

**Brimpton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting of the Council**

**Date:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 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  
**In Attendance:** Christine McGarvie (Clerk)  
District Councillor Dominic Boeck  
8 members of the public

**Action**

119/18 **Apologies for absence**  
Mr Cowdery gave his apologies and these were accepted by the meeting.

120/18 **To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda**  
None received.

121/18 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

121.1 It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 were a true and accurate record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman. Agreed

122.2 **Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda**

113/18 Mr Hicks has sent a response to West Berkshire Council's Health and Wellbeing consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.

100.4 –Brimpton School governors have been asked if they would be in favour of painting the barrier outside the school. Clerk to ask West Berkshire's highways department their view of the suggestion.

Clerk

100.5 The overgrown hedges in Brimpton Common at the corner have been reported to Hampshire County Council again and they have indicated that a third party is responsible.

123/18 **Parish Plan: Progress report from the Chair of the Steering Group**  
The Parish plan survey was launched on 24th October. 76 adults have completed the survey so far. This is a third of the target for adults and half the household target. Early results show that fly tipping is a major concern with respondents. The half term holidays may have impacted response rates so the group are planning to re-advertise next week.

124/18 **Speeding: To receive update on plans to set up SID in village**

The Speed Indicator Device (SID) was borrowed from West Berkshire Council for 7 days at the beginning of October. The SID was used outside the school in two locations, along Manor View and in Wasing Lane. Unfortunately, the unit malfunctioned and most of the data for the locations outside school was lost.

It was decided that the issue of speeding would be looked at again when the results of the Parish Plan survey are available.

125/18 **Parish Environment**

125.1 **To Consider naming of the road from B3051 to Brimpton Road.**

West Berkshire Council have indicated that they are happy for the unnamed road between B3051 and Brimpton Lane to be named Blacknest Lane. Clerk has contacted the 4 residents and two have replied to agree with the change. It was agreed that the Clerk should make the formal request to West Berkshire Council for the road to be named, Blacknest Lane.

Clerk

**125.2 Footpaths update from wardens.**

The previously reported water leak along the footpath in Hyde End Lane has been fixed.

A fallen tree on footpath 4 was reported by a resident and the landowner indicated they would deal with it imminently.

**125.3 Neighbourhood Watch – to consider the request to setup a group in Brimpton**

One of the co-ordinators for the Brimpton Common Neighbourhood Watch scheme gave an overview of the scheme and what is needed to set one up in Brimpton.

The scheme uses the Ringmaster system to provide local crime and crime prevention information. Volunteers receive information by email which they then disseminate to their neighbours. Any volunteers need to be vetted by the police.

Mr Hicks to email a request for volunteers to the Parish Council mailing list, giving a deadline of 19<sup>th</sup> November for responses.

JH

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

Cllr Boeck referred to the recent press release from West Berkshire Council about the Superfast broadband project. Although the project increased Superfast Broadband coverage to 97% of the County there are still issues in certain areas. Brimpton, Woolhampton and Aldermaston still have areas where broadband speeds are poor.

Gigaclear have been unable to meet their contractual delivery targets due to a number of issues including a shortage of expertise in the industry. There have also been issues with the quality of contractors' work. A revised programme has now been agreed with Gigaclear with Phase 2 forecast for completion in May 2019. A remedial program has also been agreed which will involve 18 months of fixing work that was not of a good enough standard.

Mr. Smallwood pointed out that 18 out of 39 areas in West Berkshire aren't complete. Concern was also raised about Gigaclear's financial position.

**126/18 Planning and Development**

**126.1 To consider new planning applications and provide updates**

**18/02733/HOUSE Westmead House Brimpton Lane Brimpton Common Reading Berkshire RG7 4RX**

Clerk

Single storey front/side extension.

The Council agreed to return NO OBJECTIONS. Clerk to inform West Berkshire Planning office.

## Planning Application Decisions made since last meeting

Clerk

1. 18/02134/FULD - Blacknest Farm Brimpton Common  
Demolition, salvage and rebuild of the existing buildings to create three live-work units together with access, landscaping and associated works. **Refused on 19/10/18**

## Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

- 1 18/02467/HOUSE and 18/02468/LBC2 – Old Thatch Crookham Common Road Brimpton  
Proposed demolition of 1960's single storey extension and erection of single storey extension to rear of property.  
Determination deadline 2nd November

