

Brinkworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Brinkworth Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th April 2023 in the Brinkworth Village Hall Reading Room

Present: - Cllr P Clothier (Chair), Cllr O Gibbs, Cllr M Evans, Cllr W Hazlewood, Cllr A Parsons, Cllr O Burois, Cllr M Moreton, Cllr J Millard, Cllr G Greener, Cllr L Burois, Wilts Cllr E Threlfall, Mrs M Evans (Clerk)

197/23 Apologies: - Cllr J Clarke

198/23 Declaration of Interest. There were no declarations of interest

199/23 To approve and sign as a correct record of the minutes of the BPC meeting held on 13th March 2023. The minutes of the BPC meeting held on 13th February 2023 were duly signed as a true and accurate record.

200/23 Report from Wilts Cllr Threlfall Wilts Cllr Threlfall reported that once again PaddUp was displaying advertising signs for coffee. Cllr Gibbs confirmed that they were there on Good Friday and Saturday, Wilts Cllr Threlfall has prepared a form for enforcement; she also suggested that there should be a measurement for noise.

Wilts Cllr Threlfall reported that there was a lot of flooding at the proposed Travellers site in Grittenham; this has been borne out with photos of the affected area.

Wilts Cllr Threlfall asked Cllr Gibbs to ask the Parish Steward to put verge markers along Trow Lane where the verges are very damaged.

Wilts Cllr Threlfall has looked into the necessary licences for dog rescue centres; however, these centres are not subject to licencing.

Wilts Cllr Threlfall reported that a parishioner reported a sewage smell in the field behind her house. It appears that Wessex Water do indeed discharge raw sewage on occasions of torrential rain. As flood warden, Cllr Millard was due to have a meeting with Wessex Water to discuss the possibility of wetland area /reed beds but Wessex Water were not interested. Cllr Clothier asked Cllr Millard to give him a tour of the affected area. There is an online flood meeting in May but as Cllr Millard does not have access to the internet, Cllr Clothier will attend.

201/23 Planning Applications

PL/2023/02292 Lacey's House, Swindon Road, Brinkworth SN155DF Erection of three detached dwellings and associated works. The Councillors felt that this was over development on a small site. The road is a traffic blackspot and this would be exacerbated with so many additional cars emerging onto the highway. It was felt that the traffic survey did not give a true reflection of the road in adverse weather conditions or recognise the accidents that have occurred at this location. There is an ancient milestone in front of the proposed site which must not be disturbed during any building works.

The councillors voted unanimously to Object to this application.

PL/2023/02353 Somerwood House, Brinkworth, SN155DW Extension to existing house and provision of garage; associated works including changing existing windows. Seven councillors voted No Objection to this application with the following provisos; The garage must remain a separate building from the rest of the house and must never be sold off as a separate unit; the site must not

be used for commercial storage and the site must not encroach on Highway land. Cllr Evans reported that there is a slight anomaly between the plans and the land registry.

202/23 Cemetery Graves, Memorials. Inscriptions The Clerk reported that there have not been any requests for burials or memorials.

203/23 Litter Pick Cllr Evans noted that the original national dates planned for the Village Litter Pick had been missed so another date was planned. The Litter Pick will be held on Saturday 29th April meeting at 10:00am outside the Village Hall. Cllr Parsons will organise this with Cllr L Burois helping. Cllr Evans will forward the posters from last year.

204/23 LFHIG Update Together with Steve Hind and WiltsCllr Threlfall, Cllr Evans surveyed the next stages of the footpath development at Box Green. Due to the complexities of the next stages because of the side ditches, this will have to be completed in smaller stages, the first being 160yds from the east at Box Bush.

In the first instance consultation needs to be with the residents involved regarding the trimming back of the roadside hedges.

At the April meeting of the LFHIG, signposts for Grittenham on the main RWB to Dauntsey road was discussed. This will cost IRO £1000 of which the Parish Council would have to contribute 30%. This was agreed, so Cllr Evans will proceed the application.

205/23 Highways

Accidents: There was an incident witnessed involving a vehicle and trailer resulting in the uprooting of the SID post on Callow Hill. This has been reported to the police, who are taking the matter forward.

There was also an accident on School Hill at 5:30 Sunday morning, whereby the sign posts indicating the narrow restriction were flattened. The vehicle involved was seen driving off with serious damage and the police attended. Cllr Evans commended the Highways team for their fast reaction to the event in repairing the pavement and installation of temporary signage by lunchtime that day.

The road flooding alongside Brinkworth Kennels, following their building works has been reported to Wiltshire Council as it is a major danger zone. Action to amend the situation will be pursued.

A traffic survey request has been submitted to monitor the B4042 between The Common and Callow Hill crossroads. A request is also to be submitted for Fritterswell, to get justification for an additional SID location in this area.

