

Brimpton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

Date: Tuesday 2nd April 2024 Time: 7.30pm
Place: Brimpton Village Hall
Attending: Mr John Hicks (Chairman)
 Mr Phil Bassil
 Mr Charles Brims
 Mr John Dolphin
 Mr Nick Matthews
 Mrs Wendy Matthews

In Attendance: District Cllr Dominic Boeck
 Christine McGarvie (Clerk)
 25 members of the public

36/24 Open Forum

36.1 Andrew Perkins, Chief Executive, will attend the May meeting to present the results of the public consultation on the development of the Wasing Estate.

36.2 A resident reported that the cross roads warning sign near the Pineapple football pitch is not working. The Clerk will raise a case with Hampshire highways.

36.3 A resident asked when the road between Brimpton and the Rowbarge pub will reopen. The Clerk to ask West Berkshire Council.

36.4 A resident reported that the school warning signs are set to the wrong time and have been seen flashing in the evenings. The Clerk to report to West Berkshire Council.

36.5 A resident reported that there is flooding near to Able Bridge again and the gulleys may need cleaning out again. The Clerk to report to West Berkshire Council.

37/24 Apologies for absence

None

38/24 To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda

Mr Dolphin stated that he owns land in Hockford Lane near to the land which is the subject of planning application 24/00414/OOD

39/24 Minutes of the previous meeting

39.1 It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2024 were a true and accurate record. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

39.2 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting not otherwise on the agenda (including review of Action Tracker)

39.2.1 Mr Hicks thanked those who joined the litter pick. There were 26 volunteers and 30 bags of rubbish were removed. The group was only able to cover roads that were safe. West Berkshire Council will be asked to clear the rubbish from Brimpton Lane near Able Bridge. Mr Hicks thanked Bob and Sue Moore for collecting the litter picking equipment and for disposing of the rubbish.

53.3/23 Solar Farm screening replanting. Mr Brims reported that the trees and bushes have been replaced on the northern side of the Solar Farm. However, the contractor has left plastic around the

other 3 sides where the dead trees have been removed. The Clerk to report to the Solar Farm company and ask them to remove the plastic which is unsightly and could be dangerous to wildlife.

Action: Clerk

29.3/24 The bridge near the Baptist Church was not repaired during the recent road closure. Clerk to ask for an update from West Berkshire Council.

Action: Clerk

29.3/23 Memorial to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – Mr. Bassil has looked at the memorial stone but it is not the right colour. The stone may need to be recut.

30.3/21 New ditches have been dug on the right-hand side of Brimpton Lane near Willow Wands but it is not clear how this will deal with the flooding which comes off the fields on the opposite side of the road. The Clerk to request an update.

Action: Clerk

40/24 An update on arrangements for Commemorative Events for 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings

Mr. Hicks is to meet with Mr. Pickett the Pastor of the Baptist Church to discuss a service of thanksgiving.

The new collar for the beacon has been ordered.

The bunting, flags and flagpoles have been purchased.

41/24 Parish Environment

41.1 Update on planning enforcement issues in Brimpton Common between Brimpton Lane and Blacknest Lane

The Chairman of the Brimpton Common Residents group gave an update on what has happened on the site since the last meeting. Electricity has been connected to the site and the owner has carried out ditch clearing work. They levelled the plot and moved a mobile home onto the plot.

The planning application for change of use to a one pitch traveller site was refused by West Berkshire Council so there is no permission for a mobile home to be located on the site. The Applicant has indicated that they will appeal against this decision.

A second application for two traveller pitches on adjacent plots has now been submitted.

The resident's group has employed a planning adviser who is reviewing the refusal report from West Berkshire Council and looking at the new application.

West Berkshire Council has employed a specialist planning enforcement company and is waiting for their recommendation on what action can be taken.

A resident reported that the ditch clearing carried out on the site is causing flooding on the road.

District Cllr Dominic Boeck reported that he had asked for an update from the Planning Enforcement team but had not received a response in time for the meeting. He will continue to request updates and report back to the Parish Council.

42/24. Planning and Development

24/00414/OOD – Land at Hockford Lane , Brimpton Common. Consultation BDBC: Ref

24/00035/FUL - Erection of Agricultural Barn and 1 x Large pen and 3 x Small pens.

The Parish Council agreed that it had nothing to add and to refer to previous objections.

24/00594/FUL – Land approximately 150 metres south of Brimpton Lane and west of Blacknest Lane.

The Parish Council resolved to object to the application but to ask for an extension on the deadline for comments as the application was only received for comment today. The exact wording of the objection will be agreed at the next Parish Council meeting on 7th May.

The Clerk to request an extension until the 8th May.

Action:Clerk

43/24 Finance

43.1 To approve payments and approve reconciliation against bank statements

See Appendix A and B

The payments were agreed. Mr Hicks to approve the payments online.

44/24 Reports

44.1 District Councillor’s Report

District Cllr Boeck provided a report by email before the meeting.

44.2 Chairman’s Report

Mr Hicks reported that he had been contacted by many residents of Brimpton Common raising concerns about the planning enforcement issues in Blacknest Lane.

44.3 Clerk’s Report

The website provider has obtained the brimpton-pc.gov.uk domain name and Clerk has asked them to move the website and emails to the new domain.

