

## Brinkworth Parish Council

### Minutes of the Brinkworth Parish Council Meeting

Held at 7pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 by remote video screens due to the Coronavirus

#### Correspondence from the public

There was no correspondence from the public

Present:- Councillor Clothier, Councillor Gibbs , Councillor Threlfall, Councillor Evans, Councillor Walklate, Councillor Ball, Councillor Hazlewood, Wiltshire Councillor Sturgis, Mary Evans Clerk, Mr Olivier Burois (member of the public)

Local resident Mr Olivier Burois spoke at the start of the meeting on three topics. Mr Burois started by asking who is responsible for the maintenance and signage of the local footpaths. Councillor Threlfall answered by saying that the landowners were ultimately responsible but also drew Mr Burois attention to the footpath group.

Mr Burois went on to ask about the effectiveness of the SIDs. Councillor Evans reported that the stats were being monitored and that he would put some of the results onto the website and also email Mr Burois the stats.

Mr Burois spoke at length about the proposed development at Lindon House and the implications of having so many dwellings without the infrastructure to support them. Currently the activity at the site is between 8 and 4 but the 15 proposed dwellings would generate a constant flow of traffic. Mr Burois felt that the proposed plans were inappropriate for the village. He also felt that the immediate neighbours have not had the opportunity to comment and indeed have not been told about it. Noise nuisance, light pollution and noise pollution will all have a detrimental affect on the surroundings and it could also lead to possible further applications for further building.

184/20 Apologies for absence

Councillor Jones

185/20 Declaration of interest on agenda items

There were no declarations of interest

186/20 The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were approved and signed as a true record.

187/20 General update from Councillor Sturgis Councillor Sturgis reported on the following issues:

Covid 19 is showing signs of plateauing in Tier 4 areas.

The issuing of support grants from the Government is frustrated by the fact that no information or advice on application is being received until several days after launch.

Reference Whites Farm issues, Councillor Sturgis is pushing on enforcement and has identified the fact that there are different views within the Council on interpretation of policy. This is being addressed to standardise approach so that action is taken more quickly, as enforcement should be without negotiation where transgressions arise. It is expected that notice will be served immediately.

Ref Whites Farm expansion request which the Parish Council became aware of through a mis-sent email, Councillor Threlfall challenged that we should have a right comment on such development

plans, particularly as in this instance, they continually fail to follow existing conditions. Councillor Sturgis said that it was a request for a planning officers view on proposed change not an application.

Ref development of Lindum House (Watsons offices), this application is the outcome of new permitted development guidelines introduced July 2020. Councillor Sturgis said that the guidelines being applied were the same as those used for change of use of empty shops and offices in towns and cities. Although more practical in those locations they were still applicable in rural locations, even if unsuitable. Councillor Sturgis will review the guidelines and brief the Parish Council on their options.

Councillor Threlfall raised the issue of the smells still coming from Crappers. Councillor Sturgis said that they are doing everything possible to contain the issue but it will take time, particularly whilst the wet weather continues.

Councillor Gibbs raised the issue of vehicles, particularly those of MJ Church, splaying the road on Stoppers Hill, particularly by the house with the concrete bollards. These bollards are causing traffic to move to the right which is causing the problem at this point. Councillor Sturgis said he believed that notice had been served to remove these bollards, but he will follow up.

Councillor Gibbs raised the issue of the loose manhole covers, particularly at Fritterswell. Councillor Sturgis reported that the problem was loose foundations and much as WCC tried to repair this was insufficient. Who is therefore responsible for mending the foundations is the current problem?

Councillor Gibbs challenged what action was being taken on the missing road signs first reported two years ago. Councillor Sturgis said that there was no sign replacement for a year, but he will chase it up.

Councillor Clothier queried why planning approval had been given to the land development at Grittenham. Councillor Sturgis said that it fitted with policy and therefore could not be argued against. He pointed out that there were different rules for traveller's developments.

#### **188/20 Planning Applications**

20/11175/PNCOU Lindum House, Causeway End, Brinkworth SN155DN. Prior approval of a Proposed Change of Use from Office(Use Class B1) use to a use falling within Use class C3 (dwelling House) 15 units. The Councillors spoke at length about this proposed application and unanimously felt it was inappropriate for the village. Councillor Sturgis will advise on the objection criteria for the comment sheet.

