## **Brimpton Parish Council**

		Minutes of the Parish Council M			
Date:		Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019	Time:	7.30p	
Place:		Brimpton Village Hall	Time:	/.3υρ	111
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Present:		Mr John Hicks (Chairman)		sil (Vice Chairma	111)
		Mrs Mary Cowdery	Mr Peter M		
		Mr John Dolphin	Mr Charles	Brims	
In Attenda	nce:	Christine McGarvie (Clerk)			
		13 members of the public			
		Andrew Perkins – Chief Executive Wa	_		
		Nick Corp - Farm manager, Wasing P	ark and Estate		T
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79/19		es for absence			
00/40		Cllr Dominic Boeck gave his apologies.	itama an tha acanda		
80/19		ve declarations of interest relating to in declared an interest in planning i			
		s he is the immediate neighbour of		-	
	_	ld be allowed to speak as the neigh		•	
		this item.	bour but would not	be able to	
81/19		of the previous meeting			
81.1		nanimously agreed that the Minutes of	f the meeting held 4 <sup>t</sup>	h June 2019	
02.2		rue and accurate record. The Minutes			
81.2		arising from the minutes not otherwi			
	of action		-	_	
		ool Railings. The School governors are Il ask for an update on the replacemer		•	JH
	/2/10 O	bscured highway signs. Clerk has repo	ted a number of sign	s which are	
		d by vegetation to West Berkshire Cou	_		
		eir contractors.	nen ana trie work nas	been passed	
		19/01171/FULD – Blacknest Farm plananning committee at West Berkshire (st.			
	77.1/19	Trees around the Solar Farm.			
	Clerk con perimete replace l Estate w	ntacted Wasing and NextEnergy regarder of the Solar Park. They have indicat hedge plants and trees this Autumn/Will be revisiting the site to look at what the next few weeks.	ed that there are alre inter. The land agen	eady plans to t for Wasing	
	of Churc	urch Road Bin collection – Garden Was h Road when they are emptied. Mr. H e Council again.	~		JH
	The Action	on Tracker was reviewed and updates	given.		
82/19	A revised	lan: To agree the Parish Plan draft red d list of recommendations from the Pa ors including timescales for completion sh Council.	rish Plan has been cir		
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	The Parish Plan steering group have forwarded the recommendations to West	
	Berkshire Council for their input.	
	One of the recommendations was to review the settlement boundary. The Parish Plan steering group were asked to find out the process for reviewing the settlement boundary from West Berkshire Council when they meet with them to review the plan.	JD/LM
83/19	Parish environment	
	83.1 Footpaths	
	Clerk has received a complaint from a resident about footpath 12 which is on Wasing Estate land. The path is reported to be obstructed by vegetation and a cattle fence.	
	Andrew Perkins reported that the tenant has been contacted and instructed to remove the electric fence. He also indicated that the overgrown vegetation will be cut by the end of this week.	
	83.2 Brimpton Common Byway new gate.	
	Several residents raised a concern about a new gateway which has been installed on to the Brimpton Common byway by the Wasing Estate. Andrew Perkins explained that the gate is not for vehicle access; it is primarily for pedestrian access and for delivery of hay. It is the Wasing Estate's position that they do not need permission to put in a new gateway on their own land because it is not across the byway or across a right of way.	
	A resident claimed that the strip of land in front of the new gate has been	
	maintained by them for many years.	
	Andrew Perkins agreed that they should have communicated better with	
	residents before installing the new gate but they did not need permission.	
_	83.3 Enborne Way dropped kerb	Clerk
	Mrs Cowdery raised a concern that although there is a dropped kerb at the end of Enborne Way there is no corresponding dropped kerb at the other side of Brimpton Lane. It would therefore be very difficult to cross the road with a wheel chair or pram. Clerk to raise a case with West Berkshire Highways department.	
84/19	Planning and Development	
84.1	To consider new planning applications and provide updates on any already considered. See appendix C below.	
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**19/01290/COMIND** - Land West Of Gravel Works Station Road Woolhampton . Installation of 6MW ground mounted photovoltaic solar arrays with transformer stations; internal access track; landscaping; security fencing; security measures; access gate; and ancillary infrastructure (without complying with Conditions 15 and 17 of application 17/00522/COMIND to extend operational lifespan of Solar Farm from 30 years and six months to 40 years and six months)

The original permission for this site was for 25 years and this has already been extended to 30 years.

