

Brimpton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

Date: Tuesday 7th March 2023 Time: 7.30pm
Place: Brimpton Village Hall
Attending: Mr John Hicks (Chairman)
 Mr Phil Bassil
 Mr Charles Brims
 Mrs Mary Cowdery
 Mr John Dolphin

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

13/23 Open Forum

13.1 Mr Hicks reported that the Remembrance Wreaths have gone missing from the War Memorial. In previous years, they were collected and reused each year to reduce the amount of plastic. Mr. Hicks to put a note in the Parish Update email to ask residents if they have seen them.

13.2 Mr Bassil suggested that the Parish Council could investigate installing a memorial for the late Queen, such as a memorial stone, at the War Memorial. There was general agreement that this idea should be investigated further. Clerk to put on the agenda for the April meeting.

13.3 A resident reported that the new community parish magazine is going ahead and the first edition will be published in April. It was agreed that the Clerk can put a link to the new magazine on the Parish Council website.

13.4 A resident asked about the latest status of the replacement Recreation Ground. Mr Brims reported that they are still waiting for a response from the owner of the land next to the hall as to whether it could be purchased or leased.

14/23 Apologies for absence

Mr. Matthews had given his apologies.

15/23 To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda

No interests were declared.

16/23. Minutes of the previous meeting

16.1 It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2023 were a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

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

1/23 Tankers in Brimpton Road. Clerk has raised a customer complaint to Thames Water but has not had a response yet.

Action:Clerk

4/23 Flooding at Able Bridge – Clerk has raised a case to request that the gulleys are cleared. West Berkshire Council have agreed to clear them annually from now on and it will be done in the next financial year before next Winter.

7/23 Litter picking along Brimpton Lane. Clerk has raised a case with West Berkshire Council.
121/22 Solar Batteries for the Village Hall. Mr Dolphin has not been able to get quotes for batteries for the solar panel system but has been given the details of a few more companies to contact.
133.2/22 Mr Dolphin has not been able to obtain quotes for the work needed to level the land at the back of the hall.
89.2/22 Blacknest Lane street name plate- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council have said a name plate has been ordered and they hope to install it on Blacknest Lane in April.

17/23 Update on the King's Coronation weekend

There has been a good response to the Beacon Lighting event on the 5th May and there are already 40 people signed up for the Community Lunch in the hall on 7th May.
The Coronation Mugs have been ordered. Around 25 mugs will be given to local children and the remainder will be sold to residents.
There will be a decorated house competition with a hamper as a prize. Members of the organising committee will not be able to enter the competition.

18/23. Parish Environment

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

The SID will be back from Beenham Parish Council this week. They have had issues with the battery not lasting very long. The Clerk will assess the battery health and advise whether a new set may need to be purchased.

Action:Clerk

18.2 Litter Pick

Mr Hicks suggested that a litter pick be organised in early April to cover any areas that can be done safely and this was agreed. Mr Hicks will contact West Berkshire Council to ask when the safety equipment is available.

19/23 Planning and Development

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

23/00211/HOUSE – Mill House, Hyde End Lane – Side Extension

The Parish Council resolved to respond with no objections.

20/23 Finance

20.1 To approve payments and approve reconciliation against bank statements

The payments and bank reconciliation were approved. Mr Hicks to approve the payments online.

20.2 To consider the grant request from the PCC for churchyard grass cutting

The PCC have requested a grant of £2000 towards grass cutting which is the same amount granted last year. Mr Hicks gave the view that the churchyard was an important landmark in the village and that its appearance, together with the surrounding graveyards, was key to the image of the village overall.

The Parish Council agreed to provide the grant. Clerk to action in the new financial year.

Action:Clerk

21/23. Consultation documents requiring consideration

None

22/23 Reports

22.1 District Cllr's Report

Cllr Boeck had provided a written report by email but highlighted the following points:

The West Berkshire Council Budget meeting was held on 2nd March. The budget is presented in four parts; the four-year Medium Term Financial Strategy, the Investment and Borrowing Strategy, the Capital Budget and the Revenue Budget.

