

## **Brinkworth Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 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

#### **111/20 Apologies for absence**

Councillor J Humm, Councillor J Millard, Mr S Ball

#### **112/20 Declaration of interest on agenda items**

There were no declarations of interest

#### **113/20 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

The minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were unanimously adopted and signed by the clerk

#### **114/20 General update from Councillor Sturgis (as applicable).**

Councillor Sturgis started his report by saying that at the end of last week there were 25.8 cases per 100 which is an increase.

Councillor Sturgis went on to report that he was expecting a retrospective planning application from Whites Farm to gain permission for the track which is already installed outside the red line boundary.

Councillor Threlfall asked where the council was with the five year plan. Councillor Sturgis responded that the Wiltshire housing delivery is good.

Councillor Gibbs questioned Councillor Sturgis about the traveller's site in Grittenham but there is no news so far.

Councillor Threlfall reported that a lot of flood defence work in Brinkworth Brook was currently being carried out. Councillor Sturgis responded that this is what all landowners should be doing. Unfortunately, the trees have been allowed to get very large so it looks like a major operation.

Councillor Evans reported that he had received emails from parishioners concerning plans for the golf club and that a marquee was to be erected. It transpires that the club house is functioning without the necessary planning permission at the moment. Councillor Sturgis will speak to Alan Brown.

Councillor Walklate reported that fencing has now been completed in the field in Grittenham keeping the stallion away from the footpath.

**115/20**                    **Election of new Councillor and introduction of councillors**                    Clerk

Stuart Ball was unanimously elected as a new councillor.

The clerk reported that she had received an official letter of resignation from Councillor C Butcher.  
The Councillors thanked Councillor Butcher for her work as a councillor.

**116/20**                    **Planning Applications**

20/07592/FUL Bryncas Feld, 5 Stoppers Hill, Brinkworth SN155AW Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension on Bungalow.

The councillors felt that this development would overshadow next door and that it was out of keeping with the area. The councillors felt that this was over development and unanimously Objected to the application.

20/07812/FUL Foxglove House, Barnes Green, Brinkworth SN155AQ Proposed single story rear extension.

The councillors Supported this application with conditions that an obscured side window is used.

20/07757/FUL Manor Farm Grittenham, SN15 4JN Proposed erection of general-purpose agricultural building

The councillors felt that this was an extremely large building but Supported that application with condition that the building is removed if it ceases to be used for agricultural purpose.

20/07706/FUL 5 The Old Bakehouse, Stoppers Hill, Brinkworth SN155HN  
Replacement conservatory.

This application was Supported

20/08131/FUL The Hayloft, 8A Wood Lane, Brinkworth SN155EF Conversion of Barn to 1No Residential Dwelling

This application was Supported with condition that the clerk enquired if it would generate a CIL payment.

20/08162/FUL Manson Green, Sundays Hill, Brinkworth SN155AS Erection of general purpose domestic outbuilding for se in connection with the maintenance / cultivation of the land and the storage of garden furniture

The councillors felt that this proposed building is out of scale with the existing building and Objected to the application.

**117/20**                    **Planning Decisions**

20/05894/FUL Whitegates, Callow Hill, Brinkworth SN155EB Conversion of single dwelling into 2 dwellings. APPROVED

Councillor Gibbs questioned whether the dwelling at The Common would generate a CIL payment.  
The clerk will write to planning to enquire.

**118/20 Insurance Clerk**

The clerk has circulated details of the insurance quote which is the same as the one used in the past. The councillors agreed with it in theory but will look at the proposal by the end of the week and let the clerk know.

**119/20 2021/22 Budget and ½ yearly internal audit Councillor Clothier**

Councillor Clothier will produce a budget forecast for next year but, due to Covid the councillors will not produce a ½ year audit this year.

**120/20 Highways Councillor Evans**

The SIDs have now been delivered and Councillor Evans is learning how to use them and will arrange for their installation. As the post on stoppers Hill is not a 30mph repeater sign it should be removed when not in use.

**121/20 Glebe Field Councillor Evans**

Councillor Evans reported that he had received a letter from the school governors querying whether a rear footpath to the school was necessary, particularly as it would raise many issues regarding safety during the pandemic. This is contrary to a footpath being an objective of the school for a number of years. Councillor Evans has responded to the school and awaits a response.

**122/20 Playground signage Councillor Evans**

Councillor Evans visited three local playgrounds to see what disclaimer notices they display. He will now draft a similar one to that in Little Somerford. Councillor Gibbs will get them produced. There will also be a disclaimer for people using the car park.

**123/20 Hedges on The Mound and by The Rectory and update Councillor Threlfall**

The hedge bordering the property on the mound by the church needs trimming back. The hedge in front of The Rectory also needs trimming back to the railing. Councillor Gibbs will speak to the new owner of The Rectory about the hedge. The old pine tree in the churchyard needs attention as does the chestnut tree on the mound. The clerk will get quotes and liaise with Councillor Gibbs. The hedge surrounding Minstrel Cottage in Barnes Green is obscuring the view going onto the main road; this is a road safety hazard and the clerk will write to the owners asking them to cut it back.

**124/20 Parish Steward – to trim plums obscuring new SID posts Councillor Threlfall**

The Parish Steward will trim the tree which is obscuring the site for the SID post in School Hill. Councillor Threlfall asked if any more jobs were needing attention.

**125/20 Cemetery, Churchyard, Mound trees – tree surgeon? Councillor Threlfall**

Covered in 123/20

**126/20 Update on litter pick Councillor Threlfall**

Councillor Threlfall reported that the litter pick had gone very well with a lot of new people turning up to help. A great deal of rubbish was collected.

**127/20 Gigaclear offer** – any interest in pursuing 6-month hub Councillor Threlfall

Councillor Threlfall reported that Gigaclear are offering to set up a hub in the village hall for a six-month free trial. Although this may be useful at any other time, with Covid it doesn't seem sensible to take them up on it at this stage.

**128/20 Footpath group – metal self-closing instead of kissing** Councillor Threlfall

The footpath group have funding of £500 to purchase two self-closing gates for the field by Barnes Green.

**129/20 Morale raising activities** Councillor Threlfall

Local resident Sarah Brice is organising morale raising activities to help villagers in Brinkworth and Grittenham through the current crisis. There is to be a guy competition and also a Christmas Lights switch on.

**130/20 Expenses to be paid** Clerk

Greenscape Grass-cutting	£1476.00
Councillor Threlfall Litter-pick expenses	£6
Mary Evans Stamps, printer paper	£14.12
Clerks salary	£300.64
HMRC	£75.20
Rent for recreation field	£237.50

These expenses were all agreed in addition to £4526.65 for the Speed Indicator Devices which was agreed during the July 2020 meeting.

A cheque for £120 was also paid to Cotswold tree surgeons for the felling of a dead elm in the churchyard.

#### **AOB**

One of the houses in Forge Close has requested that the hedge in the cemetery is cut back from his property. Councillor Gibbs will speak to Greenscape.

The councillors felt that the new notice board in Brookland is not suitable. Councillor Evans will look at alternatives.

Councillor Clothier stated that he was now in receipt of the pay scales for the Clerks role, which he would review and report on at the next meeting.

Councillor Evans has taken over the maintenance of the Defibrillator out The Three Crowns. However, he will speak to the new landlords with a view to them taking it over.

Councillor Threlfall said that she and Councillor Walklate would look at the Neighbourhood Plan again.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:50

The date of the next meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Peter Clothier  
(Chair)

Date

Mary Evans  
(Cmlerk)

Date

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