The Parish Council resolved to **OBJECT** to this application for an extension of the operational lifespan of the site in view of the history of non-compliance with conditions and also because the original application was agreed based on 25 years of operation.

**19/01356/HOUSE – Pengethley, Manor View**. 2 storey side extension with single storey extension behind, linking to garage conversion. Garage conversion and extension with new first floor. Existing rear dormer to main bedroom to be enlarged.

The applicant gave an overview of the application.

A neighbour raised concerns about the number of windows in the garage overlooking his property.

The Council resolved to **OBJECT** to the application for the following reasons:-

- The extension is an overdevelopment of the site as it will make the building approximately 100% bigger than the original.
- The number of windows in the garage is considered to be excessive.

**19/01454/HOUSE – 3 The Osiers**, Brimpton Road. Erection of detached garage and conversion of existing garage to living accommodation

The applicant and neighbour spoke about the application.

The Council resolved to respond with **NO OJECTIONS** to the application.

**19/01371/MINMAJ – Kennetholme Quarry**. Variation of conditions. Request for 24-month extension of gravel extraction.

A resident outlined their concerns about the application.

Mr. Bassil proposed that the Council should object to the application on the basis that the applicant has not kept to the conditions of the original application. 3 councillors voted in favour and 3 voted against the proposal. Mr. Hicks used his casting vote as Chairman and voted against this proposal.

The Council therefore resolved to respond with NO OBJECTIONS to the application.

**19/01516/HOUSE – The Lodge**, Brimpton Common. Alterations to existing internal layout and an extension.

Mrs Cowdery pointed out that the site plan on the application is not the same as the land registry site plan.

The Council resolved to respond with **NO OBJECTIONS** to the application.

#### 85/19 Consultation documents requiring consideration

85.1 The Parish Council has received a consultation from West Berkshire Council regarding their Economic Development Strategy 2019-2036. The deadline for comment is 31st July 2019 <a href="www.westberks.gov.uk/drafteds">www.westberks.gov.uk/drafteds</a>

	The Council resolved not to comment on the consultation.	
86/19	The future of Brimpton Common Fuel Allotment Trust  A report on the history of the Fuel Allotment Trust and proposed actions was reviewed by the Council.  It was agreed that an additional two trustees should be sought. Mr Hicks to seek volunteers for these roles. Once new trustees have been appointed it is proposed that the terms of reference of the charity will be reviewed and an Action Plan produced by the new committee.  It was acknowledged that the Parish Council would need to help fund any action plan produced by the trustees.	JH
87/19	Finance	
87.1	To approve payments and reconciliation against bank statements.  See Appendix A below. It was unanimously agreed to approve the payments for July, Clerk to process. The bank reconciliation was checked and signed by Mr. Bassil and Mr. Hicks  Mrs Cowdery raised an objection to the amount spent on the Annual Parish Meeting refreshments.	Clerk
87.2	Review of quarterly report showing income and expenditure against budget  The report of income and expenditure against budget for Q1 was reviewed and agreed by the Council.	
87.3	To approve the Credit Card Policy and sign the credit card application form The Council agreed to the adoption of the new Credit Card Policy and Clerk will now apply for a business credit card.	Clerk
87.4	To consider the grant request from the PCC.  A grant request for £1000 towards churchyard grass cutting has been received from the Parochial Church Council.  £2000 was earmarked in the budget for 2019/2020 for Church grant for grass cutting.  It was agreed that the PCC should be asked if they had considered using a volunteer organisation to cut the grass in future. The decision on the grant was therefore deferred until a response has been received.	
88/19	Reports	
88.1	District Councillor's Report  Cllr Boeck was unable to attend the meeting but provided a report which can be found in Appendix D	
88.2	Clerk's Report Clerk attended the Berkshire branch SLCC Annual Training Day this month. It was well attended by clerks across Berkshire and included presentations about community projects being run by parish and town councils in the region. There was a session on the new website accessibility standards which all councils will need to be compliant with by September 2020.  SSEN are holding a public consultation drop-in event regarding the installation of a 132kv reinforcement cable to Thatcham to Bramley on Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July at Thatcham Football Club from 1pm to 6pm. Mr. Hicks will attend.	
88.3	Report from Brimpton Fete committee  Mr. Main reported on the finances from the fete which was held on 29 <sup>th</sup> June. The figures are not finalised yet as there are expenses and income to come in. So far	