20/10324/FUL Davingal, Stoppers Hill, SN155AW. Proposed front extension and porch. Supported

20/09170/PNCOU Sundays Hill Farm, Sundays Hill, SN155AS Prior notification under Class o for a proposed change of use from a farm office to a residential building. Supported

20/10617/FUL Laceys House and Sprayrite, Swindon Road SN155DF Remove Sprayrite. Build two new dwellings and refurbish existing house with additional carport. Supported.

#### **189/20 Planning Decisions**

20/05488/FUL Land south of GrittenhamSN154JY. Approved with Conditions

20/07757/FUL Manor Farm Grittenham SN155JN Erection of general-purpose agricultural building Approved with Conditions

- 190/20 Brooklands Brook Clearing Councillor Threlfall will ask the local farmers if they know who owns the land which carries the brook.
- 191/20 Councillor Clothier asked the Councillors to formally agree the new salary scale for the clerk. This was passed unanimously
- 192/20 The Heritage society hasn't had a meeting for a while so the idea of a new resident's guide will be held over for a while.
- 193/20 Councillor Clothier will get the paperwork necessary to secure the pub as a village asset.
- 194/20 The Clerk announced that there is to be a National Census on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Posters will be displayed when they become available.
- 195/20 Councillor Gibbs has received three quotes from Tree Surgeons to carry our work on trees. At £600 he will ask Chris Waite to carry out the work.
- 196/20 Councillor Gibbs has sought three quotes for the anticipated car park in the Glebe Field. Thornbury Surfacing quoted £70,550.00, David Horton quoted £72k +vat and Richard Crapper quoted £113k. The Diocese have yet to submit a planning application.
- 197/20 Councillor Gibbs has been approached by Mrs Russell to see if there would be an objection to her grazing her sheep in the Glebe Field. The councillors could see no objection provided the field was stock proofed.
- 198/20 Councillor Threlfall reported that The Covid Support Group was still running and ready to help any one with shopping etc. All the same contact details are in place.
- 199/20 Councillor Threlfall reported that the £1k grant from Wiltshire Council (Malmesbury Area Board) should pay for 7 footpath gates.
- 200/20 Councillor Threlfall asked councillors if they had anything that needed the Parish Steward's attention.
- 201/20 The clerk has written to Crappers and hopefully a visit will be arranged after lockdown
- 202/20 Councillor Threlfall drew the councillor's attention to the forthcoming Annual Parish meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>, which may be cancelled due to the lockdown. If it goes ahead the councillors will have to complete forms to be re-elected. In the event of there being more applications than spaces there will have to be an election. The Government will make a decision about it.
- 203/20 Councillor Threlfall reported that Lloyds bank will be closing in Malmesbury however, the RWB branch is the one which we usually use so no need to make any changes.

204/20 Councillor Threlfall reported that the Wiltshire Local Plan and Gypsy and Travellers Plan consultation begins on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021. There will be 17 online engagement sessions to find out about potential sites in the area.

205/20 The following expenses were agreed

£21.10	Mary Evans Stationery
£319.73	Mary Evans Clerk salary
£79.98	HMRC
£58.37	Water2business

AOB

Councillor Ball is still in talks with the Royal Mail regarding the loss of the letter box in Grittenham.

The Clerk reported that we had not received any applications for the car park from the Diocese.

No2 The Common will not attract any CIL payment

Councillor Evans has checked the batteries in the Defibrillator which is still running off the pub's electricity.

Councillor Walklate reminded the councillors of the Zoom meeting tomorrow evening to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Evans reported that he still hasn't received the car park signs so he will go back to the original supplier.

Councillor Evans reported that the SID's have been re-positioned to Stoppers Hill and outbound on The Street.

The Clerk asked the councillors what they would like the 14-year-old Duke of Edinburgh lad to do in the Churchyard for his community service. He will be asked to remove the ivy around the porch. The clerk will check that we have insurance for him.

Date of the next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Signed as a true record

Peter Clothier Chair

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