

Brinkworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Brinkworth Parish Council Meeting

Held On Monday 8th March 2021 by remote video screens due to the Coronavirus

Correspondence from the public

Present:- Councillor Clothier (Chair), Councillor Gibbs, Councillor Threlfall, Councillor Evans, Councillor Walklate, Councillor Hazlewood, Councillor Ball, Councillor Burois, Wiltshire Councillor Sturgis, Mary Evans (Clerk)

227/20 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor Jones, Councillor Millard

228/20 Declaration of interest on agenda items

There were no declarations of interest

229/20 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th February 2021

The minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday February 8th were passed unanimously

230/20 General update from Councillor Sturgis (as applicable)

Councillor Sturgis reported that the news on the Covid pandemic is encouraging with the number of cases in Wiltshire falling. The county is ahead of schedule with vaccines. However, a note of caution that the numbers could rise with the re-opening of schools. Hospitals are on green alert.

Councillor Sturgis reported that all was on schedule for the elections on May 6th.

Whites Farm is continuing to cause concern with reports of burning and tipping, with one report stating that burning was taking place at 4am. Councillor Threlfall reported that she had walked over to Whites Farm and it appears that the whole profile of the area has changed with a lot of earth moving being carried out. Councillor Threlfall asked Councillor Sturgis if there was any more word on the extended license, but none so far.

Councillor Gibbs reported that the Parish Council has been sent the list of Motocross dates to be held at Whites Farm. There are 13 dates with two double dates but these are not consecutive weekends. The clerk will send Councillor Sturgis the dates.

Councillor Threlfall asked if there was any word from planning regarding the Lindum House proposed re-development. The number of proposed units has gone down to ten due to lack of light. Councillor Sturgis prompted the councillors to be wary of using lack of transport as an objection as there is a bus stop by the site with a regular bus service.

Councillor Evans questioned why one of the new houses on Barnes Green had to apply for planning permission to build a car port whilst another one was building

one without seeking consent. Councillor Evans will write to planning and Councillor Sturgis will look into this.

Councillor Gibbs asked if the development at Laceys House and Sprayrite will generate a CIL payment. Councillor Gibbs also asked why a planning application was refused at Fritterswell because of lack of a footpath while the Laceys development was granted permission when there is no path. Councillor Sturgis said that this most probably because the Sprayrite application was made for an existing site where the absence of the footpath was already a reality.

231/20

Planning Applications

21/01093/FUL Sundays Hill Farm, Sundays Hill, Brinkworth SN155AS

Erection of agricultural building to cover existing manure store and erection of cattle building. Supported unanimously

20/10861/FUL Lukers Farm, Grittenham, SN154JR

Single story rear extension. Supported unanimously

21/00034/FUL Nairana, Stoppers Hill, Brinkworth SN155AW

Erection of single wooden garage on existing hardstanding. Supported unanimously

21/00781/FUL Tanglin Farm, Brinkworth SN155AU

Conversion of an existing outbuilding into two number self-contained units for use as air BnB units. Supported unanimously

20/11175/PNCOU Lindum House, Causeway End SN155DN

Prior approval of a proposed change of use of a building from office(use class B)Use to a use falling within Use Class C3 (DWELLING HOUSE) 10units. This application was not supported for the same reasons as before. When the site functioned as an office the lighting was for office hours only. There would be a detrimental affect on the surrounding neighbours and it would be out of character for the local area. The vote to object was unanimous.

21/01357/FUL Hulberts Cottage, Braydonside SN155AR

Erection of car port and equine rug and laundry room. Supported unanimously

232/20

Planning Decisions

20/10617/FUL Approve with Conditions Laceys House and Sprayrite. Build two new dwellings and refurbish existing house

20/07592/FUL REFUSED Bryncas Feld, 5 Stoppers Hills SN155AW First floor extension

233/20

Wiltshire Local Plan

Councillor Clothier

Councillor Walklate reported that the Local Plan was progressing with regular Zoom meetings.

234/20

List of BPC Jobs

Councillor Threlfall

Councillor Threlfall stressed the importance of diarising the many key dates so ensure nothing is overlooked. These include accounts, safety inspections, cemetery inspections, insurance etc. The clerk has these on her calendar but it is difficult to share as everyone uses different networks.

235/20 Councillor Nominations Councillor Threlfall

Councillor Threlfall reminded the councillors that they will have to complete a form to stand as councillors again. The clerk will download the forms from the Electoral Commission. Going round the screen all the councillors present said that they would stand again with the exception of Councillor Threlfall.

236/20 Highways Councillor Evans

Councillor Evans reviewed the detail of the SID data downloaded to date. It establishes that there is a speed problem in the village, but this is shown to be a greater perception than reality. It was stated that this is 3 months into a 12 month trial of the equipment and that we are still assessing the options available for data interrogation.

