

BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Held on Monday 9th March 2020 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present

Shaun Orpen	Chairman	Annie Agnew	Councillor
Tim Wyatt	Councillor	Sarah Youldon	Clerk
Sue Sayers	Councillor	Callan Powers	Fowler Architecture &
Polly Swann	Councillor		Planning

Apologies Received

Mike Cooper	Councillor	Clive Hooker	Downlands Ward
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	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minutes: The minutes of 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	
ASPIRE Update: It was reported that fundraising is going well with ticket sales for the Rock Choir (28 th March) and the Summer Ball (26 th June) progressing well. Details for purchasing tickets are on the Brightwalton website and in the Brickleton News.	
Matters Arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) – West Berkshire Councils New Local Plan Consultation: WBC had submitted plans to all parish councils, proposing changes to settlement boundaries and sites identified as suitable for development. There was no proposal to change the settlement boundaries in Brightwalton and Brightwalton Green and the Parish Council agreed with this. WBC had marked the site currently known as Isbury as potential for development, the Parish Council strongly disputed this site as suitable for development by any more than a replacement dwelling. Councillors agreed a response based on the issues identified previously such as parking, access, high density of dwellings in this area and then also the issue of the already over capacity sewage system in this area. Response also drew reference to the Parish Plans and the clear desire to retain the rural nature of the village. Clerk to draft response and send to S Orpen for review before submission. 	Resolved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Memorial Benches: Two memorial benches have been donated for the front of the village hall. Initial quote for installation had come in at over £600, S Sayers to look at alternative options, including a small working party for the install. The new combination goalpost has also been ordered, with the assistance of a Parish Plan grant, again a small working party to build this will be required. Clerk to confirm delivery date. 	SS SY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Highways: It was noted that the signpost has come down near Manor Farm – Clerk to report. Clerk reported that the residents at Lilley had reported further accidents and WBC Highways team had agreed a Speed Limit Review hearing. The PC agreed to support this, Clerk to follow up with WBC Highways. 	SY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposal for VE Day Celebrations: S Sayers proposed that the village recognised the VE Day celebrations that take place during the Fete weekend. S Sayers is making arrangement for the War Memorial to be decorated with knitted poppies and will write a Brickleton News articles encouraging homeowners to decorate houses with red, white and blue bunting and hanging baskets. T Wyatt and A Agnew agreed to discuss with the Fete committee suggestions such as war time dress up, displays and war time themed competitions. Along with music from the brass band. 	SS TW AA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brightwalton School: Concerns were raised at the lack of input and reporting from the School since there was no PC representation on the Board of Governors. S Orpen to speak to a Governor regarding opening regular dialogue so the Parish Council can be kept informed on School matters. 	SO Resolved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annual Parish Meeting & General Meeting: Agreed the Parish Meeting would be held at 7.30 on the 11th May with the Annual General Meeting held straight after. S Orpen to put together Chairman's summary for the Parish Meeting. 	SO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brickleton News Articles: Adverts for the Rock Choir and Summer Ball have been submitted. S Sayers to put together article regarding VE Day. 	SS

Planning	
20/00477/HOUSE The Paddock - The architect presented the plans for a one and half storey extension and external alterations including partial raising of the roof. No neighbours had commented on the application to date but the Conservation Officer had raised several concerns. Councillors discussed the application at length and agreed a response to Support the application. It disputed the Conservation officers' comments and agreed that the extension was a thoughtful design that improved facilities and had minimal impact on neighbouring properties. The scheme did not increase the roof height only increased the height of the eaves and much of the proposed extension would site behind the garage. It was also noted that the proposal fell in line with the Parish Plans aim of supporting the reasonable development of properties to allow residents to move within the Parish	Resolved
Finance	
Current account balance as of the 09/03 £3,750.57; business savings account balance £7,859.01. This includes the following transactions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chq 200053 03/02 Imprint Colour – January Brickleton News £65.00 ▪ Deposit of Cheques for Memorial Benches of £511.46 ▪ Chq 200054 03/02 S Youldon – Reimbursement for purchase of Bench Plaques £19.80 ▪ Chq 200055 03/02 Sustainable Furniture UK – Purchase of Benches £660.00 (inc £110 VAT) ▪ Receipt of Parish Plan Grant £1,185.52 for goalpost ▪ Chq 200056 03/02 Mark Harrold Ltd – Purchase of goalpost £1,992.00 (inc £332 VAT) The following cheques were signed at the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chq 200057 09/03 WBC Annual dog bin charge £33.76 (inc £5.63 VAT) ▪ Chq 200058 09/03 Clerk expenses November to March including 2 year domain renewal £28.78, printer ink £19.99 and £2.80 postage costs - £51.57 (inc £8.13 VAT) Clerk has submitted a second VAT reclaim for this financial year of £574.49	Resolved
Any Other Business	
Coronavirus & Emergency Planning: S Orpen suggested that a plan be put in place identifying key contacts and vulnerable people within the village that may require assistance should the local area be locked down be it by the Coronavirus or an emergency situation. Agreed that no action would be taken at present, but a quick response could be put in place should the need arise using the village Facebook page etc.	Resolved

Meeting Closed at 9.40pm

**The remaining 2020 Meetings will be held
11th May (AGM & APM), 13th July, 14th September and the 9th November**