

## Brinkworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 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 W Hazlewood, Councillor T Sturgis (Wiltshire County Councillor), Mrs M Evans (Clerk)

Correspondence from the public

There was no correspondence from the public

084/20 Apologies for absence

Councillor C Butcher, Councillor J Hum, Councillor J Millard

085/20 Declaration of interest on agenda items

There were no declarations of interest

086/20 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020

The minutes of the meeting 10<sup>th</sup> August were unanimously adopted and signed by the clerk

087/20 General update from Councillor Sturgis (as applicable)

Councillor Sturgis reported that Wiltshire has experienced a large increase in Covid-19. This was largely due to the low incidence of the disease in the county at the start of the pandemic. Two schools in the county have been affected resulting in whole year groups being sent home. There is also a problem in some care home where staff are having to work across more than one home. This aspect is being addressed. It is expected that more cases will emerge as autumn approaches.

Whites Farm has been approached concerning the motocross meetings in July and August but for there to be any breach it must be attached to planning. Councillor Sturgis reported that he went to a meeting in August but did not detect any breaches. Councillor Gibbs questioned the meeting this coming weekend in regards to the rule of 6, Councillor Sturgis said that this was a matter for the police. Councillor Gibbs reported anecdotal evidence that there is little regard for Health and Safety social distancing. Councillor Sturgis will look into this.

Councillor Threlfall reported that Gigaclear have said that they will make good any damage to the verges caused by their laying of cables.

Councillor Walklate reported that she has heard strong rumours that travellers are planning to put 10 pitches onto a field in Grittenham without any planning permission. Councillor Sturgis asked Councillor Walklate to let him know if there are any developments. In the meantime, he will try to find out who owns the field.

Councillor Walklate reported that there is a stallion allowed to run free in a field with a bridleway.; it can be very intimidating to riders and walkers. A post and rail fence has been installed but it only goes across half the field.

088/20 Election of New Councillor Clerk

Mrs Wendy Hazlewood was introduced to the Council and duly elected as a new Parish Councillor.

089/20 Planning Applications, Barnes Green, Brinkworth SN155AQ  
20/07322/FUL Hurst Lea Single story side / rear extension

This application was SUPPORTED

20/05894/FUL, Whitegates, Callow Hill, Brinkworth SN155EB. Conversion of single dwelling to two dwellings. This application was SUPPORTED

090/20 Planning Decisions

20/03544/LBC 20/03011/FUL Clitchbury Farm, Swindon Road, SN15 5DF

Adaptation and conversion of redundant barns to provide 2 no. dwellings  
SUPPORTED with conditions

091/20 Greenscape quote Councillor Threlfall

Greenscape have submitted a quote for additional work to be carried out in the cemetery on a regular basis. The quote was unanimously accepted but with only half the number of visits suggested by Greenscape. Untended graves will be strimmed 8 times a year and weed control in the woodland area will be carried out 6 times a year.

092/20 Footpaths / Dogs Councillor Threlfall

Councillor Threlfall reported that following an incident with a dog being allowed to run free, people must be reminded that dogs must be kept under control. The clerk will write a note for the Outlook magazine to this effect.

093/20 Three Crowns Closure Councillor Butcher

The Three Crowns has now closed. Councillor Butcher informed the clerk that the brewery is hoping to appoint a manager within a month. Councillor Evans will speak to Councillor Butcher about the defibrillator and what is involved in its upkeep.

094/20 Playground Councillor Evans

Councillor Gibbs has removed the mechanism on the gate leading into the small children's playground. The clerk has arranged a ROSPA check which is due late September / October. Councillor Gibbs suggested that there should be a disclaimer notice stating that parents are responsible for their children's safety. Councillor Evans will research this and visit Lydiard Park and other playgrounds to see common practice.

095/20 Website Accessibility Councillor Threlfall

The website accessibility statement has been completed and can be found on the Parish Council website. There is one area which Vision ict suggested should be changed. The clerk will look into this.

096/20 Travellers Site Grittenham Councillor Walklate



106/20 Cemetery/ Paddock gate Councillor Gibbs

Councillor Gibbs reported that Tim Cowley has replaced the paddock gate in the cemetery.

Councillor Evans asked if disabled access could be granted to people with mobility difficulties who are attending a funeral. Currently only maintenance workers are allowed vehicular access; one of the main problems being lack of a turning area. However, disabled access will be granted if asked for by the funeral director. This will not be published but the clerk will tell the funeral director that one car may be permissible.

107/20 Brooklands notice board Councillor Gibbs

The new notice board is now in situ. The padlock has been removed and Councillor Evans will fit magnetic catches. Because of the leaded windows it is very difficult to read any notices. Councillor Evans is looking to adapt its suitability.

108/20 Motocross users Councillor Gibbs

Councillor Gibbs reported that the main clubs which use the Whites Farm motocross site are Thornbury and NORA. He has been told that other clubs will not use it due to the lack of Health and Safety regulations.

109/20 Cemetery maintenance Councillor Gibbs

Covered

110/20	Expenses:	
	Greenscape grass cutting	£1332
	Vision ict domain renewal	£66.00
	Mike Ashton Painting cemetery railings	£1,940 .00
	Brooklands notice board	£300.00
	Clean bus shelter	£80.00
	Tim Cowley Replace gate post	£140.00
	CPRE Membership renewal	£36.00
	Clerks salary	£300.64
	HMRC	£75.20

AOB

Councillor Walklate reported that the Brinkworth sign from Malmesbury is obscured by vegetation. Councillor Threlfall will ask the parish steward to clear it.

The derestricted sign at the bottom of Stoppers Hill needs to be put back up. This must be reported on MyWiltshire

Village events. A local resident has suggested a series of events to help the residents through the virus crisis. This was welcomed positively by the Parish Council, who are keen to see it progressed.

Diocese. The clerk reported that there has been no word from the Diocese regarding the car park.

Clerk Salary The council agreed that the Clerk's remuneration would be reviewed as soon as WALC publish their rate schedule and the revision will be backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

Date of Next Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Peter Clothier  
(Chair)

Date

Mary Evans  
(Clerk)

Date

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