An Extraordinary meeting was called to discuss a challenge to the Local Plan. The motion was defeated and the Local Plan is therefore going forward to the next stage.

Voter id – Legislation has changed and voters will need to provide photo id in order to vote in the forthcoming local elections. Residents who don't already have an accepted form of photo ID can apply for a free voter ID document from West Berkshire Council, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. Posters advertising this change will be put up on the Parish noticeboards. Mr Hicks to arrange for the posters to be put up in noticeboards

Action:JH

22.2 Chairman's Report

Mr Hicks will be attending the Wasing Community Evening on 16th March.

22.3 Clerk's report

The notice of Parish Elections will be published soon. Councillors who wish to stand should complete their nomination papers and deliver them to the West Berkshire Council offices between the 24th March and 4pm on the 4th April.

22.4 Report from Village Hall Committee

Mr Dolphin reported that the recent pizza evening was a great success.

The Police and Crime Commissioner will be visiting the hall on Friday 24th March 3pm to 5pm. The meeting is open to all residents but the only topic for discussion is the grant given by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

22.5 Report from Parish Council representative on the AWE LLC

The next meeting will be held on 25th April.

23/23 To Agree Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 4th April 2023 and to agree date of the Annual Meeting in May

The next meeting will be held on 4th April in the Village Hall.

The May Annual Parish Council meeting will be held in the School Hall at 7pm to be followed by the Annual Parish Assembly. The new council will be declared on 9th May if the election is contested.

Clerk to send out the invitations to participants who wish to speak at the Parish Assembly.

Action:Clerk

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

Appendix A

Meeting Report 7th March 2023

Community Account

Statement balance 24/2/2023	Cashbook balance as at 24/2/2023	Cashbook balance after new payments made
£27,845.15	£27,845.15	£27,466.15

Payments made since last meeting

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	January salary	279
EP	Brimpton Village Hall	Hall hire	75.00
TOTAL			£354.00

New items for payment

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	Homeworking allowance	100.00
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	March salary	279.00
TOTAL			£379.00

Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
21/02/2023	C.McGarvie	Refund of incorrect CC payment	10.99
			£10.99

Payments not presented as of 24/2/2023

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			

Receipts not cleared as of 24/2/2023

Receipt date	Payer	Details	TOTAL COST
			0

Savings Account balance 24/2/2023	£31,938.67
CIL	£11,420.35
INRG solar donation	£20,000.00
	£31,420.35

must be spent by May 2026

Appendix B

Bank Reconciliation 28th February 2023

Authority name Brimpton Parish Council

Prepared by Christine McGarvie

Clerk and RFO

Date 28th February 2023

Approved by John Hicks

Chair of council

Balance per bank statements as at 24th February 2023	£	
Community Account		27,845.15
Saving account		31,938.67

Less any un-presented payments at 24th February 2023

Add any uncleared receipts

Net Bank balances as at 24th February 2023

CASH BOOK

Opening balance as per cashbook 1st April 2022	35,309.84
Add: Receipts in the year	9,299.82
Less: Payments in the year	16,764.51
Closing balance as per cash book as at 24th February 2023	<u>£27,845.15</u>

Opening balance savings account 1st April 2022	31,908.63
Add: Receipts in the year	£30.04
Less: Payments in the year	0
Closing balance as per cash book as at 24th February 2023	<u>£31,938.67</u>

Overall closing balance	<u>£59,783.82</u>
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Appendix C

Brimpton Parish Council Meeting – 7th March 2023

Planning Applications for Consideration

1	23/00211/HOUSE – Mill Cottage, Hyde End Lane Side Extension	2 nd March 23 granted an extension
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Planning Application Decisions made

1	22/02683/FUL – Hyde End Farm, Hyde End Lane Change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house	Withdrawn
2	22/01895/FULD – Washoe Lodge – S73 variation of condition 2. Erection of 4 detached dwellings	Approved

Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

1	23/00015/FUL – 2 Church Lane, Brimpton Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of replacement dwelling	31 st March 23 decision deadline
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