

## Brinkworth Parish Council

### Minutes of the Brinkworth Parish Council meeting

Held on Monday 14h November 2022 in the Brinkworth Village Hall Reading Room

Present:- Cllr P Clothier (Chair), Cllr O Gibbs, Cllr M Evans, Cllr M Moreton, Cllr W Hazlewood, Cllr J Millard, Cllr A Parsons, Cllr G Greener, Cllr O Burois, Cllr L Burois, Wilts Cllr Threlfall, Mrs M Evans (Clerk),  
Ms E Blacker (Dauntsey Councillor), Tom Windle Local Resident, Juliet Evans PCSO + colleague.

A local Grittenham resident attended the meeting to express his concerns regarding the speed of traffic through Grittenham; which has been a lot worse since the closure of Lyneham Bank. The resident reported that cars are travelling at excessive speed when they don't know the road. There are no speed indication signs and the bend in the road sign has not been replaced since it was knocked down some time ago. The resident requested a speed limit of 40 mph as it is in the Dauntsey length of the road. Cllr Moreton said the heavy flow of traffic is breaking up the sides of the road and forcing traffic into the middle of the road. This issue will be discussed as part of the agenda later in the meeting.

Our local PCSO's (Police Community Support Officer) attended the meeting to update the councillors on the local crime figures from 14<sup>th</sup> August to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The PCSO's reported that crime is very low in the Brinkworth area. One area for concern is the growing occurrence of the theft of Catalytic Converters. The cars which are being targeted are mainly Japanese vehicles such as Honda, Toyota and Lexus. Cllr Gibbs questioned why scrap dealers nationwide were not asked to be on the lookout for the these. The PCSO's reported that there are very stringent records kept by all scrap dealers and that the extraction of precious metals such as platinum from the converters is a highly sophisticated operation.

Cllr Millard asked the PCSO's why there wasn't a speed limit through Grittenham. This is a Highways issue and does not involve the police.

**105/22 Declaration of Interest** Cllr Hazlewood announced that she would abstain from a vote on the Clitchbury Manor application

**106/22 To approve and sign as a correct and accurate record of the BPC meeting held on October 10<sup>th</sup> 2022** The minutes of the above meeting were unanimously passed and signed as a true and accurate record

**107/22 Report from Wilts Cllr E Threlfall** Wilts Cllr reported that Wiltshire Council is creating some warm spaces for the winter and there is an interactive map to show where these are. There is also an information page to show what services are on offer. Creating warm spaces is a lot harder in rural areas although the Village Hall are going to be organising more pop-up cafés, but the general message should be to keep a eye on the elderly and vulnerable in the village.

Wilts Cllr Threlfall reported that the Paddle Up appeal has been lost and all that can now be done is monitor and take note of any activities which are against planning permission. Cllr Gibbs reported that there was a meeting there on Saturday with sports cars revving their engines and driving down Callow Hill. Cars are also regularly being driven on Callow Hill with trade plates.

Cllr Millard said that he was very concerned that children were going to suffer during this period of hardship and asked if the council could provide a hot meal for them. The response was that all Key Stage children do receive a hot meal every day.

### **108/22 Planning Applications**

**PL/2022/07974 Clitchbury Manor**, Swindon Road SN155DB Remodel existing property, add single story extension and cellar area, insulate and render all existing external walls, renew roof and form attic room alterations. Cllr Burois expressed his concern about the size of the development but there is enough land to support it. Cllr Parsons questioned why a development of this size gives no mention of any environmentally sympathetic materials or building techniques which are of great concern with climate change. Cllr Parsons suggested that the development should be including a ground source heat pump or solar panels. Cllr Moreton asked if it was fair to insist on these as they are a great cost. Cllr Parsons feels that it must be encouraged.

The councillors voted in favour of the application with one against and one abstention. The comment to the council will include the desire of the BPC to consider the environmental impact.

**PL/2022/07879 Hill View**, Trow Lane SN155DL Replace existing conservatory with a fixed two storey structure, create dormer windows in existing second storey and create a back door and utility room. The Brinkworth Parish Council unanimously voted in favour of this application.

**PL/2022/ 05043 Hillcrest**, The Common, SN155DX Two storey side and rear extension to existing two storey bungalow

The Brinkworth Parish Council unanimously voted in favour of this application.

**PL/2022/08329 Rouselands Farm**, Sundays Hill SN155AT Alterations and extensions to existing detached house including pool room.

The Brinkworth Parish Council unanimously voted in favour of this application but would welcome any consideration to the environment with the use of renewable energy and sympathetic building techniques and materials.

### **Planning Decisions**

**PL/2022/07203 Sunnyside** Swindon Road SN155BY. This application has been passed with conditions.

**109/22 Speed Control Cllr Evans** Addressing speeding continues to be high priority and Cllr Evans invited Ellen Blacker from Dauntsey Parish Council to talk to the BPC about the Auto Speed Watch devices which are used in Dauntsey. Ms Blacker reported that, as in Brinkworth speeding is a serious issue in Dauntsey. They were the first village in the county to form a community speed watch team but that was not very effective so they bought an Auto Speed Watch device which is a small black box mounted on a pole. The ASW device takes a photo of every speeding vehicle, highlighting persistent offenders. The parameters are set on line according to the village needs and the device does not need any maintenance. The data which can be extracted is very explicit but the police will not, at this stage, use it. Ms Blacker reported that although there is a vast amount of specific data available from the ASW devices, the Speed Indicator Devices are proving to be just as effective for slowing the traffic down. However, illegal cars and drivers (as shown up on the ASW data) can be reported on 101.

Cllr Evans will research full costs of this equipment and report back to the BPC.

