

Brinkworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Brinkworth Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 9th January 2023 in the Brinkworth Village Hall Reading Room

Present – Cllr P Clothier (Chair), Cllr O Gibbs, Cllr O Burois, Cllr A Parsons, Cllr G Greener, Cllr M Moreton, Cllr L Burois, Cllr W Hazlewood, Cllr J Millard

Apologies: - Mrs Mary Evans (Clerk), Cllr M Evans, Cllr J Clarke, Wilts Cllr Threlfall

147/22 Cllr Gibbs announced that he would abstain from a vote on the Clay Hill Park application.

148/22 The minutes of the Brinkworth Parish Council meeting held on December 12th 2022 were signed as being a true and accurate record.

149/22 **Report from Wilts Cllr Threlfall**

Wilts Cllr E Threlfall was unable to attend this meeting.

Planning Applications

PL/2022/09813 Cherry Trees, T Junction North of The Common North to Crossroads at Queen Street SN15 5DW

Cllr Greener noted that the road is subsiding due to frequent use from HGV's. Cllr O Burois said he supported the application however would like Highways to put in a restriction for the use of the road whilst building works are carried out as the road is in poor condition.

The Brinkworth Parish Council supported this application unanimously on the condition that Highways restrict the use of the road during building.

PL/2022/09816 Clay Hill Park, Barnes Green, SN15 5AQ

Cllr Greener commented that this is a greenfield site and no mention on renewable energy was mentioned in the planning application. Cllr Parsons raised concerns about the consequences this development could have on network rail, and that a concrete development will increase a flood risk. Cllr O Burois noted that this area between the proposal and the railway can flood in the winter already. Cllr Parsons also said that this is a large development for a small village. Cllr Moreton mentioned that Brinkworth frequently has power cuts, and this development could exacerbate this problem further.

The Brinkworth Parish Council voted to not support this application, with one abstention, until a survey is carried out to assess the impact it could have on network rail and the safety and sustainability of building there.

Proposed Base station installation upgrade at Cornerstone 126731 Dauntsey, SN15 4DR

The Brinkworth Parish Council voted unanimously to support this application.

151/22 Budget

Cllr Clothier

Cllr Moreton asked whether £20,000 in the budget was for the whole of the pavement to be built. Cllr Clothier clarified that the second section of the pavement is not currently in the budget, as the application process for the next section will be submitted this year. Cllr Greener also asked about the budget for the pavement. Cllr Clothier explained that the money for the pavement currently in the budget can be carried forward to next year if need be.

152/22 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Greener

Cllr Greener has sent draft copies of the neighbourhood plan to the member of the Brinkworth Parish Council. Cllr Greener would also like a copy of the plan, once completed, to go onto the parish council website. The clerk will be contacted to find out who currently uploads items to the parish council website.

Cllr Greener explained that an open meeting for the neighbourhood plan will take place on Tuesday 14th February between 10am and 5pm in the village hall to receive views from members of the village on the plan. The open meeting will be advertised in outlook.

Cllr Greener has asked Cllr Hazlewood to see whether the BPC can acquire a grant should a consultant need to be employed for the plan.

Cllr Greener has also asked members of the BPC to send him photos of valued views in Brinkworth which can be added to the plan.

Feedback regarding the draft neighbourhood plan was as follows:

Cllr Moreton said that the footpath section needed clarification. The application for the next section of the footpath is being submitted this year, but the building of the next section of the footpath will not take place this year. The BPC agreed that an aspiration for the village would be to have a footpath to Callow Hill and at Causeway End.

Cllr Greener noted that the results from the vision for Brinkworth survey did not show any interest in allotments in the village and compared this to surrounding villages where the demand for allotments is high. Cllr Clothier said the problem with allotment is getting them set up. Cllr Parsons said that we are surrounded by farmland in the village, and that perhaps this could be a way to set up allotments. It was agreed that allotments are something the BPC would like to be added into the plan as an aspiration.

Cllr Parsons asked whether there are still 19 chalets on the golf course as is stated in the plan. Cllr Clothier and Cllr Gibbs believe this to still be the case.

Cllr Parsons queried the figures in the Business section. In the plan it says that Brinkworth has 26 businesses employing over 200 people, however Cllr Parsons said found when she carried out a business report that there were around 100 business which employed 400 people, 100 of which live in Brinkworth.

