

Brinkworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th November 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 S Ball, Councillor T Sturgis (Wiltshire County Councillor), Mrs M Evans (Clerk)

Correspondence from the public

131/20 **Apologies for absence**

Sarah Jones

132/20 **Declaration of interest on agenda items**

133/20 **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th October 2020 were unanimously adopted and signed by the clerk.

Matter arising from the minutes

The conifer in the churchyard will stay for one more year.

Councillor Threlfall went to see the residents of Minstrel Cottage regarding their hedge, it has now been trimmed back.

Councillor Gibbs has had a quote for trimming the hedge at the back of Old Forge Close

Councillor Evans will look at modifying the notice board at Brooklands

134/20 **General update from Councillor Sturgis**

Councillor Sturgis reported that in the last seven days the average Covid cases stood at 96.4 per 100,000 which is below the national average. In Wiltshire there have been incidents of people flouting the lockdown rules. All three major hospitals have near full Covid capacity. Councillor Sturgis went on to report that the incidents of infection in education are very low. At the current rate if people obey the rules there is a good chance that the R will go down.

In the effort to minimise the risk of flooding, part of the Brinkworth Brook has been cleared by local landowner Mr John Hunt. The work carried out has been excellent and the brook now runs freely. The BPC will write to Mr Hunt to thank him for his excellent work. There is now the hope that all the other landowners who have land by the brook will also clear their part of the brook. There is still a danger of flooding on the road between Dauntsey and Great Somerford which must be dealt with. Councillor Threlfall asked if it was possible to get the names of the landowners so that the BPC can write to them but Councillor Sturgis said that there was no list but local knowledge should help.

Enforcement at Whites Farm is ongoing and any breaches of the rules will be dealt with. Councillor Gibbs asked what was the situation with retrospective planning to enlarge the race

circuit and how could the BPC object to it. Councillor Sturgis responded that objections can be noted as normal .Any reports of burning rubbish must be substantiated with photos. Councillor Threlfall was put in touch with the environment agency who went to the site but saw no evidence of burning and deemed it not to be a problem. If anyone sees large lorries carrying rubbish into Whites Farm are asked to photograph the lorry and number plate so that the rubbish can be traced.

Councillor Gibbs reported that complaints had been received regarding the re-surfacing of Wood Lane and he asked Councillor Sturgis what quality inspection was carried out once work had been done. Councillor Sturgis said that a quality supervisor would add to the budget. Councillor Sturgis will drive along Wood Lane prior to taking it up with highways.

135/20 **Election of new councillor**

Sarah Jones was unanimously elected as a new member of the BPC. Councillor Jones has lived in the village for a number of years

136/20 **Planning Applications**

20/08579/FUL 11 Callow Hill, Brinkworth SN155EB Two storey extension to side and re-modelling of roof to existing single story addition to rear. The PC discussed this application and felt that they could **NOT SUPPORT** it for the following reasons. Insufficient provision has been made for parking. The build is very close to the next house and will inhibit light for the neighbour

20/08396/FUL The Rectory, The Street Brinkworth SN155AF Demolition of garage/store/workshop areas. Erection of side and rear extensions. Erection of detached garage. This application was **SUPPORTED**

20/08678/FUL Penn House, Brinkworth, SN155DP Demolition of existing garage and replacement with two storey side extension This application was **SUPPORTED**

20/08717/FUL The Gate, Swindon Road, Brinkworth SN155BY Entrance Gates. This application was **SUPPORTED**

137/20 **Planning Decisions**

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

138/20 **Budget 2021/2022**

Councillor Clothier

Councillor Clothier presented a budget sheet for the PC approval. The contribution for the footpath will be amended to £20,000. The largest expense is Greenscape. Grants and donations are static with very little happening at the moment. The clerk's salary was

rounded up. Subject to the footpath amount being amended the PC voted in favour of the budget.

