

Brinkworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Brinkworth Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th November 2021 in the
Brinkworth Village Hall

Present:- Cllr Evans (vice chair), Cllr Gibbs, Cllr Greener, Cllr Parsons, Cllr Burois, Cllr Hazlewood,
Mary Evans (clerk|)

127/21 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Clothier, Cllr L Burois, Cllr G Threlfall, WCllr E Threlfall

Cllr Humm and Cllr Millard were also absent

128/21 **Declaration of interest on agenda items**

There were no declarations of interest

129/21 **To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th October 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th October were passed and signed as a true reflection of the meeting held on October 12th

130/21 **Report from Wiltshire Councillor Threlfall (as applicable)**

WCllr E Threlfall was unable to attend this meeting

131/21 **Planning Applications**

There were no Planning Applications

132/21 **Planning Decision**

PL/2021/05126 Somerwood House, Penns Lodge, Brinkworth Demolition of existing house and outbuildings. Erection of replacement house with garage. REFUSED

133/21 **Footpath Update**

Cllr Evans

As an update to the information on the Parish Council website, Cllr Evans advised that more information about the delay is expected at this month's CATG meeting. Any developments will be advised via the website.

134/21 **Highways**

Cllr Evans

Causeway End Speed Limit Application: Highways have intimated that a traffic survey will probably be necessary which would cost circa £2700 of which the Parish Council would have to contribute circa £750. As this involves an element of Highways funding no decision has yet been made, but more info will no doubt be available at the next CATG meeting. Cllr Greener reported that Dauntsey parish council carried out their own survey which maybe the BPC could consider once Cllr Evans has found out exactly what the survey is looking for.

Drainage problems at Callow Hill Crossroads: The Parish Steward has been asked to review the situation and report back. An update will be presented at the December PC meeting.

Speed Limits at the east side of the village: Highways have been approached about this and we are awaiting their input.

Speed Indicator Devices: These have now been in use for the past twelve months and a report on

number of events this year but Cllr Gibbs reported that there had been 15. Alan Brown from Planning Enforcement visited the site on Monday and reported that he found nothing untoward going on. The Swindon Grab Hire lorries are based there which would explain the number seen to be entering and leaving the site. Cllr Evans will pursue this with WClr E Threlfall.

143/21

Cemetery Trees and Brambles Attention

Cllr Gibbs

Cllr Gibbs reported that there is a very large bramble bush which needs cutting back in the cemetery. There is also a lot of ivy growing up the trees which will need cutting. The tree which is dropping leaves into a garden in Forge Close needs cutting back. Cllr Gibbs said he would ask C. White for a quote; Cllr Evans suggested that a volunteer working group could do most of the work. Cllr Evans will go to the cemetery to review the situation.

144/21 Communication from Wiltshire Council to BPC and residents on road works with updates

Cllr Burois

Cllr Burois accepted the previous statement that the Clerk had posted a briefing regarding the problem with the footpath development, but stressed that he thought that Highways have been unhelpful in not making an official announcement over the delays on their website. Given the length and inconvenience of this five-week road closure, he felt that WCC should have communicated with the populace and posted an update on the situation as soon as it became apparent. He felt that Parish Council should express their dissatisfaction to them about this.

Expenses

Clerk's salary	£319.73
HMRC	£79.98
Greenscape	£2,178.00
EDF	£14.91

The following expenses were also agreed by the BPC: -

Water2 Business	£28.52	Water supply in Recreation field
Sharples Tree Services	£450	Tree survey in Cemetery
Forrester, Sylvester Mackett	£237.50	Half yearly rental for recreation ground

AOB

Cllr Burois advised that the bus shelter at Callow Hill north side is in a poor state of repair. The side glass has been broken and needs replacing, although the condition of the whole shelter is suspect. Cllr Evans said that he would enquire as to whose responsibility repairs are.

Cllr Burois reported that the 30mph sign at Causeway End was obscured by tree growth. Local residents were not sure who was responsible as some of the growth comes from others trees. Cllr Evans advised he would investigate.

Cllr Greener reported that a suggestion has been made that the BPC might like to contribute to new tubs outside the Cemetery similar to those outside the village hall. The Heritage Society will be asked to purchase plants/Compost and Garden Club have agreed to plant out and maintain the tubs during the year. A vote was taken and it was agreed to pay £100 towards the tubs.

Cllr Greener reported that there are blocked footpaths, one between Callow Hill and the main road to the east, the second is one at the foot of Ramps Hill. Footpaths Group plan to meet in December so there should be more information at the next meeting.

Cllr Evans reported that the Three Crowns is due to open on the 19th to meet the locals.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.15. The next BPC meeting will be on Tuesday December 14th at 7pm.

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