Comparing the current data collated from traffic approaching the SIDs it does illustrate that some are reacting and adjusting their speed. However, to date it shows that across the village 30mph zones, the average speed of all traffic at the various locations is no more than 35mph. This means that if the community wanted to progress, say, to a Community Speed Watch programme, officially the problem would not be justified (official recognition comes with average speeds in excess of 5mph above the legal limit).

As advised, this is only the early days of the trial, so things may change. A more detailed report will be posted on the website in the next week.

237/20 Best Kept Village/ Tidy Village / Litter Pick Councillor Evans

Councillor Evans reported that he will submit the application on behalf of the village for the Best Kept Village this year. Due to current restrictions, it will not be possible to arrange a village litter-pick but the villagers will be encouraged to do so on their own. Councillor Evans will source 5 more litter picks for any villagers who would like to use one.

238/20 Grittenham Post Box Councillor Ball

Councillor Ball reported that the Post box at Grittenham was stolen. However, the Royal Mail cannot replace it until the culprit has been convicted. It appears that this has happened in a lot of villages and James Gray is taking the matter up with the Royal Mail.

239/20 Website Councillor Ball

Councillor Ball held a meeting with Councillor Hazlewood and the clerk to discuss the website which needs a re-vamp. Councillor Ball and Councillor Hazlewood will take the website over and make it more village friendly.

240/20 BPC Councillors Councillor Threlfall

See 235/20

241/20 Bin by Bus Stop Councillor Threlfall

Councillor Threlfall reported that the bin by the bus stop is not big enough. There have been complaints that it has been overflowing on more than one occasion. Councillor Threlfall will request a larger bin.

242/20 Earth moving / dumping Whites Farm Councillor Threlfall

Councillor Threlfall voiced her concern regarding the amount of earth moving lorries going to Whites Farm. Full Swindon Grab Hire lorries are regularly seen throughout the day going down School Hill to Whites Farm. Photos of the dumped earth at the farm have been taken and they will be sent to Councillor Sturgis. There is an environmental issue with this.

243/20 Covid response update Councillor Threlfall

The Covid response team are still doing occasional tasks for a few villagers but it has quietened down a lot.

244/20 Brinkworth in Bloom Councillor Threlfall

With the Best Kept Village coming up Councillor Threlfall and Councillor Evans suggested a Brinkworth in Bloom event. The villagers will be asked to plant planters, wheelbarrows, flower beds etc to brighten the village up. Councillor Evans reported that he and the clerk will furnish a planter to go by the finger post. Councillor Evans has also offered to make some planters to go by the bus stop. The Brinkworth and Dauntsey Garden Club will plant them up and also the tubs at the cemetery.

245/20 Parish Steward Councillor Threlfall

Councillor Threlfall asked if there were any jobs for the Parish Steward. The damaged street furniture at Forge Close and on the double bend will both have to be reported on MyWiltshire as these are not in the PS remit.

246/20 Cemetery Snowdrops Councillor Threlfall

The D of E student is doing a great job of clearing flowerbeds and verges in the churchyard and cemetery. He has also planted snowdrops in the cemetery.

247/20 Brook Clearing Councillor Threlfall

A mailing was sent to all the landowners / farmers who have land adjacent to Brinkworth Brook reminding them of their responsibility to maintain the brook. A supplementary letter will now be sent thanking those who have done this and also asking people to wait until bird nesting season is over. The clerk will send a draft of the letter to Councillor Threlfall and Councillor Sturgis prior to sending it out.

248/20 Elections Councillor Threlfall

Covered

249/20 Virtual Parish Meeting Councillor Threlfall

This will be postponed until later in the year

250/20 Defib Councillor Evans

Councillor Evans reported that following a phone call to the defib suppliers it transpires that there is a lot more to checking the defib than just checking the batteries. The check will be carried out at least monthly and a form will be filled in online on a monthly basis. This means that the unit will be listed on Ambulance service data of available units. Councillor Hazlewood will be taking on responsibility for this.

251/20 Damaged road furniture- Old Forge Close Councillor Gibbs
Double bend between Sprayrite and Causeway End

Councillor Gibbs will report these on MyWiltshire

252/20 Overgrown hedges along pavements Councillor Burois

Councillor Burois reported that there are a lot of overgrown hedges which impede the access to footpaths with pushchairs and wheelchairs. People are being forced to walk on the muddy verges. In a time of the need for social distancing this is also a problem. Councillor Burois will write to the house owners asking them to keep their hedges cut back. People will be asked to be mindful of nesting birds.

Expenses

£1,301.98 SID Sockets and posts Wiltshire Council

£20.40 Postage Mary Evans

£319.73 Clerk salary Mary Evans

£79.98 PAYE HMRC

These expenses were agreed upon.

AOB

There was no AOB

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