

Brimpton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

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

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

117/22 Open Forum

117.1 A resident raised a concern that the contractors working on the new high capacity electricity cable installation are using the track which is part of footpath BRIM10/1 for large vehicles and the ground is being churned up. Clerk to contact SSE and find out why this route is being used and if they will be restoring the land to its original condition.

Action: Clerk

117.2 A resident asked whether the post-box near the bus shelter on Brimpton Lane could be bricked in to prevent it from being stolen. Clerk to ask Royal Mail and also West Berkshire Council Highways whether this could be done.

Action: Clerk

117.3 A resident reported that the church is applying to become an eco-church. This will involve setting up various community projects and they may approach the Parish Council for support.

118/22 Apologies for absence

None

119/22 To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda

None

120/22 Minutes of the previous meeting

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

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

The actions were reviewed.

121/22 To consider applying for a Members Bid or CIL funding for hall solar panel improvements

Mr Dolphin has met with a contractor who has recommended a battery system to improve the efficiency of the Village Hall solar panels. Unfortunately, the condition report and quotation has not yet been received.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would contribute up to £10,000 of CIL funding towards the project and would make a Members Bid grant request if the quotation is received in time for the grant deadline of 25th November.

122/22 To consider plans to celebrate the King's Coronation in May 2023

The King's Coronation will take place on May 6th. The bank holiday date has not been confirmed yet but it is likely to be Monday 8th May.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would aim to hold an event at the Village Hall on the day of the Coronation using the extra land at the back of the hall to include lighting the beacon. Mr Matthews agreed to organise the beacon lighting event.

123/22 To consider Clerk's request for permission to undertake an additional job

The Parish Council resolved to give the Clerk permission to undertake another part time job.

124/22 Parish Environment

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

The report from the SID on Wasing Road gave the following results:-

2732 of the 5398 vehicles captured were travelling at over the ACPO limit of 36 mph so 51%. The highest speed recorded was 75mph and the average speed was 35mph.

Clerk is still waiting for the Traffic and Road safety team to do a Community Speed Watch session in Wasing Road and to do some monitoring in Brimpton Road with the Sentinel equipment. Clerk to chase again.

Action: Clerk

124.2 To consider measures for improving road safety in the village as suggested by a resident

The suggested safety measures were discussed and it was decided that the Clerk should contact West Berkshire Council Highways department and ask them whether they can suggest any measures to improve safety for pedestrians along Brimpton Lane from Kiln Cottage to the junction with Brimpton Road.

124.3 Brimpton Common Fuel Allotment

The Parish Council accepted the minutes of the last meeting of the Brimpton Common Fuel Allotment Trustees and thanked them for their continued work.

125/22 Planning and Development

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

No new applications.

West Berkshire Council are running planning enforcement training sessions on 23rd and 30th November. Councillors should respond to the meeting invite if they would like to attend.

126/22 Finance

126.1 To approve payments and approve reconciliation against bank statements

The payments and bank reconciliation were approved.

126.2 To consider request from West Berkshire Libraries for financial support

The Parish council resolved not to provide additional financial support to libraries as this is the responsibility of the District Council.

126.3 To consider a first draft of the budget for 2022/2023

The first draft of the budget was reviewed and a few changes made. Clerk to update the budget for the next meeting where the precept will be discussed.

127/22 Consultation documents requiring consideration

None

128/22 Reports

128.1 District Cllr's Report

The Council have forecast a £4.6m revenue overspend, after taking account of provision that was made in reserves for specific risks at the time of budget setting (without this provision, the forecast would be an over spend of £8.1m).

A 'Cost of Living Hub' has been set up to provide advice and support to residents.

West Berkshire Council and Greenham Trust have launched a new Emergency Cost of Living Crisis Fund to help charities support those affected by increases in energy prices and inflation.

There is also funding available via the Household Support Fund which was funding made available by the Government during the pandemic.

128.2 Report from Village Hall Committee

Mr Dolphin reported that the fencing contractor will start work on fencing around the new land at the back of the hall and removing the hedge at the side of the car park next week.

The hall is being well used and the next social event will be a Pizza evening on 12th November.

128.3 Report from Parish Council representative on the AWE LLC

The next meeting will be on 23rd November.

13. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th December 2022 in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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

Appendix A

Meeting Report 1st November 2022

Community Account

Statement balance 24/10/2022	Cashbook balance as at 24/10/2022	Cashbook balance after new payments made
£29,988.16	£29,988.16	£29,396.36

Payments made
since last
meeting

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	September salary	259.00
TOTAL			£259.00

New items for payment

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	November salary	259.00
DD - 14 Nov	Barclaycard	£100 grant to NWN Parcel fund, £232.80 (38.30 VAT) defib battery	332.80
TOTAL			£591.80

Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
06/10/2022	Cash	Art exhib. 1 xBrimpton Story	£97.76

Payments not presented as of 24/10/2022

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			

Receipts not cleared as of 24/10/2022

Receipt date	Payer	Details	TOTAL COST
			0

Savings Account balance 24/10/2022	£31,920.87
CIL	£11,420.35
INRG solar donation	£20,000.00
	£31,420.35

must be spent by May 2026

Appendix B

Bank Reconciliation 24th October 2022

Authority name Brimpton Parish Council

Prepared by Christine McGarvie

Date 24th October 2022

Clerk and RFO

Approved by John Hicks

Chair of
council

Balance per bank statements as at 24th October 2022	£	£
Community Account	29,988.16	
Saving account	31,920.87	
		<u>61,909.03</u>

Less any un-presented payments at 24th October 2022

0.00

Add any uncleared receipts

Net Bank balances as at 24th October 2022 £61,909.03

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 8,117.65

Closing balance as per cash book as at 24th October 2022 £29,988.16

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 October 2022 £31,920.87

Overall closing balance £61,909.03

diff £0.00

Appendix C

Brimpton Parish Council Meeting – 1st November 2022

Planning Applications for Consideration

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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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