

Brimpton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

Date: Tuesday 6th December 2022 Time: 7.30pm
Place: Brimpton Village Hall
Attending: Mr John Hicks (Chairman)
Mr Phil Bassil
Mr Charles Brims
Mr John Dolphin
Mr Nicholas Matthews

In Attendance: Christine McGarvie (Clerk)
4 members of the public

129/22 Open Forum

129.1 Mr Dolphin reported that some residents have asked whether footpath BRIM9/2 which cuts across the field behind the hall could be moved to run around the edge of the field. Mr. Dolphin to speak to the landowner.

129.2 A resident raised a concern that the new Food Waste Collection service does not include the Primary School. It was recommended that the resident contact the District Councillor directly about this.

130/22 Apologies for absence

Mrs Cowdery gave her apologies.

131/22 To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda

None

132/22. Minutes of the previous meeting

132.1 It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2022 were a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

132.2 Matters arising from minutes not otherwise on the agenda (including review of Action Tracker)

117.1 SSE have confirmed that they have permission to use footpath BRIM10/1 as an access route to their site and the path will be restored to its original condition once the work is completed.

122/22 Plans to celebrate the King's Coronation will be discussed again in the New Year, now that the bank holiday date has been agreed.

The Action Tracker was reviewed and it was agreed to close the action regarding the post box on Brimpton Lane.

133/22 Parish Environment

133.1 To provide an update on the use of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) in the Parish

The SID is currently on the B3051 outside of Lakeside garden centre and has also been up for 4 days at the end of the Brimpton Common byway. The batteries need to be changed more often and may need replacing soon.

WBC Traffic and Road safety team carried out a Community Speed Watch session in Wasing Road but only captured one speeder between 8am and 9am. They are going to try again in the New Year and will also carry out a session on Brimpton Road.

133.2 To consider improvement work to the land recently leased at the rear of the Village Hall

The land at the rear of the hall is uneven in places. It was agreed that Mr. Dolphin should seek quotes to deal with the larger holes.

The Recreation Ground charity have granted the Parish Council money to cover the cost of the fencing work and solicitor's fees.

Mr Brims reported that the Recreation Ground Charity now have 4 trustees.

134/22. Planning and Development

134.1 To consider new planning applications received and provide updates on any already considered

22/02683/FUL – Hyde End Farm, Hyde End Lane Change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house

The Parish Council resolved to respond with no objections.

22/02252/CERTE- Oak tree Farm – use of buildings as a self-contained dwelling

The Parish Council resolved to object to this application for the following reasons:

- 1) the owners of Oak Tree Farm have repeatedly sought planning permission for a dwelling here. All previous applications have been refused by West Berkshire Council (and again on appeal) for good planning reasons;
- 2) the owners have flouted planning laws and sought to live there undetected in order to claim adverse possession;
- 3) there is evidence from the minutes of Brimpton Parish Council in November 2015 that a complaint was made that unlawful activity was taking place at Oak Tree Farm in contravention of planning refusal. The clerk to the Parish Council officially reported this contravention to West Berkshire Council (Gary Lugg) in November 2015. West Berkshire Council will be able to see from its own records what action was taken. But, in any event, the unlawful domestic occupation has not been without official challenge.

Mr Hicks reported that the recent application for change of conditions for the Washoe Lodge development has been withdrawn but two new applications will be submitted soon.

135/22 Finance

135.1 To approve payments and approve reconciliation against bank statements

The payments and bank reconciliation were approved.

135.2 To consider the budget for 2023/2024 and agree precept to be levied

The budget for 2023/24 was reviewed. Mr Hicks proposed that the precept be set at zero again this year. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Matthews and agreed by the Parish Council.

136/22 Consultation documents requiring consideration

None

137/22 Reports

137.1 District Cllr's Report

No report.

137.2 Chairman's Report

Mr Hicks visited Wasing Estate on 28th November along with the Chairman of Aldermaston Parish Council and District Cllr Dominic Boeck.

They were shown around their facilities by Josh Dugdale and Andrew Perkins including the wedding area, wedding reception area and honeymoon suite.

Wasing Estate would like to convert Wasing Park House into a hotel.

There are plans to hold more events in the Open air amphitheatre in 2023.

