

## **Brinkworth Parish Council**

A meeting of the Brinkworth Parish Council was held in The Reading Room of the Village Hall Brinkworth on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7pm.

Present: Chair P Clothier; Councillor Owen Gibbs; Councillor E Threlfall; Councillor MJ Evans; Councillor J Millard  
Parish Clerk Mrs. ME Evans

214.19 No members of the public were present

215.19 There were three apologies: - Councillor J Humm; Councillor S Walklate; Councillor C Butcher

216.19 There were no declarations of interest

217.19 The minutes of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were signed as a true and accurate record

218.19 Toby Sturgis was absent from the meeting

219.19 Planning Application 19/11599/FUL Hurst Lea, Barnes Green, Brinkworth was APPROVED with no objections.

Planning Application 19/11483/FUL Sherwood Cottage, Sundays Hill, Brinkworth was APPROVED WITH CONDITION that it must remain a joined part of the existing dwelling.

Planning Application 20/00190/PNCOU Lidats Farm, Grittenham was NOT SUPPORTED as it contravenes Paragraph 79 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Planning Application 19/11652/FUL Station House, School Hill, Brinkworth. SUPPORTED with no objections

220.19 The annual Village Clean Up will be on April 4<sup>th</sup> 2020

221.19 Councillor Threlfall, Councillor Walklate and David Cutler will be attending a Neighbourhood Planning Course on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The Parish Council voted in favour of paying the registration fees for these delegates.

Councillor Threlfall and Councillor Walklate will attend an online Neighbourhood Seminar on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020

222.19 The Precept Requirement form was signed and will now be sent off.

223.19 Councillor Gibbs reported dissatisfaction with the MyWiltshire App with many faults being reported but not acted upon. Councillor Gibbs reported a large pothole on the B4042 just past Crappers yard toward Brinkworth. This was partially filled in on January 2<sup>nd</sup> but already the tarmac has all been dislodged.

A raised manhole on the B4042 just before Highgate Farm towards RWB caused a cyclist to come off her bike. This has been reported to Highways but as the manhole belongs to Virgin, Highways will not take responsibility. Councillor Gibbs has spent an inordinate amount of time trying to contact Virgin to no avail.

The Parish Council agreed that as this on the highway, that Highways should be responsible for chasing Virgin for repair.

The work that is currently being carried out on the B4042 towards Malmesbury should alleviate other highways issues previously reported.

224.19 Councillor Gibbs has written a new grass cutting schedule for 2020 which the Clerk will send to Greenscape. The Clerk will also find out when our Greenscape contract expires.

225.19 Item covered in 223.19

226.19 Councillor Gibbs reported that the Heritage Society would like to erect a 10 x 8.6 storage portacabin on the recreation field to replace the old horsebox currently being used. The portacabin would form part of the fencing. Councillor Threlfall suggested a note should go to the local residents but the Parish Council has no objections.

227.19 Councillor Threlfall reported that the Parish Steward continues to do a sterling job. Amongst many other jobs he has removed the graffiti from the School Hill railway bridge There is a post available so it will be offered to the residents to put them in themselves. Councillor Gibbs will speak to the residents.

The clerk was asked to write a note to the residents of School Hill House to ask them to keep the footpath outside their house clear.

The street furniture at Barnes Green and Fritterswell needs trimming and cleaning.

228.19 The members of the Parish Council found the visit to Crappers Yard both useful and informative. The clerk will write a note of thanks.

They were informed that the smell of gas is due to higher than expected levels of methane escaping, a problem being experienced at many landfill sites due to the excessively wet weather of late. This gas is harmless and the problem is being addressed, with Environment Agency monitoring the situation.

229.19 Councillor Threlfall reported that Wiltshire Council advised we should be taking an audit of our salt use. This will be done in August in preparation for the following winter. The salt bin at Stoppers Hill is nearly empty and is to be reported.

230.19 Agreed Expenses were paid to	EDF Energy	£43.37
	Clerk Salary	£300.84
	HMRC	£75

231.19 Councillor Clothier suggested that a single Oak tree could be planted in a central site to commemorate VE Day. It was generally felt that we should join up with The Heritage Society for any celebrations.

AOB

The clerk read out a letter from The Village Hall committee which asked for new committee members. This will be published in the next Outlook.

Councillor Threlfall asked for future dates for Parish Council meetings to be decided. The clerk will arrange this, with the AGM being on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2020.

The footpath group are planning to change the old footpath styles off the B4042 opposite The Old Rectory to kissing gates.

Councillor Evans suggested that the residents should be given notice of the Best Kept Village judging period in order that gardens can be planted in time.

The clerk was asked to find out Motocross meeting dates at Whites Farm, which are overdue.

The proposed planning at Callow Hill is for two dwellings and doesn't appear to be a problem but it will be discussed when a formal application is made.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:10

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chair

Date

Clerk

Date

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