

Brinkworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at 7pm on Monday 11th July 2022 in the Brinkworth Village Hall Reading Room

Apologies were received from Cllr Evans, Cllr O Burois, Cllr L Burois, Cllr Hazlewood, Cllr G Threlfall, Cllr Millard, WC E Threlfall

Present:- Cllr Clothier (Chair), Cllr Gibbs, Cllr Greener, Cllr Parsons, M Evans (Clerk)

045/22 Declaration of interest on agenda items

There were no declarations of interest

At the start of the meeting the Councillors took time to remember Jim Humm who sadly passed away that morning. Jim had been a Parish Councillor for a number of years and his immense contribution to the village was immeasurable. Sincere condolences and thoughts go to Gill and the rest of Jim's family.

046/22 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on June 13th 2022

The minutes of the meeting dated 13th June 2022 were duly signed as a correct and accurate record of the meeting

047/22 Report from Wiltshire Councillor E Threlfall

W Cllr E Threlfall was unable to attend so there was no report

048/21 Planning Applications

PL/2022/03288 The Old School House, Grittenham SN154JP Replacement of existing wooden outbuilding that is stand alone in front of the front elevation of the property. The replacement building will be the same shape, size and material as the existing outbuilding. This planning application was unanimously supported

PL/2022/04814 Somerwood House, Penns Lodge Brinkworth SN155DW Demolition of existing house and outbuildings. The erection of a replacement house with garage. This application was unanimously rejected by the councillors. It was felt that the application was the same as the previous one that had been turned down. It was felt that this was over development on a small plot. The plans show three garages contrary to the specification.

PL/2022/05043 Hillcrest, The Common, Brinkworth SN155DX Two story rear and side extension to existing two story bungalow. This planning application was supported 3- 1 on the grounds that the house next door had been granted permission thus setting a precedent. However, there is a danger of the more affordable houses in Brinkworth are being bought and highly developed.

PL/2022/04805 Longacre, The Street, Brinkworth SN155DJ Proposed single story extension. The BPC have not received notification of this application. However, the application was supported.

049/22 Update from Cllr Evans

Clerk

054/22 Greenscape Grass Cutting Cllr Gibbs
Cllr Gibbs has spoken to Greenscape. The cost of getting rid of the grass cuttings is £98 each time so it was decided to leave the cuttings to lie.

055/22 Draft BPC Minutes in Outlook Cllr Gibbs
Cllr Gibbs questioned why the BPC minutes don't go into the Outlook magazine. The Clerk responded that the cut off date for Outlook inclusions is always the day after the BPC meetings. The minutes cannot be published until they had been checked by the Chair so it makes it too late to include. The Clerk will ask the Outlook editor to put a notice in the Outlook to say that the minutes can be seen on the BPC website.

056/22 Village Notice Boards Cllr Gibbs
Cllr Gibbs suggested that we ask Tim Cowley to give the BPC a quote to refurbish the notice boards. The Clerk will speak to him.

057/22 Police / Heritage Watch Cllr Gibbs
Cllr Gibbs attended a Police/ Heritage Watch meeting in the Church organised by the police. The meeting was to highlight the problem of graffiti and theft from Churches and large dwellings. Cllr Gibbs asked if it would be possible to put the presentation in the Outlook. A recommendation that people took photos of any valuables they may have in case of theft.

058/22 Verges in the Village Cllr Greener
Cllr Greener spoke of the overgrown verges in the village particularly at Causeway End which cause pedestrians to go onto the road. The Parish Steward will be asked to clear them. A possible answer is a footpath going round the Causeway End bend, this is addressed on the Neighbourhood Plan.

059/22 Hedges Obstructing Footpaths Cllr Greener
Cllr Greener spoke about hedges that are growing over the footpaths. There is one at the top of Stoppers Hill which is so overgrown that people are forced to step onto the road. Cllr Greener will speak to the owner. The Clerk will write a notice for the Outlook.

060/22 Parking on Pavements Cllr Greener
A van is constantly parking on the footpath at the top of Stoppers Hill despite a letter being sent to all residents six months ago. The Clerk will ask the PCSO to speak to the owner.

Expenses

Clerk's salary £319.73

HMRC £79.98

Community Heartbeat £115.20

Greenscape £906 + £692.40

EDF £19.60

These expenses were all sanctioned.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:15pm. Date of the next meeting will be Monday 8th August 2022.

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