	the total income is £3881 but an additional £600 is expected from food and drink sales. Costs are currently around £2163 which gives an estimated profit of £2318 which will be split equally between the three beneficiaries. Over 500 people	
	attended the event and it was a great success.	
	The Council agreed that the cost of the gazebos and toilet hire (total cost of £669.50) would be covered by the Parish Council and not taken from the fete income.	
88.4	Report from village hall committee	
	Mr Dolphin reported that the fence repair will be a larger job than first thought.	
	A breakfast event will be held at the hall on 27 <sup>th</sup> July.	
88.5	Report from Parish Council representatives on outside bodies	
	The next AWE LLC meeting is on 11 <sup>th</sup> July.	
89/19	Public Forum	
	89.1 Mrs Cowdery and Mr. Main attended a planning workshop organised by	
	CPRE. The consultant running the course is able to provide assistance with	
	redefining the settlement boundary if needed in the future.	
90/19	Date of Next Meeting: 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7.30pm	
	Meeting finished at 9.34pm	

Signed:	 Date:
(Chairman)	

## Appendix A

Meeting Report 2nd July 2019

### **Community Account**

Statement balance 24/6/19	Cashbook balance as at 26/6/2019	Cashbook balance after new payments made
£24,938.46	£24,938.46	£24,445.66

Payments made since last meeting

Since last incetting			
Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	May salary	232.80
100435	Toilets + Ltd	Balance of toilet hire fete	396.00
100436	PPL PRS LTd	Fete music licence	117.82
100431	Brimpton School Fund	grant for school hall	2,000.00
100437	Brimpton fete	grant for cash float	850.00
			£3,596.62

New items for payment

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	July salary	232.80
100438	Claire Connell	Internal Audit	150.00
100439	Mrs M Bassil	Annual Parish Meeting refresh	110.00
TOTAL			492.80

## Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
TOTAL			£0.00

# Payments not presented as of 24/6/2019

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			£0.00

# Receipts not cleared as of 24/6/2019

Receipt date	Payer	Details	TOTAL COST
			0

Grants reserve	£929.93
CIL	£806.40
Byway Fund	£91.00
INRG solar donation	£20,000.00
	£21,827.33

Savings Account	
balance 24/6/19	£31,847.91

Defib paid for

received 27/10/2016 16/00416 - £2000 spent on school hall

## Appendix B

### Bank Reconciliation 26th June 2019

Authority name	Brimpton Parish Council				
Prepared by	Christine McGarvie 26th June2019	Clerk and RFO			
Approved by  Date	John Hicks	Chair o	f council		
Balance per bank stat	tements as at 24th June 2019  Community Account  Saving account	£	24,938.46 31,847.91	£	
	· ·				56,786.37
Less any un-presente	d payments at 24th June 2019		0		
Add any uncleared ch	neques/cash/payments				
Net Bank balances as	at 26th June 2019				£56,786.37
CASH BOOK					
Opening balance as p	per cashbook 1st April 2019		24,107.65		
Add: Receipts in the y			7,015.00		
Less:Payments in the	•		6,184.19	-	
2019	r cash book as at 26th June		£24,938.46	=	
Opening balance say	ings account 1st April 2019		31,832.04		
Add: Receipts in the			£15.87		
Less:Payments in the			0	_	
Closing balance as pe 2019	r cash book as at 26th June		£31,847.91	=	
Overall closing balance	ce		£56,786.37	-	
	diff		£0.00		

