

Brimpton Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Council

Date: Tuesday 4th December 2018 **Time:** 7.30pm
Place: Brimpton Village Hall
Present: Mr John Hicks (Chairman) Mr Phil Bassil (Vice Chairman)
Mr Rod Smallwood Mr Charles Brims
Mrs Mary Cowdery Mr Dennis Cowdery
In Attendance: Christine McGarvie (Clerk)
District Councillor Dominic Boeck

14 members of the public
(including 4 representatives of the
Wasing Estate)

Action

- 134/18 **Apologies for absence**
None
- 135/18 **To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda**
None received
- 136/18 **Minutes of the previous meeting**
- 136.1 It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held 30th October 2018 were a true and accurate record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.
- 136.2 **Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda**
100.4 –School railings. West Berkshire Highways have no objections to the railings being a brighter colour but they suggest replacing them with yellow coated ones. They have quoted a price of £1400 to provide and install the railings. Mr. Hicks to seek the view of the school governors JH
- 132/18 Cllr Dominic Boeck will follow up with the Highways department about the possibility of having a mirror installed at the end of Enborne Way.
- Mrs Cowdery asked if anything further could be done about the overgrown shrubs outside the Old Post Office. Mr. Hicks will investigate. JH
- 128.18 There has been no response from residents to the request for any items of local historical significance that might be displayed in Parish repository.
- 137/18 **Parish Plan: Progress report from the Chair of the Steering Group**
The Parish Plan Survey has now closed. 63% of households responded to the survey and 80% of these were entered electronically. The Chair of the Steering Group thanked all the residents that took part in the survey.
- The group will now spend the next 2 months analysing the data and they hope to have the findings ready to share by the end of March. The aim is to publish the final report by end of June 2019.
- The group would like to hold a community event in the village hall at end of March 2019 to present their findings and the Council agreed to fund this event.

138/18 **Parish Environment**

138.1 **Footpaths update from wardens**

No reports of any problems.

138.2 **Neighbourhood Watch – to receive an update on volunteers**

5 people have volunteered to be part of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Mr. JH
Hicks has made another appeal for someone to cover the Manor View area in
the village.

138.3 **Broadband – to discuss delays in connecting residents to Superfast
Broadband.**

Mr Smallwood indicated that there are still no definite dates for when the RS
Gigaclear service will be connected. He is currently investigating a possible
short-term solution for residents who are worst affected by slow broadband
speeds and will report back at the next meeting.

139/18 **Planning and Development**

139.1 To consider new planning applications and provide updates

18/02635/COMIND – Shalford Farm Development

4 representatives of the Wasing Estate were present to give a short
presentation of the plans and answer any questions about the
application.

The aim of the project is to support both the wedding business and the
farming enterprise. 3 existing buildings would be converted and one
replaced by a 2-storey building. The project would potentially provide
an additional 31 jobs.

There was then a question and answer session with councillors raising
their concerns followed by members of the public.

One resident asked whether there would be a footpath from the village
to the venue and Wasing indicated that they have been looking into
this.

Mr Cowdery proposed that the council should object to planning
application 18/02635/COMIND . This proposal was seconded by Mrs
Cowdery and the council unanimously resolved to OBJECT to the
application for the following reasons: -

1. Highways impact - The development will significantly increase the
amount of traffic on the narrow country lanes into the site and the road
is also prone to flooding. There is also concern that due to the lack of
on-site parking, any people unable to find a space on-site will ultimately
park on the road outside, thereby giving further difficulties on the
narrow lanes.

2. Urbanisation - The scale of the proposed development is not in keeping with the rural location. The Council are concerned about the potential for increased noise and light pollution which will impact nearby residents and is not in keeping with its rural location.

The Council are not in principle against the redevelopment of this site but are not able to support a development of this size which will have a profound impact on the nature of the village.

