

BRIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 March 2017 @ 7.30

Present: Mr C Brims (Chairman), Mr P Bassil, Mrs M Cowdery, Mr D Cowdery, Mr J Hicks, Mr R Smallwood, District councillor Dominic Boeck, the Clerk Mrs B Harding and 5 members of the public

Apologies: none

Declarations of Interest: John Hicks declared an interest in relation to Brimpton school as he is a Governor.

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

2 **Matters Arising:**

Website – there have been continued problems with communication with the website provider but the site is now operational and should improve.

Roads – PB reported no progress to date and will pursue with WBC. MC reported potholes on the road between the crossroads and Baughurst School; there are also deep potholes opposite the Three Horseshoes pub – Clerk to report to WBC. DB reported that resurfacing work is scheduled for the Brimpton Road between Quaking Bridge and Manor Farm.

War memorial – work has been carried out and when complete contractor will be paid.

Bus shelter – Work has been delayed as the contractor has had to seek permission from WBC to move the bus stop; once this is obtained he is ready to start work.

Bank – Clerk has obtained confirmation that two new signatories (JH and BH) have been added to the Bank account. However, some old signatories have still not been removed. No communication had been received by the Clerk and a complaint has been submitted to Barclays Bank.

Recreation Ground – CB reported that the fencing has been erected around the Recreation ground.

3 **District Councillor's Report** – WBC budget cuts will result in a 4.99% increase in Council Tax; DB retains responsibility for libraries; discussions are taking place with Veolia about savings in the waste contract; boundary reviews are still under discussion with proposals due in the next few months.

4 **Clerk's Report**

Financial Report: c/a £17,503.94* d/ac £11,763.99

*incl £6800 for bus shelter

Bills to be paid: £75.00 Brimpton Village Hall Half-year rental

£690.00 DVass War memorial work

Planning Applications:

New:	17/00522	Wasing Solar Park**	change of conditions 4 & 10
Current:	16/03446	Little Park	outbuildings
	16/03280	The Firs	detached house
	16/03518	Pelynt	new detached house
	17/00040	Pippins	garage extension
	16/02916	Blacknest Farm	5 houses & revised layout
Decisions:	none		

** The Parish Council are very concerned that conditions are being ignored and any further breaches will be reported to WBC. The Chairman was asked to summarise in the report to the Parish magazine the breaches so far in order to highlight the problems to both parishioners and the operators of the solar park.

Correspondence: Brimpton School have identified the need for funds to improve the school playground – Parish Council will make a £300 contribution towards this work in 2017/18.
Bus service posters – CB will request 5 posters.

5 Annual Meeting 2 May 2017

Councillors agreed the following speakers to be invited:-
District Councillor Dominic Boeck (to speak on behalf of WBC)
PCSO Sarah Preston
St Peter's Almshouses – Dennis West
Village Hall – Dennis Cowdery
Open Gardens – John Hicks
Recreation Ground – Charles Brims
St Peter's Church – Revd Becky Bevan
Fuel Allotments-Gaila Adair/Colin Evans
Brimpton School – Headmistress Carolyn Purchase

First meeting (Parish Council/AGM) to start at 7.00 pm
Second meeting (Annual Meeting) to start at 7.30 pm

6 School Transport

RS expressed his concerns at the current arrangements for school transport. Contributions from the Parish Council could not be a sustainable cost and would be contrary to the advice given by BALC. Councillors would like the opportunity to discuss this again with WBC and Clerk to invite the Transport Services Manager (Peter Walker) to attend a future meeting.

7 Village Hall Report

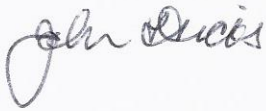
Hall will be closed from 14 August for 2 weeks whilst work is carried out to the floor.

8 Any Other Business

JH reported that the Brimpton Facebook page is heavily subscribed.

Dennis West advised the councillors of the appointment of a part-time clerk for the Alsmhouses charity.

Dennis West and Paddy Bowring had both reported heavy goods vehicles using the local village roads. CB urged parishioners to continue reporting these incidents to the contact in the parish magazine as there have been two successful prosecutions.



Date of next meeting: 4 April 2017 (CB gave apologies for absence – JH to be acting Chairman)

Meeting closed at 21.00