The plan says that speeding will continue to be monitored. Cllr Moreton said he is in discussion with the school to implement a 20mph zone during school pick up and drop off times.

Cllr Gibbs thanked Cllr Greener for his work on the neighbourhood plan.

153/22 Highways -

Cllr Evans

SIDs

This will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Callow Crossroad Signage

Cllr Clothier said on behalf of Cllr Evans that there is a sign advertising a coffee shop. Cllr Clothier said we need to ascertain who owns the sign and request its removal.

Longmans Lane

Cllr Evans has quotations for the “quiet road” road signs. The BPC unanimously agreed for Cllr Evans to have a total budget of £100 to purchase four signs and the attachments so that these can be ordered before the next meeting.

154/22 Current Planning Applications

Cllr Evans

Cllr Clothier said on behalf of Cllr Evans that planning applications need to be monitored more closely after they have been passed and referred to enforcement if need be.

155/22 Invoice Land Registry Searches

Cllr Evans

The BPC approved Cllr Evans’ request for £15 to make a Land Registry search regarding the ownership of a hedge.

156/22 Village Hall Car Park update

Cllr Gibbs

Quotes

Cllr Gibbs has obtained three quotes for the village hall car park. These are as follows:

Crapper’s: £90,025.70 + VAT

Horton: £85,000 + VAT

Thornbury: £83,600 + VAT

Detailed Plans

Cllr Gibbs explained that detailed plans from an architect will need to be drawn up for the car park. Cllr Gibbs will contact an architect for a quote.

Funding

Cllr Gibbs mentioned that we may not be able to receive the Landfill Communities Entrust Fund if Mr Crapper carries out the work on the car park. In this case, the BPC would have to employ somebody else to carry out the work.

157/22 Highways Major Road Problems Cllr Gibbs
B4042

Cllr Gibbs noted that the B4042 road is in terrible condition, with too many defects to report to MyWiltshire. Problems include large cracks and drops in the road.

Penn's Lodge – Queen Street

Cllr Gibbs said the road is in poor condition here too and has spoken to the parish steward. There are very bad potholes and cracks in the road. Cllr Moreton noted that the speed and weight of HGV's cause severe damage to the road. Cllr Clothier said that Wiltshire Council and paying to fill potholes rather than resurfacing the road properly.

158/22 Parish Steward Visit Cllr Gibbs

Cllr Gibbs said the next visit from the parish steward should be the 23rd January, however the parish steward is away currently filling potholes on behalf of Wiltshire Council. It is hoped that this visit shall be rescheduled.

159/22 Vision ict Value for Money? Clerk

This will be carried forward to the next meeting.

160/22 Brinkworth Lunch Club Funds Cllr Clothier

The Brinkworth Lunch Club have asked the BPC to pay for their insurance. Cllr Clothier will contact the heritage society and ask if they will pay half of the insurance, and the BPC will pay the other half.

161/22 WC Planning from BPC recommendations Cllr Burois

Cllr O Burois noted that since January 2021 the BPC has opposed 12 planning applications and have supported 2 with conditions. Wiltshire Council have only rejected 5 planning applications after the recommendation from the BPC.

The following expenses were agreed:

EDF	£37.55	Electricity to rec
Clerk	£441.30	Clerk's salary
HMRC	£110.33	PAYE

The £118.80 to Greenscape for grass cutting was approved last month.

AOB –

Cllr Gibbs asked what reasons were given behind the BPC not supporting a planning application. The BPC recalled that it was due to a change of the use of land from agricultural to residential.

Cllr Clothier mentioned an email that the BPC received from the clerk regarding planning application PL/2021/06519 which is in the Parish of Lydiard Tregoze. The BPC have been asked to share their views on this proposed development. Cllr Parsons noted that the proposed development is next to Webb's Wood which has a Wiltshire Wildlife Trust wildflower meadow. The BPC agreed to oppose this application on the grounds that there are no services or amenities near the development, it would be on a greenfield site, the highways access does not seem safe and would be next to an area of sensitive biodiversity. The clerk will be asked to contact the clerk at Lydiard Tregoze to mirror their objections.

Cllr Clothier thanked Cllr L Burois for compiling these minutes due to the absence of the Clerk.

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

Next meeting: Monday 13th February 2023.