

Brimpton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Date: Tuesday 5th January 2021 Time: 7.30pm

Place: Zoom video conference due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) restrictions.

Attending call: Mr John Hicks (Chairman)

Mr Phil Bassil

Mr Charles Brims

Mrs Mary Cowdery

Mr John Dolphin

Mr Peter Main

In Attendance: District Councillor Dominic Boeck

Christine McGarvie (Clerk)

4 members of the public

1/21 Apologies for absence

None received.

2/21 To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda

None received.

3/21 Minutes of the previous meeting

3.1 It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2020 were a true and accurate record. The Chairman will sign these at a future date.

3.2 Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda including review of the Action Tracker.

69.2/20 Enborne Way Allotment area – there has been no further update from Sovereign housing. Clerk will continue to chase.

Action:Clerk

101.3/20 Maintenance of verge on Brimpton Lane, Brimpton Common. Clerk raised a case with West Berkshire Council but the work has not yet been done. Clerk to continue to chase.

Action: Clerk

142.3/19 Gulleys along Wasing Road and Brimpton Lane have been cleared. Additional work has been done to the drains on Brimpton Lane and this seems to have solved the problem of water run-off. West Berkshire Council still to repaint the white lines and Clerk will continue to chase.

Action:Clerk

4/21. Parish Environment

4.1 To provide an update on the joint purchase of a Speed Indicator device with Aldermaston Parish Council

Aldermaston Parish Council are proceeding with the purchase of the Speed Indicator Device.

5/21. Planning and Development

5.1 To consider new planning applications and provide updates on any already considered. See appendix C below.

Premises Licence Application – Wasing Park Reference 20/01060/LQN consultation until 19th January.

The licence is for no more than 25 events a year between April to October, for no more than 5000 attendees at each event. The Parish Council agreed to respond with no objections.

5.2. To consider West Berkshire Council's response to Washoe Lodge planning application

A response has been received from the Head of Development and Planning in response to the Parish Council's complaint about the inaccuracies in the decision report for application 20/01825/FULD.

It was agreed that the response received did not address these inaccuracies satisfactorily and that a stage 2 review should now be requested. Mr. Hicks to draft a response requesting the stage 2 review and to send to all councillors for their input before sending.

Action : JH/Clerk

Cllr Boeck will also discuss the issue with the Head of Development and Planning.

Action :DB

6/21. Finance

6.1 To approve payments and approve reconciliation against bank statements

The payments for January were agreed. Clerk to action

Action:Clerk

6.2 To consider grant request from Brimpton Primary school

Brimpton Primary School have requested £500 towards items such as sanitiser, paper towels, handwash, which were needed to implement covid safety measures.

It was agreed to grant this request. Clerk to inform the school that they may make another request for funding in the next financial year and suggest that they may wish to approach the Mount Charity for additional financial support.

7/21 Consultation documents requiring consideration

7.1 Consultation on the Emerging Draft of the West Berkshire Local Plan Review to 2037

There are no development sites listed in Brimpton Parish in the draft local plan. There is a large site proposed in Thatcham which may of concern to Midgham Parish.

Cllr Boeck explained that the District Council believe that expansion in Thatcham would unlock funding for new infrastructure in the town.

The Parish Council decided not to respond to the consultation at this time.

7.2 West Berkshire Council Minerals and Waste Local Plan

The sites in Brimpton have been withdrawn and there are now only 2 sites proposed in West Berkshire in the new plan.

Mr Hicks proposed that the plan should be supported and this was agreed. Clerk to respond.

Action : Clerk

8/21 Reports

8.1 District Councillor's report

District Councillor Boeck provided a written report which will be made available on the Parish Council website.

Councillor Boeck highlighted the Community Infrastructure Levy fund which has made available an initial £500k for local infrastructure projects. Parish Councils and local community groups can apply

for grants from this fund for local infrastructure projects. Applications need to be submitted by 5pm on 10th January 2021.

Cllr Cowdery asked how children will be taught during the latest national lockdown. Cllr Boeck reported that there is a mixed picture with most secondary schools providing remote learning via live lessons. Vulnerable children and children of key workers are being taught in school. There are some issues with all children having access to the technology needed but West Berkshire Council are working hard to achieve the objective of providing remote live lessons to all children.

8.2 Clerk's report

Clerk has provisionally booked the village hall for the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th May.

8.3 Report from Village Hall Committee

Mr Dolphin reported that the hall is open for a respite care support group but the lockdown means that the hall will be losing money.

8.4 Report from Parish Council representatives on external bodies.

AWE – Mr. Bassil reported that AWE has been fined £660,000 for a Health and Safety breach following an electrical incident in June 2019 .

9/21. Public Forum

9.1 Mr Dolphin reported that a road works sign has been left on the verge in Hyde End Lane. Clerk to report to West Berkshire Council.

Action : Clerk

9.2 A resident reported that road signs have been left in Brimpton Road between canal bridge and quaking bridge. Clerk has raised a case with West Berkshire Council reference: 191150 and will chase again.

Action: Clerk

10/21 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021

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

Appendix A

Meeting Report 5th January 2021

Community Account

Statement balance 24/12/2020	Cashbook balance as at 29/12/2020	Cashbook balance after new payments made
£34,587.43	£34,587.43	£34,257.43

Payments made since last meeting

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
100469	Royal British Legion	Donation	250.00
DD	Barclaycard	defib pads	39.54
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	November salary	240.00
			£529.54

New items for payment

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	January salary	240.00
100470	Digital House MD Ltd	Renewal of security certificate	90.00
TOTAL			£330.00

Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT

Payments not presented as of 24/12/2020

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			£0.00

Receipts not cleared as of 24/12/2020

Receipt date	Payer	Details	TOTAL COST
			0

Savings Account balance 24/12/2020	£31,904.63
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Appendix B

Bank Reconciliation 29th December 2020

Authority name	Brimpton Parish Council	
Prepared by	Christine McGarvie	Clerk and RFO
Date	29th December 2020	
Approved by	John Hicks	Chair of council

Balance per bank statements as at 24th December 2020	£	£
Community Account		34,587.43
Saving account		31,904.63
		<u>66,492.06</u>

Less any un-presented payments at 24th December 2020		
		0.00

Add any uncleared receipts

Net Bank balances as at 29th December 2020		<u><u>£66,492.06</u></u>
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CASH BOOK

Opening balance as per cashbook 1st April 2020	27,885.22
Add: Receipts in the year	12,297.20
Less: Payments in the year	<u>5,594.99</u>
Closing balance as per cash book as at 29th December 2020	<u><u>£34,587.43</u></u>

Opening balance savings account 1st April 2020	31,890.86
Add: Receipts in the year	£13.77
Less: Payments in the year	<u>0</u>
Closing balance as per cash book as at 29th December 2020	<u><u>£31,904.63</u></u>

Overall closing balance	<u><u>£66,492.06</u></u>
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diff	£0.00
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Appendix C

Brimpton Parish Council Meeting – 5th January 2021

Planning Applications for Consideration

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Planning Application Decisions made

1	20/02344/HOUSE – 5 The Willows. Proposed side extension with external heat pumps	REFUSED
2	20/02471/PASSHE - Crossways, Brimpton Common prior approval for a proposed: Larger home extension for Single Storey rear extension.	Confirmed as permitted development

Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

	20/02473/FUL – Blacknest Farm, Brimpton Common – External alterations to Buildings H1 and H2	Deadline 11 th January
1	APP/W0340/W/20/3259595 – Shalford Farm planning appeal 20/00737/COMIND. PC responded with no objections to application 20/00737/COMIND.	Appeal still in progress