

BRIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2017

Present: Mr J Hicks (Chairman), MrP Bassil, MrC Brims, MrD Cowdery, MrsM Cowdery
MrR Smallwood, the Clerk MrsB Harding and
24 members of the public

1 Apologies for Absence District Councillor Dominic Boeck

2 Declarations of Interest The Chairman declared an interest in the item of the agenda pertaining to the Minerals Consultation and RS declared his interest in the Pelynt application as a neighbour.

Bus service

Matthew Metcalfe and Paul Hyde from WBC explained the operation of the bus service now operated under the aegis of West Berkshire Council and took questions from councillors and parishioners. In answer to a question regarding the provision of a Saturday service, it was explained that there would be insufficient numbers to justify it. The morning bus which also caters for the school children could not be increased in size as WBC do not have sufficient drivers holding the specific PSV licence necessary for larger vehicles.

The representatives of WBC were thanked for attending the meeting and they left.

3 **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

Mrs C Cowdery was changed to Mrs M Cowdery and the minutes of the Parish council meeting of 6 June were then signed as a true record of the meeting.

4 **Matters Arising**

Bus shelter – Clerk reported that the work is scheduled to start during the week commencing 24 July

Internal auditor - to be appointed in the New Year.

5 **Traffic speed on B3051**

The report compiled by Mr Brian Smith and Mrs Jenny Verity and the options for improvements were discussed. Contributions were made by other parishioners living along this road and it was decided that the Parish Council endorse this report and seek a site meeting with the engineers from both West Berkshire and Hampshire councils. In August, the Parish Council will request a reduction in the speed limit and the Clerk will try to obtain figures of speeding vehicles recorded at the recent speed trap. **BH**

6 **WBC Minerals & Waste Consultation (session Chaired by PB)**

The current work of the RAGE campaign was outlined by the Chairman. Following the public meeting, letters of objection and petitions have been sent to WBC and the

consultation closed on 30 June. AWE have expressed concerns that their monitoring work could be jeopardised by gravel extraction at Boot Farm. Baughurst Parish Council have objected to the proposal for Boot Farm and Midgham Parish Council has objected to the proposal for Manor Farm.

Funds are now needed to pursue the campaign and the Parish council agreed in principle, subject to legality, that they will make a contribution – amount to be decided at a future meeting.

BH

7 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Mr Cowdery proposed that this be considered by the Parish Council. Mr Brims pointed out that to date only one parish in West Berkshire has completed such a plan and cautioned against its use by a village as small as Brimpton. Clerk to make enquiries of other parish councils. Copies of the NALC booklet have been ordered and will be distributed to councillors; the subject will then be discussed further.

BH

8 Brimpton Parish Research Association Funds

The residual funds will be kept by the Parish council, ring-fenced for use in accordance with the ethos of the now defunct association.

RS as Internal Checker and the clerk to further investigate the By-way fund.

BH/RS

9 District Councillor’s Report

None

10 Clerk’s Report

Financial statement c/a £23,302.59 d/a £11763.99

Brimpton Parish council bank account currently holds £900 remaining of the IT grant, £259.00 of By-way fund, £2403.63 CIL (previously S106), Brimpton Story funds still to be forwarded and £6800 insurance claim for bus shelter.

The Clerk has to purchase a computer dedicated for use with Parish council work and was reminded to purchase a new filing cabinet. The estimated cost of the bus shelter is £11844.

BH

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| Bills to be paid | Clerk’s salary | £700.00 | incl£25.00expenses |
| | BALC | £149.65 | annual membership |
| | BM Fencing | £7593.00 | churchyard fencing |

Correspondence Basinstoke Council request for potential development sites.
Boundary Review

Planning:-

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| New | 17/00952 | Kennetholme | variation |
| | 17/01693 | Pelynt | self build |
| Current | 16/02916 | Blacknest Farm | new houses |
| Decisions | none | | |

Parish Council will object to the Kennetholme application on the grounds that it will be detrimental to the site and to the amenity of the area.

Parish Council will support Pelynt on the basis that the size of this development is similar to that available under permitted development and in addition will be a more attractive and suitable property. **BH**

11 High Speed Broadband

RS and PB are attending a meeting to discuss the siting of the Gigaclear box in the wrong location and will report back to councillors. **PB/RS**

12 Village Hall Committee

Nothing to report

13 Any Other Business

none

Meeting closed at 9.34

Next meeting will be held on 1 August