

Brinkworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Brinkworth Parish Council Meeting

Held at 7pm on Monday 10th October 2022 in the Brinkworth Village Hall Reading Room

Present: - Cllr Clothier (Chair), Cllr Gibbs, Cllr Greener, Cllr G Threlfall, Cllr Parsons, Cllr Hazlewood, Cllr Moreton, Cllr Millard, Cllr Evans, Mrs M Evans (Clerk), Wilts Cllr E Threlfall

Apologies: - Cllr L Burois, Cllr O Burois

There were no declarations of interest.

Cllr Clothier welcomed Cllr Moreton to the BPC.

The minutes of the Brinkworth Parish Council meeting held on August 8th 2022 were signed and as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

081/22 Report from Wiltshire Councillor E Threlfall

Wilts Cllr E Threlfall reported that discussions have taken place within Wiltshire Council to make plans for the communities in the event of a hard winter with the increase in fuel costs. It has been suggested that the Covid support groups be re-formed to support the elderly and vulnerable. Suggestions of making the Village Hall and Reading Room a 'Warm Space' were made but the logistics of people actually getting there could make this difficult. The general message is to 'look out' for your neighbours. Wilts Cllr E Threlfall suggested that the parochial charities could help with the hardship.

Wilts Cllr E Threlfall reported that she has visited the White's Farm race track with an enforcement officer. To enable enforcement to keep track of the usage of the race track there is a form to be filled in every time the track is used. Councillors have been given this form to circulate.

082/22 Planning

St Michaels Close, Brinkworth SN155QG Conversion of double garage to home gym with shower room. Erection of timber framed car port. The councillors had no objection to this application.

Sunnyside, Swindon Road, SN155BY Demolition of side porch, erection of two-story side extension, erection of single-story side extension, replacement windows and doors. The councillors had no objection to this application.

083/22 Hedge Trimming and Footpath Clearance

Cllr Evans

On behalf of Cllr O Burois, Cllr Evans reported the problem of over grown hedges along the footpaths in the village. The hedges along Causeway End were causing a particular obstruction. The Clerk will write to the householders reminding them that it is their responsibility to cut their overhanging hedges and trees back to the boundary line, if they impede pedestrians. As it has been difficult to find the person responsible for the hedge on the bend at Causeway End, Wilts Cllr E Threlfall reported that she has asked the council to cut the hedge back.

084/22 Cemetery Trees

Cllr Gibbs

The Clerk has received a letter from a resident in St Michaels Close saying that he was concerned about the height and safety of one of the trees in cemetery which is next to his garden. Cllr Gibbs

reported that the trees are inspected regularly by a tree surgeon and have been passed as sound and safe. The tree in question was planted in the 1890's by a local benefactor to attract local wildlife.

The Clerk will write to the resident to assure him that it has recently been inspected.

085/22 Roles and Responsibilities

Cllr Clothier

Cllr Clothier went through the list of roles which need filling by the councillors. Please see attached sheet

086/22 Parish Steward

Cllr Gibbs

Cllr Gibbs reported that our Parish Steward has now cut back the vegetation by Box Bush and has also completed the majority of the assigned jobs. It was agreed that Jason does an amazing job for the parish.

087/22 Tree Guard for Oak

Cllr Clothier

The councillors voted unanimously for Cllr Clothier to go ahead and order a galvanised tree guard measuring 2feet diameter by 3 feet height at a cost of £339.

088/22 CIL Payment for Southlands Lodge

Clerk

The Clerk reported that the BPC has received a CIL payment of £602.57

089/22 Sign for Grittenham

Cllr Evans

Cllr Evans suggested that there should be a sign for Grittenham as it is on the signposts but there is not an actual Grittenham sign. It was agreed that it would be difficult to decide exactly where to put a sign but it was agreed that there should be one. Cllr Evans will put in a request to LFHIG.

090/22 Village Branding

Cllr Evans

Cllr Evans suggested that there should be village branding on the notice boards as in other villages; he will look into the cost.

091/22 Parking on Stoppers Hill

Cllr Greener

Cllr Greener reported that cars parking at the top of Stoppers Hill were causing a serious obstruction and hampering visibility onto the B4042. This happens particularly when parents are picking children up from the school buses. The Clerk will ask the PCSO to come and monitor this at school let out time.