- 140/18 **Consultation documents required consideration**
- 140.1 West Berkshire Local Plan Review to 2036**
The Council resolved to make no comment on this consultation.
- 140.2 West Berkshire Budget consultation**
There are 14 areas where budget cuts are proposed. Mrs Cowdery raised concerns about some of the projects that were being cut.
The Council resolved not to respond to the consultation as there were no areas that could be identified as directly affecting parish residents.
Cllr Boeck indicated that it is hoped that not all the savings cuts will be necessary this year.
- 141/18 **To discuss Parish Council continued funding support for the 2019 village fete**
It was agreed that the Parish Council would officially sponsor the village fete and provide the insurance for the event. The committee will be asked to provide regular progress reports to the Parish Council.
- 142/18 **Finance**
- 142.1 **To approve payments and reconciliation against bank statements.**
See Appendix A below. It was unanimously agreed to approve the payments for December, Clerk to process. The bank reconciliation was checked and signed by Mr. Hicks and Mr. Bassil Clerk
- 142.2 **To discuss draft budget and precept for financial year 2019-2020**
The draft budget was discussed and agreed.
Mr. Hicks proposed, and Mr Brims seconded, that the precept for 2019/2020 be set at £14,000. 4 councillors voted in favour of this proposal and 2 abstained. It was therefore resolved to set the precept at £14,000 for 2019/2020. Clerk to send the request to West Berkshire Council. Clerk
- 143/18 **Reports**
- 143.1 **District Councillor's Report**
WBC Budget discussions are continuing. Initially there was a £2million deficit but the government have recently promised a further £1.5million of funding. It is not known at this stage whether there will be a precept increase.
- 143.2 **Clerk's Report**
The Clerk attended the SLCC training conference at the beginning of November. 90 other clerks attended and topics such as GDPR, insurance and finance were covered.

The Clerk has received a NALC briefing regarding accessibility of websites. By 2020 all local councils have to ensure that their websites are made fully accessible. Clerk will work with website provider on necessary changes. Clerk

143.3 Report from Village Hall Committee

Roof repairs have been completed and a motorised presentation screen has been fitted. Regular checks are being carried out on the defibrillator.

143.4 Report from Parish Council representatives on external bodies

Mr. Bassil declared that his company have recently won a contract to supply equipment to AWE. The Council agreed that this would not preclude Mr Bassil from continuing as the LLC representative.
AWE LLC - AWE have been fined £1million following the health and safety incident where an electrician suffered burns. The meeting included a visit to flood alleviation scheme at Burghfield.
There was an issue at the Burghfield site in November. Protestors chained themselves to the gate and 7 arrests were made as a consequence.
There was mention of planning applications at Aldermaston Manor for residential conversion of Portland House and the plans for a new settlement of 15000 houses near Grazely.

144/18 Public Forum

No comments or issues were raised by the public.

145/18 Date of Next Meeting : 8th January

Meeting finished at 9.16 pm

Signed: **Date:**.....
(Chairman)

Appendix A

Meeting Report 4th December 2018

Community Account

Statement balance 23/11/18	Cashbook balance as at 27/11/2018	Cashbook balance after new payments made
£25,929.65	£25,874.65	£25,606.15

Payments made since last meeting

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	October salary	225.50
100415	Brimpton Village Fete 2019	Grant for fete expenses	500.00
			£725.50

New items for payment

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	November salary	225.50
100416	Mrs C McGarvie	SLCC conference	15.00
100417	Mr j Dolphin	Parish survey printing	28.00
TOTAL			£268.50

Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
TOTAL			£0.00

Payments not yet presented

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
100414	Mr J Dolphin	Parish Plan printing	55.00
TOTAL			£55.00

Receipts not yet cleared

Receipt date	Payer	Details	TOTAL COST
			£0.00

Grants reserve	£929.93	Defib paid for received 27/10/2016 16/00416
CIL	£2,806.40	
Byway Fund	£91.00	
INRG solar donation	£20,000.00	
	£23,827.33	

Savings Account balance 23/11/18	£31,800.32
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Appendix B

Bank Reconciliation 27th November 2018

Authority name Brimpton Parish Council

Prepared by Christine McGarvie
Date 4th December 2018

Clerk and RFO

Approved by John Hicks
Date

Chair of council

Balance per bank statements as at 23rd November 2018	£	£
Community Account		25,929.65
Saving account		31,800.32
		<u>57,729.97</u>
Less any un-presented cheques at 23rd November 2018		
100414 Mr J. Dolphin - parish plan		55
Add any uncleared cheques/cash/payments		0
Net Bank balances as at 27th November 2018		<u><u>£57,674.97</u></u>

CASH BOOK

Opening balance current account	32,406.32
Add: Receipts in the year	21,330.85
Less: Payments in the year	<u>27,862.52</u>
Closing balance as per cash book as at 27th November 2018	<u><u>£25,874.65</u></u>

Opening balance savings account	11,771.92
Add: Receipts in the year	£20,028.40
Less: Payments in the year	<u>0</u>
Closing balance as per cash book as at 27th November 2018	<u><u>£31,800.32</u></u>

Overall closing balance	<u><u>£57,674.97</u></u>
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