

Brinkworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 18th May 2021 in the Brinkworth Village Hall

Public questions

Fifteen members of the public attended the meeting.

A resident from Stoppers Hill spoke regarding the local footpaths. The gentleman leads a local rambling group. He is concerned about the general state of the local footpaths and the lack of signage, the poor state of the stiles and some of the paths have been blocked by the landowners. The gentleman is also very concerned about the state of the footpath on Sommerford Common. Wiltshire Councillor Threlfall took his name and promised to put him in touch with the chair of the Footpath Group.

14 Residents from Callow Hill came to the meeting to express their concerns regarding the proposed building of a car auctions on Callow Park which was posted on 12th May. The prospective site is already advertising for staff on line and work has already been carried out on the south side of the building to accommodate a new entrance. According to the online site, the sale of 'super cars' will commence on 1st July. The residents asked how the owners secured Change of Use without any consultation. It was unanimously felt that, due to noise, rural site, narrow lane, residential area and increase traffic this planning should not go ahead. It would appear that the owners have significantly jumped the gun and the enforcement officer has been alerted but due to Covid there is a delay in inspections. Wiltshire Councillor Threlfall will speak to the planning officer. All residents were recommended to write individual letters to lodge their complaints. Councillor Millard suggested that the residents also write to Highways to lodge their complaints with regard to increase traffic.

Present: Councillor Clothier (Chair), Councillor Gibbs, Councillor Evans, Councillor Hazlewood, Councillor Burois, Councillor Millard Mrs Mary Evans (clerk)

001/21 Apologies for absence

Councillor Humm, Councillor Walklate

002/21 Declaration of interest on agenda items

No declarations of interest

003/21 Election of Chair / Vice Chair

Councillor Clothier was elected as Chair, proposed by Councillor Gibbs and seconded by Councillor Evans. This was carried unanimously

Councillor Evans was elected as vice chair, proposed by Councillor Gibbs and seconded by Councillor Clothier. This was carried unanimously.

004/21 Allocation for reps for various organisations and Auditor

[This will be carried over to the next meeting](#)

005/21 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th April 2021

The minutes were approved and signed as a true and correct record of the last meeting.

006/21 Presentation and approval of accounts Councillor Clothier

Councillor Clothier made the accounts available to the councillors, he then presented them. They were passed unanimously and will now be sent to AGAR.

007/21 Report from Wiltshire Councillor Threlfall (as applicable)

WC Councillor Threlfall reported that this has been a difficult time for Wiltshire due to the Covid crisis and the next few years will be quite testing. Whilst there has been a great demand for services there is a hole in the budget. Since Covid there has been a 20% rise in demand for free school meals.

008/21 Planning Applications

PL/2021/04832 Unit 10,11,12 Callow Park, Callow Hill SN155FD Change of use of B1(A) and B1 (b) areas to sui generis use of car auction room storage facility with members area and guest. (B8 use class to remain) Including advertisement consent for new signage' OBJECT

PL/2021/03412 Units 10,11, 12 Callow Park, Callow Hill SN155FD Change of use of B1(a) and B1 (b) to sui generis use of car auction room storage facility with members area and reception. (B8 use class to remain) Including advertisement consent for new signage.

The councillors OBJECTED unanimously to this application for many reasons. Change of Use, new entrance, unsuitability of the site. The objections will be posted on the Wiltshire planning portal.

PL/2021/04533 Braydonside Farm, Braydonside Brinkworth SN155AR Extension to general purpose barn.

This was SUPPORTED

Lindum House, Causeway End

A new planning application was received but it was too late for this meeting. [The councillors voted to hold the discussion over until the next meeting.](#)

009/21 Highways and SID report Councillor Evans

Councillor Evans has written a report for the Outlook magazine.

Councillor Evans will take over as Parish Steward liaison

010/21 Litter Pick Councillor Evans

The annual Litter Pick was a great success with 25 local residents helping to collect 29 bags of rubbish. Councillor Evans has written a piece for the Outlook magazine.

011/21 CPRE & Parish Mapping Software Councillor Evans

The Best Kept Village entry has been received; it is expected that the judging will take place at the end of May / beginning of June. Councillor Evans told the councillors about the excellent Mapping Software he used for the entry form. The councillors will consider purchasing it in the future.

012/21 Grass Cutting Councillor Evans

Councillor Evan suggested that small patches of grass should be left to rewild.

013/21 Defib for North end of Village Councillor Hazlewood

An email has been sent to the councillors regarding a second defibrillator to go to the North end of the village which would cover Queen Street; Councillor Hazlewood will contact the sender to discuss.

There was a break in the Business section to cover the Brinkworth Parish Council Annual Meeting (see separate minutes)

014/21 Motorbikes using Longmans/ Slough Lane Councillor Evans

A complaint has come to the council regarding the number of motorbikes, quad bikes, cyclists and horse riders using Longmans Lane / Slough Lane. Councillor Evans has approached highways to be told that it is a byway so there is nothing the Parish Council can do. A member of the public spoke out to say that police have been called on several occasions and have had to chase joy riders up Ramps Hill. [This will be carried over to the next meeting](#)

015/21 Funding for Neighbourhood Plan Consultant Councillor Walklate

Due to timing and Councillor Walklate not being present this will be [carried over to the next meeting](#)

016/21 Co-opting new councillors Councillor Clothier

[Carry over to next meeting](#)

017/21 Recreation Field Equipment Maintenance Councillor Gibbs

Councillor Gibbs has sought quotes for the playground maintenance from the original installers. As they would have to come down from Kettering the quote was for £8,000. Councillor Evans is awaiting a quote from Tim Cowley and Councillor Gibbs will ask Mike Aston to quote. [Carry over to next meeting](#)

018/21 War Memorial Centenary Service Councillor Gibbs

Rev Mike Graham will lead a short service of thanksgiving on the centenary of the memorial on 3rd July at 11am.

019/21 Outstanding Highways Faults Councillor Gibbs

The faults that Councillor Gibbs has reported continue to be a problem. [Carry over to next meeting](#)

020/21 Footpath Update Councillor Gibbs

There is a delay in the building of the footpath. Councillor Evan will contact Martin Rose's successor to get a progress report. [Carry over to next meeting](#)

