

## BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in the Village Hall

### Present

Shaun Orpen	Chairman	Clive Hooker	Downlands Ward Councillor
Polly Swann	Councillor	Sarah Youldon	Clerk
Mike Cooper	Councillor	John Draper	PCC
Tim Wyatt	Councillor	Parishioners	3
Sue Sayers	Councillor		

### Apologies

Jackie Boxall                      Councillor

Minutes of the Last Meeting	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The minutes of the July meeting were agreed and signed.</li> <li>▪ There were no declarations of interest.</li> </ul>	
<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>B4494 Speed Limit Review:</b> Hearing date has been set for the 10<sup>th</sup> October and will be attended by S Orpen and A Racher. S Youldon to confirm if Cllr Hooker can also attend as soon as time is confirmed. Cllr Hooker reviewed the presentation prior to the meeting and also spoke with the Highways team regarding the case. Cllr Hooker reported both positives and negatives to the PC, with the current 50mph being less than a 1 mile stretch, the difficulties in policing and justification of 60 to 40mph would be difficult. He explained that as no serious injuries had occurred the minor accidents are not recorded, this again makes the reduction difficult to justify. However, the white entrance gates at either end of the Holt are on the programme of works scheduled for this financial year, and with S106 money that WBC currently hold Vehicle Activated Signs maybe a possibility. Presentation to be reviewed again to see if any improvements/change in strategy should be made following this feedback. S Youldon to do further investigation in the S106 money that WBC are holding, and also confirm the review hearing time. Cllr Hooker stated the importance of getting landowners to maintain their own hedges to help improve lines of sight, example given of how much better sight lines were following the work at Lilley. Following the review hearing, S Youldon to draft a reminder letter to relevant landowners to ensure they realise it is their responsibility and neglecting to maintain hedges and therefore lines of sight could make them liable if an accident occurs.</li> <li>▪ <b>Village Working Party:</b> Was confirmed for the 8<sup>th</sup> October starting at 10am with lunch and refreshments from 12.30 for the workers. List of tasks to include hedge cutting around the war memorial – M Cooper plus one other to start work earlier on the 8<sup>th</sup> October. Cutting back around village road signs; hedge cutting, weeding and cutting back of Laurel at the Churchyard; general cutting back at the Old Churchyard; laying of gravel retaining matting – supplied by Mr &amp; Mrs Hall-Craggs at Churchyard path entrance if enough volunteers make this possible. S Youldon to post on Facebook, website, and Brickleton News with request for volunteers to bring appropriate tools along also a request for any volunteers with trailers that could assist with moving cuttings to the bonfire. J Boxall and J Orpen to provide food and refreshments.</li> <li>▪ <b>Section 106 Money:</b> After the purchase and installation of the Dunmore Pond sign there will be £1,706.83 remaining to be spent. Following the suggestion at the July meeting a member of the Lambourn Valley Barn Owl group has surveyed and located suitable sites for boxes. S Youldon presented a quote of £50 per box plus delivery, purchase of 4 boxes was agreed. These will be installed by the LVBOG with PC assistance over the winter. Quotes of £2,200 and £2,500 were presented for the purchase of a commercial dishwasher for the village hall. VHC not in agreement with the idea at this time. Costs were provided for a petrol mower and hedge cutting equipment for the playground, decision on these was deferred to the November meeting. S Youldon to request contractor quotes in the meantime for grass cutting at the playground for next year.</li> </ul>	<p>SY AF</p> <p>Resolved All</p> <p>SY</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Village Housing Allocations:</b> Query had been raised as to whether the housing swap at Butts Furlong was in line with the Rural Housing S106 agreement, S Youldon asked WBC to investigate, they reported back that the Housing Association was following the agreement and applicants looking to swap were being assessed to ensure they met the local connection criteria. As it stands, the PC are not informed or involved in the swap process, S Youldon to ask if this is something we can have an involvement in going forward.