

# BRIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 January 2017 @ 7.30

**Present:** Mr C Brims (Chairman), Mr P Bassil, Mrs M Cowdery, Mr D Cowdery, Mr J Hicks, Mr R Smallwood, the Clerk Mrs B Harding and 6 members of the public

**Apologies:** District Councillor Dominic Boeck

**Declarations of Interest:** The Chairman declared that he is also Chairman of the Recreation Ground, his wife is Chairman of the School Governors and Secretary of the PCC and he is also on the PCC electoral roll. JH declared himself a School Governor.

**1 Minutes of the previous meeting** approved and signed

**2 Matters Arising:**

**Enforcement Issues** – no progress, awaiting input from DB

**Roads** – PB reported no progress to date

**Bus shelter** – Work due to start immediately.

**Code of Conduct** – WBC document had been circulated to Councillors but as two councillors had not received it, decision was deferred until February meeting.

**Bank** – JH and the Clerk have once again submitted signed mandates to Barclays. Councillors approved the addition of John Hicks to the authorised signatories (joining Phil Bassil and Charles Brims) and the clerk to the mandate so the bank can take instructions from her on Behalf of the Parish Council.

**Website** – the new website is now operational but there are teething problems to be addressed. Hosting will be paid to Digital House this year but reviewed in future.

**Budget Consultation** – JH has returned the document to WBC expressing the Parish Council's concerns regarding the roads and the removal of the subsidy for school transport.

**Library Consultation** – JH has returned the document to WBC indicating that Brimpton Parish Council will not be financially supporting the libraries.

**3 District Councillor's Report** – none

**4 Clerk's Report**

Financial Report: c/a £18,305.13\* d/ac £11,762.52

\*incl £6800 for bus shelter

Bills to be paid: £48.00

£2.70

£750.49

CiC training

BALC (employment booklet)

Clerk's salary incl £14 annual increase, £25 general expenses & £37 inkjet supplies

**Planning Applications:**

**New:** 16/03446

Little Park outbuildings

**Current:** 16/03280

Adj The Firs detached house

16/02916

Blacknest Farm 5 houses

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16/03030 Solar Park time extension  
**Decision:** 16/00946 Kennetholme/Grundon withdrawn

**Correspondence:** none

**5 Precept Discussion**

Following very detailed discussion of the budget for the forthcoming year in which full cognisance was taken of the fact that WBC will be severely cutting their funding of services, the Precept was set at £18,000 and the Clerk will advise WBC. Details attached.

Decisions made during the discussion were:-

The Parish Council will continue to offer optional support to the up-keep of the 'closed' churchyard and Brenda Scott will continue to locate the official document pertaining the status of the 'closed' churchyard. The councillors also agreed to continue to contribute towards the mowing of the churchyards.

The school contribution will continue but must be as a result of a nominated project before the payment is made.

The Clerk's salary was notionally raised to £2750 per annum pending advise re local government salary increases and the councillors agreed to the purchase of a new filing cabinet.

**6 Village Hall Report - nothing to report**

**7 Any Other Business**

RS advised that the broadband improvements are running to schedule with the imminent provision of the new cabinet and the first customer to be active in April 2017.

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had attended a forum of West Berkshire Clerks.

**Date of next meeting: 7 February 2017**

**Meeting closed at 21.15**



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