

## BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Extra Ordinary Meeting Held via Video Conference on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 6.00pm

### Present

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| Shaun Orpen         | Chairman                | Sarah Youldon | Clerk                    |
| Annie Agnew         | Councillor              | Clive Hooker  | Downland Ward Councillor |
| Sue Sayers          | Councillor              | Parishioners  | 6                        |
| Tim Wyatt           | Councillor              |               |                          |
| Christine Delahunty | Councillor (until 6.30) |               |                          |
| Mike Cooper         | Councillor              |               |                          |

|  | Action   |
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| <b>Planning</b>  |          |
| <p><b>WBC Proposed Changes to the Settlement Boundaries:</b> Clerk explained that West Berkshire Council, as part of the emerging draft Local Plan 2037, were reviewing settlement boundaries for all parishes. This is something they felt must be done to manage development across the district. It was explained that the Planning Policy Team had chosen to consult with parishes at this stage to benefit from their local knowledge and request their feedback before proceeding to the next step of a wider public consultation later this year. Prior to the meeting 1 letter from a parishioner had been received and reviewed, all parishioners were also given the opportunity to speak on each area discussed. Positives and negatives were discussed on each proposed amendment before the Councillors voted as follows:</p> <p><u>Extension of boundary round Butts Furlong &amp; Dunmore Meadows:</u> All agreed this was a valid extension following the actual boundaries of the properties and including the village hall.</p> <p><u>Movement of southern boundary on 40 &amp; 41 Brightwalton:</u> WBC had explained that this was a correction, to reflect the actual boundary. All agreed proposed extension.</p> <p><u>Extension to the south of Killybegs, Isbury and Northwood and Oak Trees:</u> All agreed this was an inappropriate extension that did not comply with the guidelines supplied by WBC on two points, it was also noted as contradictory to the Parish Plan and agreed as an area not suitable for development. All voted to reject proposal.</p> <p><u>Movement of boundary to settlement side of the road at the east end of the Village:</u> All agreed this was a logical amendment.</p> <p><u>The Green - Movement of boundary at Green Farm behind houses heading north:</u> All agreed new boundary line reflected the actual garden boundaries and agreed to accept proposal.</p> <p><u>The Green - Movement of boundary to settlement side of the road to the east:</u> All agreed with proposed boundary line.</p> <p><u>The Green – Extension of the boundary to the South of Marron:</u> Although the proposed line reflected the current fence, it was noted that this was an informal agreement between owners and didn't reflect the true boundary line of the property. Discussion took place that any development here would have minimal impact on the village but it was agreed that the line should be kept as existing to reflect the actual property boundary and should not include paddock land in accordance with the guidelines provided by WBC.</p> <p>As the PC was rejecting all WBC proposed sites for infill, it was recognised that it may need to look at where opportunities lie in the village for sustainable development during the course of the next Parish Plan to ensure and demonstrate that the PC is looking to the future of the parish for the benefit of all.</p> <p>S Orpen thanked the parishioners for their input in the process.</p> <p>Clerk to draft response and circulate for approval. New deadline for submission had been agreed with WBC as the 28<sup>th</sup> April, due to the delay in holding the meeting for the period of national mourning.</p> | SY       |
| <b>Matters Arising</b>   |          |
| <p><b>Playing Field Lease Renewal:</b> Clerk informed Councillors that an £1,480 (plus VAT) bill had been received from the solicitors and agents acting on behalf of the Diocese in relation to the 20 year lease renewal. Payment of the other parties fees was agreed in the original 2000 lease and legal advice had been sought and confirmed that the Parish Council was liable for the fees in the renewal too. Funds would need to come from Parish Council savings, Clerk to leave a note on file to consider legal and agent fees for when the lease renewal comes around again in 20 years' time.</p> <p><b>Old Churchyard Wall:</b> Three quotes had been received varying in approach to the re-building of the old churchyard wall. Concerns were raised that this would be an ongoing problem with the pressure of tree</p>   | Resolved |

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| routes and the soil behind, agreed a hedge option should be explored. Clerk to arrange meeting with Conservation Officer to confirm if permission would be required. Contractors had all agreed that wall needed to come down and be re-built, Councillors agreed that it would be best to bring the wall down safely whilst a decision is being made – small team to carry out weekend of the 8 <sup>th</sup> May. | SY |
| <b>Any Other Business</b>   |    |
| <b>Goalpost Crossbar:</b> It was noted that the crossbar had come away from the goalpost. Clerk to investigate.   | SY |

**Meeting closed at 7.20pm**

In a change to schedule the Parish Meeting will be held Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm followed by AGM at 8.15pm

**The remaining 2021 Meetings will be held:** 12<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> September and 8<sup>th</sup> November

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