139/20 **ROSPA Report/ Disclaimer notices** Councillor Evans

Councillor Evans reported that the ROSPA report on the playground has been received with no major problems to worry about. There are a few small points to address. The rubber matting is coming apart which could cause a trip hazard; Councillor Evans will look how easy it would be to re-lay them.

Some of the paint work needs attention; this needs to be put on the annual list of things to do. The picnic benches need re- placing.

Councillor Evans will email the PC members to canvas their opinion on disclaimer notices for the playground and car park. He did say that there is a great danger of too many signs in the recreation ground.

140/20 **Highways** Councillor Evans

Councillor Evans reported that the Speed Indicator Devices had both been installed: one on The Street and the other on School Hill. The other sites had been fitted with the necessary brackets to accommodate the rotation. A schedule for the movement of the SIDs was discussed. In the first period the units will be rotated around the village every three weeks too demonstrate their use. In the first week of each of the positioning the display will be turned off. This puts the units in Spy mode to gather data on the traffic behaviour prior to the display being switched on.

141/20 **Insurance** Clerk

The insurance has been sorted and we are now waiting for the paperwork to arrive.

142/20 **Footpaths – replacement of stiles with gates** Councillor Threlfall

Councillor Threlfall reported that at least two new gates will be purchased to replace stiles. Because the gates are self-closing and not kissing, they are slightly cheaper so it may be possible to have three.

143/20 **Hedge Cutting Quotes** Councillor Gibbs

Councillor Gibbs has received quotes to cut hedges back; the hedge behind Old Forge Close £120+vat, the hedge on the mound £350 + vat and The Rectory hedge will be £250 +vat. Greenscape will carry out the work.

144/20 **Printing costs for guy/lights and posters** Councillor Threlfall

Councillor Threlfall announced that the Guy competition was a great success and that have been calls to make it an annual event. The cost of printing was slightly higher than agreed and prizes had to be purchased.

145/20 **CIL Payments** Councillor Gibbs

The cottage at East End has been extended by 50%, the clerk will write to see if it will generate a CIL payment.

146/20 **Zero Chippenham (solar panels)** Councillor Threlfall

Councillor Threlfall told the PC about Zero Chippenham who give advice to local residents about solar panels and renewable energy. Councillor Threlfall will find out more before it goes on the website.

147/20 **Lunch club update** Councillor Threlfall

Councillor Threlfall was hoping that an art class could start in place of the lunch club but with the current lockdown this has been put on hold.

148/20 **Wood Lane surfacing** Councillor Gibbs

Covered in Councillor Sturgis report

149/20 **Guy Competition update** Councillor Threlfall

Covered

150/20 **Manholes B4042** Councillor Gibbs

There are three manholes along the B4042 which need urgent attention, one is at Fritterswell, one at Barnes Green and the last is at the end of the village towards RWB.

151/20 **Work clearing the brook info** Councillor Threlfall

Covered in Councillor Sturgis report

152/20 **Expenses to be paid** Clerk

ROSPA Safety Inspection £99.00

Martin Evans Westfield Fasteners £61.97

Buff Threlfall Leaflet printing £96.00

Greenscape £1,782.00

Clerk salary £300.64

HMRC £75.20

EDF Electricity £25.56

These expenses were all agreed

AOB

Councillor Threlfall discussed the possibility of e-newsletters. Councillor Ball reminded the PC of privacy. Councillor Threlfall will take this forward.

Councillor Threlfall reported that a local landowner is very upset because a resident is walking his dog on his fields and not staying on the footpath. She will speak to the resident.

Councillor Gibbs asked if the Neighbourhood Plan could be put on ZOOM. Councillor Walklate reported that this is in hand.

Councillor Clothier said that he'd had enquiries about putting 'entrance gates' at each end of the village but at nearly £2000 they would be too expensive.

The date of the next meeting is 14th December 2020

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Peter Clothier
(Chair)

Date

Mary Evans
(Clerk)

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