

BRIGHTWALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 15th November 2021 8pm, Brightwalton Village Hall

DRAFT MINUTES

Present:

Shaun Orpen – Chairman

Sue Sayers – Councillor

Tim Wyatt – Councillor

Christine Delahunty – Councillor

Mike Cooper – Councillor

Sarah Youldon – Clerk

Apologies:

Annie Agnew – Councillor

Clive Hooker – Downland Ward Councillor

Minutes: The minutes of the September meeting were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

Declaration of Interests: There were no declarations of interest.

Open Session: Nothing to report

Committee Updates

Village Hall Committee: Nothing new to report at this time

PCC Update: S Orpen reported that the United Benefice Carol Service was being held in Brightwalton this year on Sunday the 19th December at 6pm and also an outdoor family service around the Christmas Tree on Wednesday 22nd December at 6pm. S Orpen to write piece for Brickleton News. PCC had agreed to supply refreshments for after the services. **ASPIRE:** The water has now been connected and phase 1 of the project was complete, it was agreed that the Carol services would be a great opportunity to use the server and show people round. There is currently a small shortfall for the phase 2 work but it is hoped this will be resolved by an additional grant shortly. Several enquiries have been made about the Coordinator Role and it was stated that the recruitment process would begin shortly with money raised nearly at the required target. **Action: SO**

Matters Arising

Brightwalton Hill Tree Planting: Clerk reported that Oxford Diocese and Highways had granted permission on the planting of the trees in the hedge line. Finding trees had proved difficult but a suitable flowering cherry of Prunus Okame had been found at a cost of £23.00 each. Councillors agreed to place order using set aside CIL funds. It was agreed that a couple of working parties would be required, Councillors to make enquiries as to who could help. Clerk to obtain lead time on delivery. **Action: All**

Village Autumn Working Party: A successful working party was held in October and all agreed it was great to see some new faces. Following the working party some wildflower turf and top soil had been donated to the PC for the wild flower area on the edge of the playing field. It was agreed that some further work would be required prior to sowing and this would be looked at in conjunction with the tree planting.

Christmas Tree: Clerk reported that the tree had been ordered from a local supplier at the cost of £130. S Orpen agreed to collect. Clerk to arrange volunteers for setting up on the weekend of the 4/5th. **Action: SY**

Superfast Broadband coverage: Cllr C Hooker had assisted with further conversations with West Berkshire Council, who came back and stated the Project Gigabit was just kicking off in the district, but at this stage they would not be able to guarantee that the parish would be included. T Wyatt agreed to research the other voucher scheme further too. It was agreed that a wider conversation with other PC's was valid to see if jointly we could argue the case to include the rural parishes. Clerk to make enquiries. It was also agreed that it would be best to hold off on door drops until further information could be obtained so residents can make a more informed choice.

Action: SY, TW

Cricket Nets: Thanks to the team that helped dismantle the nets at West Ilsley. M Cooper to discuss suitable donation with Cricket Club and report back. Clerk to check if any permission is required to install the framework and to also look at costs to replace / refurbish the surface. **Action: MC, SY**

Brickleton News November Articles: Working party write up already sent, notice on Christmas Church Services.

Queens Jubilee: Deferred to January meeting

2022 Meeting Dates: Provisionally agreed as 10th January, 14th March, 16th May (AGM & Parish Meeting), 11th July, 12th September and 14th November. Clerk to circulate calendar invite and book village hall. **Action: SY**

Finance

Balance of the Current Account as of 15/11 will be £5,781.22 Deposit Account £9,035.34

Transactions since the September Meeting:

22/09 BACS Scofell August Mowing £247.10 (inc £41.18 VAT)

22/09 BACS Imprint Community Coordinator Flyers & Brickleton News £157.50

22/09 Deposit WBC Second Precept Payment £3,550.00

01/10 SO Clerk Wages July to September £418.84

01/10 SO HMRC Q2 PAYE £104.80

08/11 CHQ 200100 The Royal British Legion Donation £30.00

15/11 CHQ 200099 Scofell September Mowing £247.10

15/11 CHQ 200101 S Youldon Expenses £16.19 01/03 to 01/11 – for postage, tape and bird spikes.

08/11 £1,000 Donation received for the Community Coordinator Fundraising

17/11 BACS set up to transfer £1000 donation to the The Good Exchange platform to enable the donation to be match funded.

The following cheque was signed:

15/11 CHQ 200102 Brickleton News MS Office subscription £79.99 (inc £13.33 VAT)

2022/23 Budget: It was agreed that the Old Churchyard would continue to be managed by working party but an information sign should be budgeted for. It was noted that the telephone box could do with re-painting and playground improvements could be assisted by a grant. Clerk to obtain quotes and prepare budget for the January meeting. **Action: SY**

Any Other Business

Dog Fouling: Complaint had been posted on Facebook about dog fouling outside the village hall where pre-school plays. Clerk to produce signage to the playing field gates. **Action: SY**

Correspondence Received: PC had been made aware of some private drainage issues in the village. WBC had distributed invitations to be part of their rural transport and library review. The missing 30mph sign between the hall and Brightwalton Green had been reported to WBC along with the broken Chaddleworth signpost opposite Manor Farm.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm

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