- 127/18 **Consultation documents required consideration**  
none
- 128/18 **To discuss setting up a parish history repository**  
Mrs Cowdery has been given a plate from 1887 to commemorate the Jubilee in Brimpton and Wasing and there are believed to be other items of local historical interest in the village. It was suggested that a cabinet might be purchased to display any items. Mr Hicks to ask residents via the Parish Magazine if there are any items that residents would like to display. It was agreed to return to this item at a later date.
- 129/18 **To discuss Parish Council funding support for the 2019 village fete**  
Mr. Hicks and Mr. Bassil declared that they are part of the organising committee for the fete and could not therefore take part in any vote on this item.  
The Parish Council had previously agreed that it would provide financial support to the event. A request has been received for £500 and this was agreed. The Parish Council resolved to support the event up to a maximum amount of £2000.
- 130/18 **Finance**  
130.1 **To approve payments and reconciliation against bank statements.**  
See Appendix A below. It was unanimously agreed to approve the payments for November, Clerk to process.
- 131/18 **Reports**  
131.1 **District Councillor's Report**  
Cllr Boeck reported that West Berkshire Council are currently working on the budget for next year. There is a budget board meeting next Thursday and they are hoping that there will be good news about increased funding from Central Government after the recent budget announcements.  
131.2 **Clerk's Report**  
Clerk attended the West Berkshire Clerk's forum on 11<sup>th</sup> October. Devolution of services and assets to parish councils was discussed. Thatcham Council are going through the process of taking on a number of assets such as playgrounds

Clerk

from West Berkshire which involves commissioning condition surveys and valuations.

Another smaller Council looked at taking on verge cutting but found that the cost was prohibitive.

131.3 **Report from Village Hall Committee**

The roof is due to be fixed next week. The committee are reviewing security.

131.4 **Report from Parish Council representatives on external bodies**

Nothing to report. The next AWE LLC meeting is 7<sup>th</sup> November.

132/18 **Public Forum**

A member of the public raised an issue about vans being refused entry to the refuse site if they are over a certain height because of a roof rack.

CLlr Boeck responded that commercial vehicles were not allowed to use the refuse site but the rules were relaxed to allow them to visit 6 times a year.

CLlr Boeck agreed to follow up on the issue and respond directly to the resident.

DB

A resident asked if a mirror could be installed at the end of Enborne Way to help drivers to pull out of the junction more safely. CLlr Boeck responded that permission would have to be sought from the Highways department. CLlr Boeck to follow up.

DB

A resident raised a concern about an overgrown footpath. Clerk has raised this with Ashford Hill Parish Council as it is in their parish and will follow up again.

Clerk

Mr Bassil asked when the road outside of the Grundon gravel extraction site would be repaired. CLlr Boeck agreed to follow up when work on site has finished.

DB

133/18

**Date of Next Meeting : 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Meeting finished at 8.44pm

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

## Appendix A

Meeting Report 30th October 2018

### Community Account

Statement balance 24/10/18	Cashbook balance as at 28/10/2018	Cashbook balance after new payments made
£26,655.15	£26,655.15	£25,874.65

#### Payments made since last meeting

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	September salary	225.50
100412	PCC of Brimpton	Churchyard grass cutting	2,000.00
100413	Mr J Dolphin	Parish Plan refreshments	51.21
			<b>£2,276.71</b>

#### New items for payment

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	October salary	225.50
100414	Mr J Dolphin	Parish Plan printing	55.00
100415	Brimpton Village Fete 2019	Grant for fete expenses	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£780.50</b>

#### Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
02/10/2018	West Berkshire	2nd half precept	9,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£9,000.00</b>

#### Payments not yet presented

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£0.00</b>

#### Receipts not yet cleared

Receipt date	Payer	Details	TOTAL COST
			<b>£0.00</b>

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	
	<b>£23,827.33</b>	

<b>Savings Account balance 24/10/18</b>	<b>£31,800.32</b>
---	-------------------

## Bank Reconciliation 28th October 2018

**Authority name** Brimpton Parish Council

<b>Prepared by</b>	Christine McGarvie	Clerk and RFO
<b>Date</b>	30th October 2018	
<b>Approved by</b>	John Hicks	Chair of council
<b>Date</b>		

Balance per bank statements as at 24th October 2018	£	£
Community Account	26,655.15	
Saving account	31,800.32	
		58,455.47
Less any un-presented cheques at 28th October 2018		
Add any uncleared cheques/cash/payments		0
Net Bank balances as at 24th October 2018		<u>£58,455.47</u>

### CASH BOOK

Opening balance current account	32,406.32
Add: Receipts in the year	21,330.85
Less: Payments in the year	<u>27,082.02</u>
Closing balance as per cash book as at 28th October 2018	<u>£26,655.15</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 28th October 2018	<u>£31,800.32</u>
Overall closing balance	<u>£58,455.47</u>