

Brimpton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Date: Tuesday 1st February 2022 Time: 7.30pm
Place: Brimpton Village Hall
Attending: Mr John Hicks (Chairman)
 Mr Phil Bassil
 Mr Charles Brims
 Mrs Mary Cowdery
 Mr John Dolphin
 Mr Nicholas Matthews

In Attendance: District Cllr Dominic Boeck
 Christine McGarvie (Clerk)
 3 members of the public

11/22 Public Forum

11.1 Mr Dolphin reported that the telegraph pole in Church Lane still hasn't been fixed despite being reported several times.

11.2 Mrs Cowdery reported that the land in Hockford Lane is still up for sale via auction but is now two separate plots.

12/22 Apologies for absence

None

13/22 To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda

None

14/22 Minutes of the previous meeting

14.1 It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2022 were a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

14.2 Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the agenda including review of the Action Tracker

1.3/22 It was agreed that the Parish Council would not purchase plaques for the Cherry Trees recently planted.

122.4/21 The War memorial will be cleaned by Mr Dolphin in the Spring.

109/21 West Berkshire Council have now agreed to install Street Name plates in Back Lane.

70/21 Parking around Brimpton Primary School is still causing concern for residents in Enborne Way and Hatch Lane.

15/22 To discuss plans to celebrate Queen's Platinum Jubilee

It was agreed that the street party on Sunday 5th June would be held between 12 and 4pm. Mr. Hicks will apply to West Berkshire District Council for the road closure in Brimpton Lane.

Mr. Matthews has registered the beacon lighting to be held on Thursday 2nd June. Mr. Matthews to send details of the beacon to the Clerk so it can be purchased. A social event will be held at the hall after the beacon lighting and will be ticketed.

Action: NM/Clerk

On Friday 3rd June or Saturday 4th June there will be a nature walk.

On Saturday 4th June there will be a Barn Dance held at Hyde End Farm.

On Sunday 5th June there will be a lunch in Brimpton Lane followed by games in the school playing field.

The Platinum Jubilee working group will meet soon to finalise details for the events planned over the weekend.

16/22 Review of long-term objectives in the Parish Plan

A document reviewing the long-term objectives in the Parish Plan was circulated before the meeting. It was agreed that the document should be made public on the Parish Council website. Mr. Bassil provided a report on Transport Improvement Options. It was agreed that two local volunteer groups providing transport should be advertised on the Parish Council website. Clerk to action. It was acknowledged that there is an unofficial group of volunteers who help some residents with transport but it was agreed that there was no benefit in trying to formalise this.

Action: Clerk

Mr Hicks has responded to the recent consultation by West Berkshire Council on bus service improvements.

17/22. Parish Environment

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

The SID was put up in Wasing Road facing traffic leaving the village and showed that 37% of drivers were travelling at over 35mph coming down the hill out of the village. Clerk has sent the statistics to the PCSO but not had a response. West Berkshire Council still can't do Community Speedwatch themselves. Aldermaston Parish Council are now looking at what is involved in setting up a Community Speedwatch group.

It was agreed that Clerk would seek permission from West Berkshire Council to put the SID on a post on the B3051

Action: Clerk

17.2 To consider quotes for replacement village map at the war memorial.

The Clerk had provided a report outlining four quotes for a replacement village map. It was agreed to proceed with option 2. Clerk to finalise the design with Mr. Bassil and order the new map.

Action: Clerk

17.3 To consider request for 'no parking' signs on verge near the bus stop at the bottom of Church Lane

A resident has requested a sign is put up on the verge to stop people parking where bulbs will be coming up soon. It was agreed not to proceed with 'no parking' signs at the moment but to monitor the situation.

18/22. Planning and Development

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

22/00065/AGRIC , – Hyde End farm, Hyde End Lane. Removal and replacement of 2 barns.

22/00176/AGRIC – Hyde End Farm, Hyde End Lane. Prior approval for a new barn

The Parish Council agreed not to comment on these applications.

Mr. Hicks reported that he has been approached about plans to build a new house at Hyde End Farm. The owner of the land, the architect and the project manager have asked to attend the April meeting to share plans for the site.

22/00036/HOUSE – Wasing Old Rectory. Erection of an infill extension (Wasing Parish)
The Parish Council resolved to respond with no objections.

21/02909/FUL - Larkwhistle Farm Erection of a new agricultural outbuilding
The Parish Council considered the amended plans and resolved that the Parish Council's view remains that it would be over development of the site and would be visible from the highway.