**110/22 Speed Limit Through Grittenham Cllr Millard** Cllr Millard reported that cars are travelling through Grittenham at excessive speeds and questioned why there is no 40 mph speed

limit as in Dauntsey. This is a country road so will not automatically carry a lower speed limit. The closure of Lyneham Bank has exacerbated the problem and Cllr Millard feels that there is potential for a serious accident. The Clerk has received a letter from a resident and Cllr Millard handed out three more letters from local residents. These letters will all be forwarded to a dedicated email address concerned with the Lyneham Bank issue. Cllr Clothier suggested that Cllr Millard recommends that his neighbours all write individual letters to the dedicated email address. Cllr Clothier suggested that the BPC applies for a temporary speed restriction on the grounds of safety. Wilts Cllr Threlfall will ask Highways for an extension to the speed restriction.

**111/22 Brin 50 Parish Council Contribution Cllr Parsons** Cllr Parsons reported Wiltshire Council have agreed on a grant of £1200 with BPC paying 30% of this to repair the Brin 50 footpath. The footpath through the Withy Wood has been a huge success and the councillors voted unanimously to support this latest footpath repair.

**112/22 DVLS Contributions Cllr Clothier** Cllr Clothier reported that he writes to all the local Parish Councils to keep them up to date with the finances of the DVLS as, on occasion, they are asked for financial help. The DVLS provides a vital service to the older and vulnerable local residents. Currently they are not in need of any additional financial support.

**113/22 Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Greener** Cllr Greener reported that Wiltshire Council has completed the Housing Survey report but it is still in the proof-reading stage so will not be presented to the BPC until the next meeting. The NP must contain certain policies which the team will write; it is expected that it will contain something about sustainability. The final Neighbourhood Plan should be finalised by next October / November.

**114/22 Notice board in Churchyard Cllr Greener** The Churchyard notice board has been damaged by gales and is currently in Mike Grahams garage. A new notice board will be funded by the Parochial Church Council

**115/22 Conservative Councillor Letter Wilts Cllr Threlfall** Wilts Cllr Threlfall drew the councillor's attention to a draft letter for the BPC Chairman to send to the local MP regarding the five-year land supply restrictions for housing development. The councillors voted unanimously for this to be signed on their behalf. WCC are keen for this requirement to be reviewed.

**116/22 Bollard Notification Letter Feedback Cllr Evans** On behalf of the Clerk, Cllr Evans reported that the Clerk has sent advisory letters to all the householders whose property has Highway land in front of them to alert them to the fact that they are not allowed to put bollards or other obstacles on the grass verge. A lot of very negative feedback has been received and it was decided by the councillors that it is now up to Highways to take this matter forward against the complaints it has received directly. The Clerk will write to Highways.

**117/22 Wording on Byway sign Giles Green / Longmans Lane Cllr Parsons** Cllr Parsons reported that there has been an increase in the number of motorbikes using Longmans Lane. The wording on the Byways sign is rather ambiguous. Cllr Evans brought the councillors attention to a sign which is suggested by the CPRE saying "Quiet Lane". Cllr Evans will research actual costs with a view to the BPC buying them-

**118/22 Old Bridge Memorial Cllr Evans** Following a conversation with The Brunel Society, Cllr Evans reminded the councillors that the large section of the old bridge that was on School Hill was rescued to serve as a reminder of the Brunel connection to the village. It was always the

intention for the Parish Council to mount a plaque on it. The stone is currently on the mound and has a commemorative plaque to honour a past resident. The councillors agreed that the stone should be turned the correct way and the existing plaque and a new Brunel plaque be placed on it. Cllr Evans will look into this.

**119/22 SID's and Next Step**     **Cllr Evans**     Covered previously

**120/22 Highways Issues**     **Cllr Evans**     Cllr Evans reported that WCC Highways would require a full traffic survey on the B4042 west of the village, to look at extending the 30mph limit round the bend at Causeway End. This will be a very expensive exercise; alternatives are being looked into.

There is an issue of garden sheds in front gardens where no planning applications have been submitted.

**At 21:00 a vote was taken to extend the meeting for a further 15 minutes**

**121/22 Cemetery Fees**     **Cllr Gibbs**     Hold over to next meeting

**122/22 Parish Steward Jobs**     **Cllr Gibbs**     Cllr Gibbs asked if there were any jobs for the Parish Steward. He will be asked to clear the Causeway End footpath, replace the sign at the top of School Hill and replace the sign at the bottom of Stoppers Hill.

**123/22 Grittenham MotoX**     **Cllr Gibbs**     Cllr Gibbs reported that there was an unscheduled meeting which went over Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The councillors were asked to keep a diary of all meetings.

**124/22 Greenscape Grass Cutting**     **Cllr Gibbs**     Cllr Gibbs reported that Greenscape will be cutting the hedge in the Churchyard and also the hedge which is between the Catholic and Anglican section of the cemetery.

**125/22 Precept**     **Cllr Clothier**     Held over to next meeting

### **Expenses**

The following expenses were all agreed and paid

Greenscape	£692.40	Grass Cutting
Mary Evans	£365:98	Clerk's salary
HMRC	£91:49	PAYE
Sylvester Mackett	£237.50	Rent for Recreation Ground to The Ansty Family
Mary Evans	£19.04	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class postage stamps
Geosphere	£108.00	Re-issue for Parish Online
Martin Evans	£31.14	Security programme for PC laptop
Water2business	£33.66	½ yearly water bill

### **AOB**

Cllr Evans has put a new security programme onto the Clerk's BPC laptop but feels that the laptop may need replacing shortly.

Cllr Hazlewood asked for agenda items for the Area Board meeting by Thursday

Plans have now been passed for the Village Car Park

The Chairman drew the councillors attention to the newly published rates of pay for Clerks

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.25 hours.

Date of the next meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022