

BRIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 April 2017 @ 7.30

Present: Mr J Hicks (acting Chairman), Mr P Bassil, Mrs M Cowdery, Mr D Cowdery, Mr R Smallwood, District Councillor Dominic Boeck, the Clerk Mrs B Harding and 8 members of the public

Apologies: Mr C Brims

Declarations of Interest: Mr Hicks is a Governor of Brimpton School

1 Minutes of the previous meeting approved and signed

2 Matters Arising:

Roads –PB reported that there had been no progress and he will continue to pursue this.

Bus shelter – a new contractor has to be found for this work; councillors agreed to consider a timber construction and clerk will contact the suppliers recommended by WBC

Bank – no progress with outstanding complaint – Clerk to progress.

Annual meeting - speakers were confirmed as Parish Council Chairman, Brimpton School headmistress, Vicar, Almshouses Chairman, Village Hall Chairman and a representative from each of the Fuel Allotments Charity, Open Gardens and Recreation Ground. The District Councillor is no longer able to attend but will provide a report indicating what implications there could be for parish councils as a result of the budget cuts which have been imposed by WBC and the subsequent devolution; DB reported that there has been an indication from WBC in a 3-year projection that no further services will be devolved down to parish councils.

Notice boards – PB received the councillors' agreement to go ahead with the ordering of the new notice boards.

3 District Councillor's Report

DB reported that WBC is now being led by Graham Jones, formerly Deputy Leader, following the sudden death of the Leader.

4 Internal Accounts Checker

JH, as Internal Checker, reported that the first inspection had taken place and in most part complies with the stipulations. It was agreed that at the time of issuing a cheque, the invoice should also be initialled by both signatories with an appropriate minute being made. The Council agreed both point 7 (legal powers and point 8 (Sect 137). From now on Section 137 expenditure will be identified in the Cash Book - JH to investigate this further.

5 Clerk's Report

Financial Report: c/a £16,738.94* d/ac £11,763.99

*incl £6800 for bus shelter

Bills to be paid: Clerk's salary £694.50 (incl £23 expenses)

Planning Applications:

New:	17/00630	LandadjTheFirs outline planning
	17/00649	Kiln Cottage new house
	17/00612	Wasing Cottage extension&garage
Current:	16/02916	Blacknest Farm 5 houses
Decisions:	16/03446	Little Park granted
	17/00040	Pippins granted
	16/03518	Pelynt refused

Discussion of 17/00630 resulted in No Objections from the councillors; it was also agreed to support the plans to build a new house in land to the rear of Kiln Cottage with a recommendation added that the driveway access should be widened; Wasing Cottage application was also discussed and whilst No Objections will be returned, there will also be an expression of concern about the height of the proposed brick wall.

Correspondence: none

6 Brimpton School – traffic problem

Following a complaint from the Headmistress about the speeding traffic past the school and the number of drivers using their mobile telephones, the Clerk had contacted our PCSO who will try and arrange a Police speed check at school drop-off times. Clerk to contact AWE to discuss the provision of a fixed speed detection sign.

6 Village Hall Committee

A working party has recently cleaned the exterior patio stones but there has been no progress to date with the new floor.

7 Any Other Business

PB reported the appearance of a large quantity of tyres in a lay-by near Shalford Bridge. PB informed the councillors that AWE have launched a Twitter site.

Date of next meeting: 2 May 2017

Meeting closed at 20.28