19/22. Finance

19.1 To approve payments and approve reconciliation against bank statements

The payments and bank reconciliation were agreed.

20/22 Consultation documents requiring consideration

Royal Berkshire Fire Authority – Consultation on response to automatic fire alarms

The Parish Council agreed not to comment on this consultation.

21/22 Reports

21. 1 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Boeck reported that he recently met with the new Service Director responsible for the Planning Department, Eric Owens. A review of the 'Place' directorate has been commissioned which will outline what a good Planning Department looks like and how the current Planning Department is operating against this model. There is a recognition that planning enforcement needs more capacity and there should be improvements in processes.

21.2 Clerk's report

Clerk attended the West Berkshire Clerks' Forum. There was some discussion about devolution. Some parishes are taking on services such as sending out letters to residents asking them to cut hedges. It was agreed that there had been little information recently about devolution from West Berkshire Council lately and an action was taken to follow this up with them. West Berkshire Council representatives will attend future Clerk's forum meetings to improve engagement.

21.3 Report from Village Hall Committee

There was a case of Covid reported after a recent event but it was dealt with well and extra cleaning was carried out.

A soup and bacon roll morning has been booked for the 5th March.

Mr. Dolphin thanked those who responded to the hall survey.

There will be a charity fundraising event on 8th/9th April raising money for the local hospice.

22/22 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st March 2022 in the Village Hall. The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Tuesday 24th May.

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

Appendix A

Meeting Report 1st February 2022

Community Account

Statement balance 24/1/2022	Cashbook balance as at 25/1/2022	Cashbook balance after new payments made
£36,736.83	£36,736.83	£36,496.83

Payments made since last meeting

Cheque No	Payee	Details
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	December salary
EP	Digital House Md Ltd	Website SSL certificate
EP	Brimpton Village Hall	7 months hall hire
EP	Mr P Bassil	Christmas lights
TOTAL		

New items for payment

Cheque No	Payee	Details
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	February salary
TOTAL		

Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details

Payments not presented as of 24/11/2022

Cheque No	Payee	Details
TOTAL		

Receipts not cleared as of 24/1/2022

Receipt date	Payer	Details

Savings Account balance 24/1/2022	£31,907.83
Brimpton story/BPRA	£1,386.18
CIL	£0.00
CIL	£11,420.35
INRG solar donation	£20,000.00
	£32,806.53

Defib paid for
Must be spent by October 2021.
 Spent £305 on gravel and £39.95 on bulbs. Gazebos £1468.33
must be spent by May 2026

Appendix B

Bank Reconciliation 25th January 2022

Authority name	Brimpton Parish Council	
Prepared by	Christine McGarvie	Clerk and RFO
Date	25th January 2022	
Approved by	John Hicks	Chair of council

Balance per bank statements as at 24th January 2022	£	
Community Account		36,736.83
Saving account		31,907.83

Less any un-presented payments at 24th December 2021

Add any uncleared receipts

Net Bank balances as at 24th January 2022

CASH BOOK

Opening balance as per cashbook 1st April 2021	32,848.53
Add: Receipts in the year	12,682.45
Less: Payments in the year	8,794.15
Closing balance as per cash book as at 25th January 2022	<u>£36,736.83</u>

Opening balance savings account 1st April 2021	31,905.43
Add: Receipts in the year	£2.40
Less: Payments in the year	0
Closing balance as per cash book as at 25th January 2022	<u>£31,907.83</u>

Overall closing balance	<u>£68,644.66</u>
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Appendix C

Brimpton Parish Council Meeting – 1st February 2022

Planning Applications for Consideration

1	22/000065/AGRIC – Hyde End farm, Hyde End Lane, Removal and replacement of 2 barns. 22/00176/AGRIC - Hyde End farm, Hyde End Lane . Prior approval new agricultural barn. (by 23th Feb)	10 th Feb decision date.
2	22/00036/HOUSE – Wasing Old Rectory. Erection of an infill extension (Wasing Parish)	Deadline 11 th Feb for comment

Planning Application Decisions made

1	21/02979/HOUSE and 21/02981/LBC2 – Willow Wands, Brimpton Road – Single storey extension to kitchen and replacement windows	Approved
2	21/02959/LBC2 – Shalford Farm House, Shalford Hill – emergency re-roofing of slate roof	Approved

Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

1	21/03180/FULD – Wasing Cottage, Wasing Road. Demolition of existing dwelling. Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans)	7 th Feb deadline
2	21/02909/FUL – Larkwhistle Farm. Brimpton Common. Erection of new agricultural building	28 th Jan deadline