They were also shown around Frouds Lane Canal Marina which has recently been purchased by the Estate.

There is a Wild Water swimming lake and sauna which can be hired for parties.

There is a new plan for Shalford Farm to become residential wellness centre for 20/30 people. The Estate will be submitting new plans in the New Year.

In January the Estate plan to hold an open evening to which all councillors will be invited.

Mr Hicks reported that the owners of Washoe Lodge T.A. Fisher have said that they will be having the hedge at the front of the property cut during the school Christmas holiday period.

137.3 Clerk's report

Nothing to report

137.4 Report from Village Hall Committee

The Hall continues to be well used.

The new Police and Crime Commissioner has asked to visit the Hall to see how the grant for the CCTV system is being used. Mr Dolphin will let the Parish Council know the date of the visit.

It is proving very difficult to get quotes for solar battery packs.

137.5 Report from Parish Council representative on the AWE LLC

Mr Bassil reported that the Environment Agency have issued their annual report on radioactivity levels in the area. This showed that radioactivity levels are at 0.0008 millisievert up from 0.0005 millisieverts last year. This is 1% of the national dose limit and you would receive 10 times this dose on a transatlantic flight.

The Office for Nuclear Regulation have issued their 4 monthly report and all inspections were rated adequate.

The Chief Nuclear Inspector's Management of aging facilities report has been issued and no concerns were raised.

138/22 The next meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 but may be cancelled if there is no significant business.

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

Appendix A

Meeting Report 6th December 2022

Community Account

Statement balance 24/11/2022	Cashbook balance as at 24/11/2022	Cashbook balance after new payments made
£29,234.73	£29,234.73	£22,144.30

Payments made since last meeting

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	October salary	259.00
DD - 14 Nov	Barclaycard	£100 grant to NWN Parcel fund, £232.80 (38.30 VAT) defib battery	332.80
Ep	J Dolphin	bench repair	14.63
EP	Brimpton Village Hall	Hall hire	72.00
EP	Brimpton Village Hall	Hall hire art exhibition	75.00
TOTAL			£753.43

New items for payment

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
EP	OJM Farm Contractors	Removal of hedge and new fence village hall	6651.43
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	Back pay April to Nov 22 (10 months)	160.00
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	December salary	279.00
TOTAL			£7,090.43

Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT

Payments not presented as of 24/11/2022

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			

Receipts not cleared as of 24/11/2022

Receipt date	Payer	Details	TOTAL COST
			0

Savings Account balance 24/11/2022	£31,920.87
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CIL	£11,420.35	must be spent by May 2026
INRG solar donation	£20,000.00	
	£31,420.35	

Appendix B

Bank Reconciliation 24th November 2022

Authority name	Brimpton Parish Council	
Prepared by	Christine McGarvie	Clerk and RFO
Date	24th November 2022	
Approved by	John Hicks	Chair of council

Balance per bank statements as at 24th November 2022	£	£
Community Account	29,234.73	
Saving account	31,920.87	
		<u>61,155.60</u>

Less any un-presented payments at 24th November 2022

0.00

Add any uncleared receipts

Net Bank balances as at 24th November 2022	<u>£61,155.60</u>
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CASH BOOK

Opening balance as per cashbook 1st April 2022	35,309.84
Add: Receipts in the year	2,795.97
Less: Payments in the year	8,871.08
Closing balance as per cash book as at 24th November 2022	<u>£29,234.73</u>

Opening balance savings account 1st April 2022	31,908.63
Add: Receipts in the year	£12.24
Less: Payments in the year	0
Closing balance as per cash book as at 24th November 2022	<u>£31,920.87</u>

Overall closing balance	<u>£61,155.60</u>
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diff	£0.00
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Appendix C

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Planning Applications for Consideration

1	22/02683/FUL – Hyde End Farm, Hyde End Lane Change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house	24 th Nov – Extension granted
2	22/02252/CERTE – Oak Tree Farm, Brimpton Common The use of buildings as a self-contained dwelling	23 rd Nov – Extension granted

Planning Application Decisions made

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Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

1	22/01895/FULD – Washoe Lodge – S73 variation of condition 2. Erection of 4 detached dwellings	30 th Sept deadline
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