

BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Held on Monday 12th September 8 pm in the Village Hall

Present

Shaun Orpen	Chairman	Clive Hooker	Downlands Ward Councillor
Sue Sayers	Councillor	John Draper	PCC
Polly Swann	Councillor		
John Uttley	Councillor		

Apologies

Jackie Boxall	Councillor	Anna Britnor-Guest	Village Hall Committee
Mike Cooper	Councillor		

Minutes of the Last Meeting	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of July's meeting were agreed and signed. 	
Matters Arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Website: The brief for the new website was agreed by all. Carolyn Austin has kindly agreed to design the new site at a 40% reduction to meet the £300 grant that the PC received early this year. Next step is to pull all the content together and forward on. Details of the hosting costs to be circulated to Councillors for approval. S Orpen / S Youldon to send out a list of content requirements. 	SO / SY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dunmore Pond: The final Deed of Adherence and Land Registry document was reviewed and agreed by all. S Youldon to sign and return to the solicitors and start the Village Green application forms. 	SY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Plan Update: The draft actions compiled from the completed questionnaires and drawn up by the Parish Plan team were circulated to the Councillors. Several additional actions were proposed and priority of actions reviewed. S Orpen to update document and circulate. Advice to be sought from Greenham Common Trust and West Berkshire Council on production of the draft plan. 	SY / SO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Party: Proposal to hold a village working party day on Saturday 15th October, combined with bacon butties and refreshments around a bonfire. The PC is keen to make this a community social event and ask all Parishioners to join us, and help tidy up various areas of the village. Councillors to forward suggestions for tasks, notice to be placed in the Brickleton News, on Facebook and noticeboards. 	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Bus Timetable: West Berkshire Council secured some funding from Newbury College to keep the morning and late afternoon service running, plus a West Berkshire minibus running weekdays into Newbury. The new timetable is on the village website and the West Berkshire website as well as on the notice boards. A new flag has been ordered to relocate the stop to the village hall bus shelter, this is due late October. In the meantime the bus drivers have been advised to keep an eye out both for passengers waiting at the village hall and the war memorial. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superfast Broadband: Gigaclear are in the process of installing the cable network, with connection expected for Brightwalton at the end of October. The new cabinet has already been installed at the Village Hall carpark. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brickleton News Articles: Notice for the village working party, and notice re continual dog fouling on mown areas of the village. S Youldon to write. 	SY
Planning	
Nothing to report	
Village Hall Committee Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following recent incidents of someone getting into the hall and setting off fire extinguishers, the locks on several of the doors have been changed and key holders are reminded to ensure they lock all doors before leaving. 	

Parochial Church Council Update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upcoming Church events include: The Harvest Festival on the 25th September which includes prizes for produce, crafts and local talks. The Bluffers Wine Evening on the 18th November, The Brightwalton Christmas Carol Service on the 11th December. Further details to be published in the Brickleton News and on the Facebook page. ▪ Several roof panels became loose at the Church recently, this has been temporarily resolved. ▪ Initial plans are being drawn up for the re-organisation of the Church. To be presented to the committee shortly. ▪ Reminder that the Reverend John Townend retires in April next year, the PC was advised that it is expected to take between 6-12 months to appoint a new vicar. 	
Finance	
<p>Current account balance as of the 12/09 £8,593.90 Business account balance is £6,981.31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This includes cheque 27/07 Imprint – July Brickleton News £65.00 and a deposit of £1,297.75 SSE grant for the second defibrillator. ▪ The following cheques have been written today: Caltec - website hosting April 2011 to August 2016 £93.55 Scofell – mowing July & August £252.00. Missed cut in July to be completed in October Austin Enterprises – website design deposit £150.00 <p>The PC Asset Register has been updated for uploading to the website. S Youldon to circulate to Councillors for approval prior to uploading.</p>	
Any Other Business	
<p>District Councillor Clive Hooker update the PC on the committee positions that he now holds. He also advised the Council on availability of Members Bid grants for next year, and asked the PC to keep him informed of any ongoing issues that we would like reported back to WBC.</p>	

The next meeting will be held on 21st November at 8.00 pm