092/22 Blocks, Obstacles on Highway Verges.

Cllr Greener

A reminder has been published in the Brinkworth Outlook magazine asking residents not to put any boulders or obstacles on the verges outside their houses. This appears to be an increasing problem which is causing a dangerous hazard which Wiltshire Enforcement are aware of. The Clerk will write to all homeowners on Stoppers Hill / Shoemaker Lane/ Barnes Green asking them to remove these obstructions.

093/22 BNPG Housing Survey

Cllr Greener

Wiltshire Council have collated all the results of the Housing Survey but the results will not be known for a few weeks. As soon as the results are available there will be an open BNPG open meeting

094/22 Village Footpath

Cllr Evans

Cllr Evans said that, following the success of the first phase of the footpath, an application to complete the second phase should be submitted as soon as possible. Cllr Evans will pursue this.

095/22 ½ Year Audit

Cllr Clothier

Cllr's Clothier, Hazlewood and Gibbs will complete the ½ year audit in November.

096/22 Car Parking Obstructing Buses in Layby

Cllr L Burois

On behalf of Cllr L Burois, Cllr Evans raised the issue of buses not being able to pull in to the bus stop in the lay-by by the Village Hall. The layby is actually for car parking and there isn't a dedicated bus space. Wilts Cllr E Threlfall reported that this is generally a step off point which means the bus doesn't have to stop for long so a dedicated space is not a priority.

097/22 Grant of Right

Cllr Gibbs

Cllr Gibbs asked for the councillor's permission to write a duplicate Grant of Right to a lady who has lost her original one requesting that her daughter is buried with her mother, when the time comes. The councillors agreed; the Clerk will send this.

098/22 Rectory CIL

Cllr Gibbs

Cllr Gibbs reported that the new house where the Rectory was is a lot bigger than the original Rectory and feels that a CIL payment should be made. The Clerk will write to planning.

099/22 SIDs and Auto Speed Watch

Cllr Evans

This item will be held over to the next meeting when Ellen Blacker will come to speak to the councillors about the ASW in Dauntsey.

100/22 Golf Club Appeal Decision

Cllr Gibbs

Councillor Gibbs reported that the resident from the Golf Club lodges has lost his appeal to change the status of the holiday lodges to residential dwellings. The councillors welcomed this decision.

101/22 Fritterswell Mobile Home

Cllr Gibbs

Cllr Gibbs asked the Clerk to write to enforcement to question the fact that the temporary mobile home installed at Fritterswell during renovations is still there and being lived in.

102/22 School Banner Display

Cllr Clothier

Cllr Clothier told the councillors that Lauren Metcalf contacted him to request that the school be permitted to erect a banner on the green to advertise school open days. The banner will be removed when the open days have happened. There were no objections to this.

The following expenses were agreed

Greenscape	£906
Clerk	£365.98
HMRC	£91.49
EDF	£57.25

Any Other Business

It was agreed that the Clerk should receive a 2% increase in line with NALC

Cllr Evans reported that he had received communication from the resident of Philomena House asking for the councillor's views on a prospective planning application. It was agreed that this should wait until the official application was made.

Cllr Evans reported that the state of road through Somerford Common and Queen Street was in a very bad state of repair.

The Clerk still has some Jubilee Mugs and also money from the sale of mugs that were not given away.

Cllr Evans reported that a large shed has been erected in a front garden. Planning permission needs to be secured before erecting sheds in front of the building line. Cllr Evans will write to enforcement.

Cllr Millard reported that cars are driving far too fast through Grittenham. This is as a result of the Lynham Bank closure. Wilts Cllr E Threlfall will request that a temporary speed limit be introduced.

Cllr Gibbs reported that the hedges in the cemetery and churchyard need trimming; he will speak to Greenscape.

Cllr Gibbs reported that progress is being made on the Glebe Field Car Park. The ecological report is with WC but they are short of ecologists so there may be a short delay. Sally Moody has now retired from the Diocese.

Cllr G Threlfall asked if there was any news of The Three Crowns. Apart from an entry in Facebook a few weeks ago nothing more has been heard.

Cllr G Threlfall has said that he will be stepping down from the Parish Council to make way for someone younger. Cllr G Threlfall said that he has enjoyed his time on the BPC and would be very happy to continue to help in any way. Cllr Clothier thanked Cllr G Threlfall for his time.