The general incident of road floods needs addressing and the BPC will look to get Wiltshire Council to get the blocked gully's cleared.

206/23 Appeal Contribution Manor Farm Cllr Clothier feels that the BPC should be supporting the Grittenham residents with their appeal against the approval of any site being allowed in Grittenham. Cllr Clothier said that this is important, not just for Grittenham; the whole village would be affected by dramatically changing the nature of the environment. Cllr Gibbs expressed his concerns that this could set a precedent but was assured by Cllr Clothier that this would not be the case. Cllr L Burois suggested that any contribution is capped. It was agreed that the BPC would contribute 25% of the appeal bill and also pay the VAT which can be claimed back. Any future appeals will be supported by the BPC with a maximum £250 contribution.

207/23 Damage to Stoppers Hill Garden Carry Over

208/23 Coronation Celebrations on the rec Cllr Greener handed out Coronation leaflets for the councillors to distribute prior to the celebrations on the rec in May.

209/23 Neighbourhood Plan Update Cllr Greener reported that he had been adding to the valued views with the view of Dauntsey Vale and also the view of the Brinkworth ridge from Dauntsey Vale. There will be a meeting for the Brinkworth Neighbourhood Plan around the end of the month to finalise the document for submission. It was agreed that, for the first submission we will run with the prepared document, saving any expense of professional consultant involvement for the future amends if necessary.

Solid rulings on development in the village will include the need not to build or develop on greenfield sites and also that all submissions must include considered application of ecological and climatology standards.

210/23 Sustainability Zoom Meeting Cllr Parsons attended a Zoom meeting held by the Council for Sustainable Energy which talked about Best Practice and, wherever possible using renewable energy and adapting houses to become more efficient. It was felt by the CSE that there was general apathy amongst people regarding energy effectiveness. Cllr Moreton felt that this wasn't apathy and that people improve their homes according to their means. Whilst you can't dictate to people to become more energy efficient you can encourage best practice where possible and practical.

211/23 Blocked Gulley's Covered

212/23 Village Hall Car Park, Contractors ... The diocese now has all the necessary details for the Heads of Agreement document which Cllr Greener has supplied and this will be forthcoming imminently.

The Clerk will ask Cllr Clothier to call a meeting for the VHCP committee

Cllr Hazlewood advised that she had started her quest to find funding with a call to SSE. However, they did not think we would qualify because of the halls use for commercial companies. They will however forward the application emails when the scheme is open.

213/23 Parish Steward Visit Cllr Gibbs reported that the Parish Steward has not been to the village since last October and that the jobs are mounting up.

214/23 Estimate for Cemetery Grave attention Cllr Gibbs has spoken to Greenscape regarding the graves which need building up. 26 graves need attention which will take 2 tons of topsoil and cost £292.35 +vat. The councillors agreed that Greenscape should continue with this remedial work.

215/23 Lacey's Farm Milestone Covered

216/23 Flooding by Dog Kennels Covered

217/23 Verge Cutting Along The Street It was agreed that Greenscape will be asked to cut the whole verge in the autumn.

Expenses

Mary Evans	£441.30	Clerk's salary
HMRC	£110.33	PAYE
Water 2 Business	£374.38	Water to Cemetery

Wiltshire Council	£20,000	Contribution to LHFIG substantive fund project Phase 1 footpath
Wendy Hazlewood	£14.88	De fib supplies
Peter Clothier	£2,280.00	BPC contribution to Planning Appeal +vat
Greenscape	£692.40	Village grass cutting
Martin Evans	£577.17	Coronation Mugs, boxes and stickers
Mary Evans	£12.00	2 nd Class postage stamps x16
Martin Evans	£65.79	Replacement BPC printer
Dolmans Designs	£4086.00	Plans for Village Hall Car Park (agreed at meeting)

AOB

The annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 16th in the Main Hall. The Clerk will write invitations to local groups.

Cllr L Burois said that she thought that the Coronation Mugs would be sold rather than given away. It was decided that, in line with tradition, the children of the parish would be given mugs and anyone else would be able to purchase one.

Cllr Evans asked Cllr Hazlewood for a copy of the letter sent to her regarding the misconception of a statement he had been challenged with but it appears that it was sent to Cllr Clothier. Cllr Evans showed the council copies of the original documents he had obtained from the History Centre in Chippenham which corroborated his findings that Mr Clancy's house was originally given planning permission as a three-bedroom dwelling. Cllr Evan will contact Cllr Clothier regarding the email.

Date of Next Meeting Open meeting Tuesday 16th May 2023

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.05

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting

Cllr Clothier

Date

Chair

Mary Evans

Clerk

Date