

Brinkworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Brinkworth Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th March 2023 in the Brinkworth Village Hall Reading Room

Present: - Cllr O Gibbs (acting Chair), Cllr J Millard, Cllr G Greener, Cllr O Burois, Cllr Clarke, Wilts Cllr E Threlfall, Mrs M Evans (Clerk)

181.23 Apologies: - Cllr A Parsons, Cllr, Cllr M Moreton, Cllr Evans, Cllr L Burois, Cllr Clothier

Twenty Grittenham residents attended the start of the meeting to express their grave concerns over the various applications for traveller's sites in Grittenham. Two of the applicants for the Travellers Sites were also present. The main thrust of this evening's concerns centred around the danger to wildlife with the excessive amount of tarmac and hardstanding which would inevitably be used. The applications are on Green Field sites and if green field sites go it will exacerbate the flooding which is already an issue in this rural area. One of the applicants asked if planning had been obtained for a dwelling on a family piece of land and he was assured that it had gone through very stringent planning. Cllr Millard reported that any more development in Grittenham would have a huge impact on the roads which are already far too busy as a result of Lyneham Bank. The additional vehicles would also have a detrimental effect on School Hill which is already a recognised traffic issue in the village, particularly around the school. The Brinkworth Parish Council will not support the application PL/23/00900 for all the reasons covered in past applications. The BPC will be supporting the cost of the appeal on behalf of the residents; this is currently with Cllr Clothier.

There is an appeal hearing for PL/2021/04055 on April 25th at 10am in Chippenham.

182/23 Declaration of Interest. There were no declarations of interest

183/23 To approve and sign as a correct record of the minutes of the BPC meeting held on 13th February 2023. Cllr Hazlewood reported that Mr Clancy had written to her to question the fact that the minutes say that his two bedroomed bungalow was originally built as three bedrooms. The fact was corroborated by another councillor. The statement stands and the minutes of the BPC meeting held on 13th February 2023 were duly signed as a true and accurate record.

184/23 Report from Wilts Cllr Threlfall Wilts Cllr Threlfall reported that the government are bringing in more restrictions about what can go into landfill. There is to be a new campaign about what to recycle and what can go in the bin. Wilts Cllr Threlfall urged all councillors to display the re-cycling guideline and recycle correctly.

Wilts Cllr Threlfall went on to report that Malmesbury has a number of Warm Spaces. The library is one of the venues and Wilts Council officers will be available to give advice on various benefits and help available. Wilts Cllr Threlfall had some leaflets to advertise this which will be put around the village.

The two lorries parked on a field at Whites Farm have been reported to enforcement.

Cllr Gibbs reported that there have been three Moto cross events in the last three weeks; 18th and 25th February and the 4th March. The Clerk has been asked to write to Mr Nicholls to ask for the meeting dates.

Wilts Cllr Threlfall asked if Cllr Evans had managed to organise the speed survey through the village. The Clerk reported that he is working on it.

Wilts Cllr Threlfall reported that James Dyson has offered Malmesbury School £6 million pounds to open a centre called STEAM. There is concern that this could have a damaging impact on Brinkworth Earl Danby School. There is a consultation until March 31st if anyone would like to comment.

Cllr Millard asked what the latest news on Lyneham Banks is. Wilts Cllr Threlfall reminded everyone that there is a lot of information online about the progress. Realistically the road won't be repaired this year and Autumn 2024 has been mentioned. Cllr Millard said that due to the huge increase in traffic along his road, there are six farms which can no longer function properly. Cllr Millard is very disappointed that there has been no decrease in the speed limit despite Dauntsey having a lower limit. Wilts Cllr Threlfall suggested putting signs up warning drivers of cattle and farm machinery; the Clerk will look into this.

Cllr Millard stated that cyclists are going far too fast along his road, Cllr Gibbs concurred. The Clerk will write to local cycling clubs to remind them off the dangers of speeding on the country lanes. The Clerk will also ask to be notified about forthcoming cycle races through the village.

185/23 Planning Applications

PL/2023/00824 Land adjacent to Philomena House (Formally Lonsdale House and Sumak) East End, SN155ED

The planning applicant from Philomena House attended the meeting but unfortunately didn't introduce herself at the start. However, on this occasion the Chair did allow her some time to speak about her application. Despite the applicants fears, all the councillors had read the details of the planning prior to the meeting. The applicant reported that previous owners of the house had encroached onto agricultural land without permission. The proposed site of the carport will be where it is now and is on residential land. The owner of the property is planning to put a covenant on the proposed two houses to say that anyone living in, or associated with Brinkworth will have priority on purchase.

Cllr Gibbs called for a vote and there were three against and three abstentions. The council will not support the planning on a number of points; too close to the busy highway, not in keeping with the area, green field site, no main sewer.