## Appendix C

Brimpton Parish Council Meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

## Planning Applications for Consideration

1	19/01131/HOUSE – Mulberry Lodge, Brimpton Lane. Construction of two storey extension, internal alterations, addition of pitched roof to existing flat roof at rear and replacement timber windows	Deadline 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 extension until 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
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6	19/01516/HOUSE – The Lodge, Brimpton Common. Alterations to existing internal layout and an extension.	Deadline for comment 9 <sup>th</sup> July

## Planning Application Decisions made

1	19/01008/HOUSE – Thornton House, Brimpton Lane. Single storey rear and	Granted
	side extensions to form family room, study and kitchen enlargement	

## **Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions**

2	19/00353/PACOU – Hyde End Farm, Hyde End Lane.	Permitted
	Change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling.	development.
		Deadline 20 <sup>th</sup> June
3	19/01171/FULD - Blacknest Farm. Demolition, salvage and rebuild of the	Deadline 28 <sup>th</sup> June
	existing buildings to create three live-work units together with access and	2019
	landscaping	

## **ALDERMASTON WARD ELECTED MEMBER REPORT JULY 2019**

#### **West Berkshire Council Meeting 2 July**

The agenda of this meeting includes a motion calling on WBC to declare a climate emergency. The motion also calls on council to develop a strategic plan that aims to deliver carbon neutrality by 2030.

I will attend this meeting and I plan to speak about some of the actions already being taken by schools and our children to reduce their carbon footprints.

The agenda for this meeting can be found on WBC's website at http://decisionmaking.westberks.gov.uk/

#### Lead Member for Children, Education and Young People

After my re-election in May I was asked by our Council Leader, Cllr. Lynne Doherty, to remain a member of the council's Executive with this portfolio. During the last administration I had responsibility for Education for a time so I am already familiar with that aspect of the job. Taking on the services WBC provides for children and young people makes it a much broader and more demanding role and this is my focus at the moment.

One aspect of the job is particularly important. Under the Children Act 1989, local authorities have a responsibility for safeguarding all children. When a child or young person comes into the care of the council the authority then becomes their corporate parent and every councillor and council officer must act for them as a parent would for their own child. The lead member for children's services has a legal obligation to ensure the council discharges this duty properly.

#### **Corporate Parenting Panel**

This forum is chaired by the lead member for children's services and I chaired my first when it convened this month. The forum is useful for the regular detailed discussion of issues and provides a positive link with children in care settings.

### **Theale Primary School**

Work is well under way for this and the steel frame is now complete. Preparation of the slabs and ground beams has started.

Theale Primary has been rated outstanding by Ofsted and it has outgrown the existing school buildings and grounds. The new school building being provided by WBC, at a final cost of around £8.6M, will allow Theale Primary to go from strength to strength.

The new school will provide a modern, purpose-built environment for up to 315 children from Theale and surrounding villages. It will provide 12 classrooms, a large main hall with adjacent studio space, specialist practical spaces and a range of non-teaching spaces. There will be an Autistic Spectrum Disorder unit, as well as dedicated Language and Literature units. The site will also include on-site grass sports pitches, sport and recreational areas, car parking and a drop off and pick up area.

## **Planning**

An application has been submitted to WBC for the replacement of buildings at Blacknest Farm in Brimpton Common. Brimpton PC supports the application and I have called for it to be determined by Eastern Area Planning Committee in the event that planning officers are minded to refuse it.