</li> <li>▪ <b>Update from PCSO:</b> Police have been made aware of issues with groups meeting up at the village hall late at night and will raise police presence in the area. It was reported that groups have also been meeting in the farmers barn behind Dunmore Pond, not only is this trespassing but bottles were left buried in the grain being stored there, it was explained that had these not have been discovered, the whole barn of grain would have had to been destroyed in case of glass contamination. S Youldon to ask PCSO to monitor this area too. M Cooper to write an article for Brickleton News to explain the implications this could have caused.</li> <li>▪ <b>Village Speeding:</b> Councillors reported that there are several vehicles frequently passing through the village in considerable excess of the speed limit. Agreed to monitor this further and report the regular offending vehicles to the PCSO.</li> <li>▪ <b>Brickleton News Articles:</b> J Boxall has prepared and submitted an article on the North Wessex Downs AONB. S Youldon to submit Working Party notice.</li> </ul>	<p>SY</p> <p>SY MC</p> <p>All</p> <p>JB SY</p>
<p><b>Planning</b></p>	
<p>17/01563/HOUSE –Windy Ridge, The Green – Revised application for rear and side extension, new roof, new car port and new entrance. WBC granted this application</p>	<p>Resolved</p>
<p><b>Parochial Church Council Update</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The advert for the new vicar has now been posted and depending of suitable applicant’s interviews will be conducted in October as planned.</li> <li>▪ Reminder that the ASPIRE Church re-development project public consultation will be held at the School on the 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. The PC and PCC reiterated the importance of having good community support and engagement on this project, as this will assist in getting the necessary agreement from Oxford Diocese. A team will be delivering flyers to every household this week, J Draper will also post a reminder on Facebook and S Youldon has posted a reminder on the village website page. The team are also in the process of putting together a programme of fundraising events for the next 12 months, more details will follow.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Finance</b></p>	
<p>Current account balance as of the 04/09 £6,777.03 Business account balance is £6,786.13  This following payments have been made:  Chq 678 19/07 – Imprint July Brickleton News £65.00  Chq 679 19/07 – W Lyford June Mowing 01/06 to 22/06 £240.00  Chq 680 01/08 – J Stiles Playground Hedge Cutting £340.00  Chq 681 01/08 – W Lyford July Mowing 29/06 to 27/07 plus strimming £270.00  The following money was received and paid in:  06/07 Pop Up Drinks Money £355.96 as agreed at the July meeting, this money will be held in the PC account for use at the 2018 pre-fete pop up drinks for additional entertainment/food.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The 2016/17 Accounts have been received back from the external auditors with no concerns noted. They have been posted on the notice boards and are available to download from the village website page.</li> <li>▪ S Youldon reported that HMRC were still chasing over a supposed unpaid PAYE debt dating back to 2012. The agent, Douglas Tonks that was responsible for paying over the PAYE money to HMRC have since gone into insolvency so although there is proof of the PC payment to Douglas Tonks no proof of DT payment to HMRC can be obtained. S Youldon has written a third letter with detailed evidence to HMRC to resolve this issue.</li> </ul>	<p>Resolved</p>

Any Other Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Brightwalton Walk:</b> Reminder that the Friends of Brightwalton Primary school are holding Village Walk on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October to raise funds for the school. There is an option to take part in either a 1.5 or 5 mile circular walk with refreshments and BBQ after. Entrance fee of £5 or £15 per family, full details on the village website, Facebook page, notice boards and in the Brickleton News.</li> <li>▪ <b>Mowing:</b> Due to a machinery breakdown the playing field has not been cut for a period of 4 weeks. PC agreed that as this was now the 5<sup>th</sup> week and previous dates for putting this right had not been kept to, the contractor would be given a deadline of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September.</li> <li>▪ <b>Facebook:</b> S Youldon to obtain a digital version of the Police 'Who to Contact' poster to post as a reminder on Facebook and the Village website. S Sayers reported that the administration settings on Facebook had been amended slightly to ensure correct people were granted access to the page.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">SY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SY</p>

**The remaining 2017 meeting will be held 13<sup>th</sup> November**