PL/2023/01613 Braydonside Farm, Braydonside SN155AR Proposed single story extension. The Councillors voted to support this application

PL/2023/00900 Land at Manor Farm, Sodom Lane, Grittenham SN154JY Change of use of land to provide a Gypsy site consisting of four pitches and associated hardstanding, landscaping and a commercial barn. See above The Councillors will not support this application

186/23 Cemetery Graves, Memorials. Inscriptions The Clerk reported that there have been two requests for the erection of memorials and one request for the change of inscription this month. The Clerk also reported that she has received an email from a gentleman who has visited a family grave and is very concerned about the way the soil has sunk around a lot of the graves. Cllr Gibbs has been in touch with funeral directors regarding two of the graves and will do an inspection with a view to asking Greenscape if they can help. Cllr Millard asked if it was the responsibility of the families to look after their graves. Cllr Gibbs replied that it is but a lot of this ground sinking has happened over the last twenty or so years. The Clerk will respond to the gentleman who wrote originally.

187.23 Dates of next meetings. Due to Bank Holidays the next meetings will be: - Tuesday 11th April and Tuesday 16th May for the BPC Annual meeting.

188.23 Village Clean Up The Keep Britain Tidy campaign will run from 17th March until 2nd April and it was decided to try to tie the Brinkworth Litter Pick in with this with a provisional date of 25th being planned.

189.23 SID and Highways Hold over

190.23 Village Hall Car Park update Seven members of the project attended a meeting with the architect on Friday morning. It is hoped that the architect will submit his plans by the end of March. Cllr Hazlewood will seek sponsorship for the CP.

191.23 Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Greener alerted the councillors to a NP meeting in the Village Hall on the 14th to review the draft plan. The main points that came out of the Open NP meeting was the issue of speeding throughout the village.

192.23 Motocross Dates The Clerk will ask Mr Simon Nicholls for the dates of the forthcoming 2023 meetings.

193.23 Callow Park Saturday Coffee Advert Cllr Gibbs reported that advertising flags have been placed at the entrance to Callow Park on the past few Saturday mornings to advertise a coffee shop for Paddles up. Wilts Cllr Threlfall will pass this on to enforcement.

193.23 Parish Steward Visit. Cllr Gibbs reported that, despite leaving messages it is now three and a half months since we had a Parish Steward visit. There is now a long list of jobs which need attention. Wilts Cllr Threlfall suggested that Cllr Gibbs contacts the gentleman in charge as there should be cover available.

194.23 Whites Farm Cllr Gibbs voiced his concern regarding the amount of soil that is being dumped on Whites Farm land very close to the motorway. He asked if Whites Farm should have a licence for dumping this much earth and posed the question of the possible risk to the motorway. Wilts Cllr Threlfall will speak to enforcement. Cllr Gibbs also drew the councillors attention to an advertisement in the Gazette and Herald on the 2nd March advertising for an additional lorry and trailer to be stored at Whites Farm.

195.23 Area Board Issues. Wilts Cllr Threlfall has already covered most of the issues but Cllr Hazlewood spoke about the Community Day happening in Malmesbury Town Hall on April 15th when there will be information on what is happening with in the area. Cllr Hazlewood also made the councillors aware of the SSE scheme where they will sponsor projects in the area; these do not have to be power related.

The following expenses were agreed: -

Mary Evans	£441.30	Clerk's salary
HMRC	£110.33	PAYE
Mary Evans	£9.99	Office Paper
Mary Evans	£12.88	Dog Poop signs
Martin Evans	£15.00	Land registry documents
Val Bailey	£59.60	Lunch Club Insurance contribution
Tim Cowley	£35.00	Cemetery new tap and fitting

Community Heartbeat

£10.80

Replacement torch for defib

AOB

Cllr Hazlewood made the councillors aware of someone who has been going onto people's driveways to look and offer to take some items away.

Cllr Greener reported that the potholes were slowly being repaired but the work was poor. Cllr Gibbs asked what check was made quality checks were made when a repair was completed. Wilts Cllr Threlfall replied that all work is checked after 6 weeks. Wilts Cllr Threlfall went on to say that any punctures can be claimed for as long as they have been from a pothole in the road, not on the verge and also it must be reported to WC.

Cllr Greener asked the BPC if they would be willing to distribute leaflets to advertise the Coronation event on the rec to be held on May 6th. Cllr Greener asked the BPC for permission to hold the event on the rec; this was granted.

Cllr Clarke advised the BPC of the upcoming Church Fete on the evening of June 23rd in the rec. Cllr Clarke asked the BPC for permission to hold the event on the rec; this was granted.

Cllr O Burois posed the question of whether it would be an idea to approach Gigaclear for possible sponsorship for the Car Park.

Cllr Gibbs asked if it would be possible to approach Wiltshire Council for a grant for the CP. Wilts Cllr Threlfall replied that the BPC couldn't but the Village Hall may be able to.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th April 2023

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.05