

Brinkworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday 10th August 2020 by remote video screens due to the Coronavirus

Present: - Councillor P Clothier (Chair), Councillor O Gibbs, Councillor E Threlfall, Councillor M Evans, Councillor S Walklate, Councillor T Sturgis (Wiltshire County Councillor) Mrs M Evans (Clerk)

Correspondence from the public

061/20 Apologies for absence

Councillor Jim Humm, Councillor John Millard, Councillor Clare Butcher

062/20 Declaration of interest on agenda items

There were no declarations of interest

063/20 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th July 2020

The minutes of the meeting 13th July 2020 were adopted and signed by the clerk

064/20 General update from Councillor Sturgis

Councillor Sturgis said that he had all the recent emails regarding Whites Farm potential violation of planning permissions and that they had been discussed with his legal team who were reviewing the situation. He stated that anyone who sends a complaint regarding the Motocross events at Whites Farm should also lodge their complaint to Wiltshire Council. One of the main difficulties is that notifications for the events come too late and that we should know who is holding each event.

Councillor Clothier stated that the track has been significantly extended contrary to planning permission. This is borne out by recent google images of the site, Councillor Sturgis was asked if he could press enforcement to look at the images.

Councillor Clothier questioned the noise levels with up to 40 motorcycles in a race with another 40 waiting on the start line with their engines revving.

Councillor Clothier questioned whether Whites Farm have the necessary insurance to cover the events.

Councillor Gibbs questioned the number of people who arrive the night before an event with no heed to social distancing.

Councillor Gibbs asked Councillor Sturgis if a member of Wiltshire Council could attend one of the race meetings to monitor it. Councillor Sturgis will try to get an enforcement officer to attend but he is very doubtful as there are only a couple covering the whole of Wiltshire. The enforcement department has not received enough complaints to warrant a visit. Councillor Gibbs asked Councillor Sturgis to press enforcement to take action.

Regarding the number of events Councillor Sturgis said that the breach is not scheduling 4 consecutive events but actually holding 4 consecutive events.

Councillor Gibbs reported that graffiti had appeared on the motorway bridge at the end of Callow Hill. He will report this on MyWiltshire.

Councillor Threlfall asked if Wiltshire Council carry out risk assessments on Byways. Councillor Sturgis said that Byways were just ancient roads and that cars have every right to use them.

Councillor Sturgis was asked if someone can keep adding temporary buildings without planning permission, he responded that planning permission would be required.

Councillor Clothier questioned the council tax position for holiday homes. If the homes are permanent a clause should be added so that the building company responsible should pay CIL.

065/20 Planning Applications

Application 20/05488/FUL Land south of Old Farm Grittenham. Change of use of land to 1 no. Gypsy Traveller Pitch and associated works including 1no. mobile home, 1 no. touring caravan and 1 no. dayroom and hardstanding. The proposal is the same as the last proposal and the objections still stand. Objectors should be allowed to carry their objections over. Councillor Walklate reported that there was no green Planning proposal sign by the site. The council felt that the development was not sustainable. The site is not near any public amenities meaning that private vehicles would be needed for transport. It was felt that the application did not meet the criteria of core policies 57, 60 and 61. It was felt that it would have an unacceptable impact on the landscape. This application was Not Supported.

Application 20/05376/FUL Land at no 2 The Common, Brinkworth SN15 5DX. Erection of two new dwellings (outline application relating to access and layout) This application was Supported

066/20 Whites Farm

Councillor Threlfall

This was covered in Councillor Sturgis' report

067/20 Highways

Councillor Evans

Councillor Evans reported that the SID posts have been ordered and we are awaiting delivery. The actual devices will be ordered once the posts are in situ.

The new bridge in Dead Lane has been installed. The B4042 toward Wootton Bassett has had patch repairs.

068/20 The Glebe Field

Councillor Clothier

A letter has been sent to the Diocese in support of their outline plans for the car park. The clerk has been asked to write to Sally Moody again to let her know that the Parish Council will be paying for a footpath to be laid in the Glebe Field.

069/20 Salt Bin Audit

Councillor Threlfall

Councillor Gibbs has carried out the Salt Bin audit. All the bins are full apart from the one at Queen Street crossroads at Braydonside

070/20 Covid update

Councillor Threlfall

The volunteers are still visiting a few residents but things have quietened down a lot.

071/20 Cemetery Clearing**Councillor Threlfall**

There is still a dead elm in Tom Russel's hedge which needs to be taken down. Councillor Threlfall reminded the councillors that the tree surgeon can supply wood chips to keep the undergrowth down free of charge.

072/20 Greenscape Quote**Councillor Threlfall**

To be carried over to next meeting

073/20 Parish Steward**Councillor Threlfall**

Councillor Threlfall reported that the parish steward is carrying out all the usual maintenance jobs in the village.

074/20 Footpath Work**Councillor Threlfall**

Councillor Threlfall is researching suitable gates to replace the stiles on the field by the cycle shop. Metal gates are preferable if there is livestock in the field.

Councillor Walklate reported that the bridleway in Grittenham can't be accessed by horse riders because there are ponies in the field, she will report this on MyWiltshire.

075/20 Telephone Box Libraries**Councillor Threlfall**

Councillor Threlfall reported that the telephone library boxes by The Three Crowns and Callow Hill have both been given a thorough clean and sort out.

076/20 Recreation Field signs**Councillor Gibbs**

Councillor Gibbs has had parking / direction signs made; he will put them up

077/20 Milestone Lacy's Farm**Councillor Gibbs**

Councillor Gibbs will write to the owner of the property to remind him that it would be an offence to remove / move the milestone as it is a listed monument.

078/20 Graffiti on Motorway Bridge**Councillor Gibbs**

See Councillor Sturgis report

079/20 Replacement trees**Councillor Gibbs**

It was felt that there is no need to replace the tree on Causeway End

080/20 VJ Service**Councillor Clothier**

Rev Mike Graham will officiate at the VJ service on August 15th. Councillor Clothier will lay a wreath for the Parish Council and Councillor Gibbs will lay one for the British Legion. Councillor Gibbs will provide a cd to play The Last Post

081/20 Clerks Pay**Councillor Clothier**

Councillor Clothier will get an up to date NALC schedule of clerks pay structure to be discussed at the next meeting.

082/80 Covid Signs for cemetery**Councillor Gibbs**

Councillor Evans will send Councillor Gibbs the Covid signs in readiness for the church service on Sunday.

083/20 Expenses**Clerk**

The following expenses were agreed upon

£1332	Greenscape	Grasscutting
£33	C Waite	Tree surgery
£240	John Davis	Accountant
£75.20	HMRC	PAYE
£300.64	M Evans	Clerk salary
£84	ASF Signs	Carpark signs
£180	R James	Ground clearing
£10.01	edf	Electricity
£519.69	Wiltshire Council	Road marking

AOB

Councillor Walklate requested that her agenda and minutes be done as a pdf.

Councillor Threlfall reported that the national litter pick is to be in September and it was felt that we could hold one in the village. Councillor Threlfall will get some picks from WC.

Councillor Threlfall asked if the diary could be circulated for councillors to input any reminders. The clerk will organise this.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.45. Date of next meeting 14/09/2020

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Signed

Peter Clothier (Chair)

Date

Mary Evans (Clerk)

Date