The invitations have been sent out for the Annual Parish Meeting. 5 organisations have responded so far.

The Clerk is currently working on the Annual Accounts and hopes to have them ready for approval at the May meeting.

44.4 Report from Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall AGM will be held on 23rd April 7.30pm. Mr Dolphin reported that they need new trustees and volunteers. Anyone interested can contact any member of the Committee for more information.

44.5 Report from Parish Council representative on the AWE LLC

The next LLC meeting will be held on 29th April.

45/24 Next meeting will be held on 7th May and will be the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Signed: Date:.....
(Chairman)

Appendix A

Meeting Report 2nd April 2024

Community Account

Statement balance 22/3/2024	Cashbook balance as at 24/3/2024	Cashbook balance after new payments made
£16,077.62	£16,077.62	£13,237.17

Payments made since last meeting

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
EP	R.C.Saunders	Pedestrian gate for Jubilee Green (VAT £163.40)	980.40
DD	Barclaycard	springback binder for minutes	13.99
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	February salary	299.00
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	Homeworking allowance 23/24 12 months	100.00
EP	21CC Group Ltd	Beacon Collar (VAT £47)	282.00
TOTAL			£1,675.39

New items for payment

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
EP	DigitalHouse MD LTD	domain name brimpton-pc.gov.uk for 10 years (VAT £26)	156.00
EP	Brimpton PCC	grass cutting grant	2000.00
DD	Barclaycard	Bunting and flags for Dday	305.45
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	April salary	299.00
EP	West Berkshire Council	Election expense	80.00
TOTAL			£2,840.45

Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
11/03/2024	Brimpton Recreation Ground Charity	Grant for bench and gate	1,753.23
			£1,753.23

Payments not presented as of 27/3/2024

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			

Receipts not cleared as of 27/3/2024			
Receipt date	Payer	Details	TOTAL COST

Savings Account balance 24/3/2024	£32,363.31
CIL	£9,041.44
INRG solar donation	£20,000.00
	£29,041.44

must be spent by May 2026. Brompton Common noticeboards purchased from CIL

another £220 for memorial stone to spend

Appendix B

Bank Reconciliation 27th March 24

Authority name	Brimpton Parish Council	
Prepared by	Christine McGarvie	Clerk and RFO
Date	27th March 24	
Approved by	John Hicks	Chair of council

Balance per bank statements as at 22nd March 2024	£	
Community Account		16,077.62
Saving account		32,363.31

Less any un-presented payments at 22nd March 2024

Add any uncleared receipts

Net Bank balances as at 22nd March 2024

CASH BOOK

Opening balance as per cashbook 1st April 2023	26,886.16
Add: Receipts in the year	4,115.49
Less: Payments in the year	14,924.03
Closing balance as per cash book as at 22nd March 2024	<u>£16,077.62</u>

Opening balance savings account 1st April 2023	31,978.31
Add: Receipts in the year	£385.00
Less: Payments in the year	0
Closing balance as per cash book as at 22nd March 2024	<u>£32,363.31</u>

Overall closing balance	<u>£48,440.93</u>
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diff	£0.00
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Appendix C

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Planning Applications for Consideration

1	24/00594/FUL - Land Approximately 150 Metres South Of Brimpton Lane and West Of Blacknest Lane Change of use of land to a 2 pitch Gypsy/Travel-ler site comprising the siting of 1 mobile home, 1 touring caravan, and 1 day-room per pitch	Consultation not yet received
2	22/00414/OOD – Land at Hockford Lane , Brimpton Common. Consultation BDBC: Ref 24/00035/FUL - Erection of Agricultural Barn and 1 x Large pen and 3 x Small pens.	Amended application

Planning Application Decisions made

1	24/00191/HOUSE-West Lodge, Crookham Common Road. Proposed oak framed garden room extension	Granted
2	23/02759/FUL - Oaktree Farm, Brimpton Common Erection of residential annex including change of use from Equestrian to residential	Refused
3	23/02984/FUL-Land 150 metres south of Brimpton Lane and West of Black-nest Lane Change of use of land to Gypsy/Traveller site comprising the siting of 1 mo-bile home and 1 touring caravan plus 1 dayroom	Refused

Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

1	23/01994/FUL – Three Horse Shoes, Brimpton Lane. Change of use from Su-Generis(pub) to C3 dwelling house with rear extension. Installation of Solar array.	31/3/24
2	23/02548/FUL - La Capanna (Formerly Known As The Pineapple) Little Knowl Hill Brimpton Common Change of use to car sales (Sui Generis) with retention of living accommodation on first floor - Out of Parish in Ashford Hill Parish BDBC	8/3/24
3	23/02583/OOD – Land adjacent to Redlands, Little Knowl Hill, Brimpton Common. (23/02771/FUL – B&D)	5 th Jan 24
4	23/01699/FULMAJ – Travellers Friend, Crookham Common Road. Demoli-tion of existing pub and reconstruction of 18 new flats with reception facili-ties.	9 Feb 24
5	23/00769/HOUSE – Shalford Farm House, Shalford Hill. Extensions and al-terations to existing house and outbuildings.	15 th Jan 24