other Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School Parking: The school has reported an improvement in considerate parking during pick up and drop of times. The PC would like to see the traffic cones used more frequently to discourage parents from parking between the end of the school road markings and the junction leading up to the Church. S Youldon to pass on the request. ▪ Village Housing: A number of requests have been received recently by the PC for homes in the village. S Youldon has contacted WBC Housing and asked them to ensure we are notified immediately of any vacancies. ▪ 2017 Mowing: P Swann to enquire if the Churchyard mowing was carried out to the PCC's satisfaction this year and the costs involved. Concerns were raised over the continuation of the Cricket Club and whether they will be willing to mow the playing field next year. Mowing has recently been carried out voluntarily by J Stiles and G Sayers, as the Cricket Club mower is being repaired, but this is time consuming without the correct equipment. Suggestion that the Section 106 money could pay for equipment. S Youldon to investigate situation further and feedback. 	SY PS SY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Superfast Broadband: Installation in the village is in progress with work starting in the Holt shortly. ▪ Working Party: A successful working party was held in October, with 20 plus villages volunteering. Volunteers worked all over the village tidying up and hedge cutting at The War Memorial, Playground and the Old Churchyard, along with cutting back around the village road signs. Over 300 bulbs were also planted at Dunmore Pond. Volunteers were rewarded with bacon butties, cake and refreshments. Thank you to all those that took part and thank you to Nick Arkell for kindly supplying the drinks for the working party, once again free of charge. The PC agreed to make a donation to a charity of the Arkell's choice. £25 cheque agreed to Mencap in Newbury. ▪ Pop Up Drinks: A small profit is accumulating from the Pop Up Drinks, it was suggested that this could host a special event the night before the Village Fete. To be discussed further at the March meeting, when the amount in the pot is known. 	SY
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