BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Held via Video Conference on Monday 14th September 2020 at 8.00pm

Present		Apologies	
Shaun Orpen	Chairman	Mike Cooper	Councillor
Annie Agnew	Councillor	Clive Hooker	Downland Ward Councillor
Sue Sayers	Councillor	Anna Britnor-Guest	Village Hall
Christine Delahunty	Councillor	Absent	
Sarah Youldon	Clerk	Tim Wyatt	Councillor
John Draper	PCC		

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		Action
	 Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were agreed and signed as an accurate record. 	Resolved
Declaration of Interests: There were no declarations of interest.		
	• New Councillor: Following the resignation of Polly Swann, the PC thanked Polly for her contribution	
	over the last 14 years to the Parish Council. The vacancy notices had been published over the required	
	14 day period, with no call for a bi-election received, the PC were therefore given permission to co-	
	opt to fill the vacancy. Christine Delahunty had expressed an interest and joined the meeting, she was	
	proposed, seconded and welcomed on the Parish Council. Clerk to forward Acceptance of Office and	CD
	Declaration of Interest paperwork for signing.	SY
F	PCC & APSIRE Project Update	
	PCC Update: J Draper reported that the Church has be re-organised to accommodate 24 people and is	
	open for private prayer on a Sunday, with Covid precautions in place. Several services have also been	
	successfully held outside. Discussions are taking place regarding Christmas services, but at this time	
	nothing can be confirmed and details will follow nearer the time. J Draper announced that he was	
	stepping down as Church Warden in October as is the current secretary, concern was raised that this	
	leaves the Church without a warden as no replacement had yet been found for Dave Walmsley. Rev'd	
	Keen is still looking at the possibility of amalgamating roles across the Downland Benefice. Anyone keen	
	to volunteer should contact John Draper or Rev'd Keen. J Draper asked if there would be a village	
	working party this year as some work was required at the Churchyard. Clerk agreed to confirm after	SY
	meeting.	51
	ASPIRE Update: Tenders for the Phase 1 work had been received and a builder appointed. Phase 1 and	
	Phase 2 works are still awaiting faculty permission.	
-	Village Hall Committee	
-	Update received in advance of the meeting from Anna Britnor-Guest explained that the village hall was	
now open for users with Covid safety policies in place. The committee were delighted that the nursery		
has reopened for the autumn term and a dance class is starting on Tuesday afternoons. The committee		
thanked Jeremy Snow & Sarah Wheatley-Hince for taking on the task of the Covid risk assessments and		
	new policies. It was noted that the hall does hold some financial reserves, but the PC raised concerns	
	that if no fete could be held next year financial assistance may be required. The PC agreed that no	
_	contribution to the playing field mowing (normally £250) from the VHC would be requested this year.	
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	• Playground Maintenance: Clerk presented a quote of £207 for the installation of bird spikes on the	Resolved
	swings, together with quote for supply only of £27.12. Councillors approved supply only quote and	<u> </u>
	agreed install could take place at the working party. It was agreed that the bark should be topped up	SY
	under the small climbing frame, Councillors approved the quote of £158.33 for 1400litres including	
	delivery. Clerk raised that the bin lid had been missing for some years meaning that the bag filled with	C 14
	rainwater, quote of £17.16 approved for a new lid. Clerk provided quotes for replacing the Covid	SY
	signage to permanent plastic backed signs, Councillors felt the laminated signage was adequate for	
	now. Clerk to monitor and replace laminated signs as necessary. Funds for the above maintenance to	
	come from £500 included in the 20/21 budget.	
	Playing Field Maintenance: Clerk reported that the new large combination football / rugby goal was	Resolved
	now in place and is being well used, thank you to Scott Youldon for installing. The broken sections and	
	net of the small socketed goal had been removed leaving it safer with just the overhead bar, quotes	
	to fully refurbish had come to just under £200, Councillors agreed to leave and consider next year.	
	Old Churchyard Maintenance: The regular checks had identified some dead wood in the large central	Resolved
I	Ash tree. Clerk presented quotes of £420 and £550 for the removal of this including chipping.	1

-	Working Party: Instead of one village working party it was agreed that we should have a number of	Resolved
	small teams working in different locations on a specific date to work within Covid-19 restrictions.	
	Teams to cover – War Memorial, Playground, Old Churchyard, Churchyard and managing the bonfire.	SY
	Clerk to confirm delivery dates for playground items, Councillors to head up each team and get a	All
	small number of volunteers on board.	

Meeting closed at 9.30pm. The remaining 2020 Meeting will be held: 9th November