

**Brimpton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting**

Date: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 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: Christine McGarvie (Clerk)

District Cllr Dominic Boeck

14 members of the public including Jenna Ansell - Managing Director, Medicine Festival, Mark Harris- Art Director, Medicine Festival and Josh Dugdale, Wasing Estate

**44/23 Open Forum**

Jenna Ansell explained that the Medicine Festival is in its 4<sup>th</sup> Year and has grown by approximately 1000 people a year. It will be held between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August. This year they expect 6000 attendees so they are applying for a change to the licence which currently allows up to 5000 attendees. The licence also seeks to extend the hours for recorded and live music.

They are taking several steps to reduce the impacts of noise on surrounding residential areas. There is a decibel limit imposed by their licence and this is continuously monitored at several locations in the surrounding area. They are using quadrophonic speakers which means that sound is less likely to travel. They are also using hay bale sound insulation. Last year they didn't have any noise complaints. The decibel level restrictions vary at different times of the day.

A resident from Baughurst Road said that she experiences high noise levels in her garden during events.

A resident raised a concern that the emergency contact number was not always answered during last year's event. Jenna accepted that this had been an issue due to lack of mobile phone coverage and they will be taking steps to ensure that this doesn't happen again this year.

A resident raised concern that West Berkshire Council or the police would not act if the event licence was breached in any way. Cllr Boeck explained that the WBC enforcement team would need the Police to support any action. Cllr Dominic Boeck agreed to take the issue up with the Enforcement team and ask what they would do if there was a breach of the licence.

A resident raised a concern about drug use on site and the potential for people to drive under the influence. Reassurances were given that no drugs or alcohol are allowed on site and there are trained security/stewards to deal with any incidents.

A resident raised concerns about the increase in traffic particularly along Wasing Road. Josh Dugdale undertook to investigate whether it was possible to station a steward at the top of Wasing Road to re-direct people going to the festival site. Jenna explained that there are new traffic holding areas on site to get vehicles off of the road quicker and avoid queues. Attendees will be arriving over a 12-hour period so there should not be queues. However, the intention would be to direct people into and out of the site via Aldermaston rather than Brimpton, Wasing Road.

**44/23 Apologies for absence**

None

**45/23 To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda**

No interests were declared.

**46/23 Planning and Development** - The Parish Council agreed to bring this item forward so that the Licence Request 20/00016/LQN FV Medicine Events, Wasing Park could be discussed. The licence request is to increase in capacity to a maximum of 9,999 and to extend the hours that live and recorded music can be played on the site. Jenna Ansell explained that although the licence requests an increase to 9,999 they do not intend to allow more than 6,000 to attend this year.

The Parish Council resolved to respond with no objections.

**47/23 Minutes of the previous meeting**

47.1 It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

**47.2 Matters arising from minutes of June meeting not otherwise on the agenda (including review of Action Tracker)**

1/23 Tankers in Brimpton Road – Mr Hicks has taken photos of the damage caused by Thames Water's tankers and Clerk has sent the photos to their customer complaints department.

**48/23 To discuss Commemorative Events for 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day landings**

Mr Hicks proposed that the Parish Council set up a working group to arrange commemorative events for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day landings. There will be a national beacon lighting event across the country in which it was agreed Brimpton should take part. The Anniversary is on 6<sup>th</sup> June but there will be also events organised nationally in the weekend following this.

It was agreed that a working group should be formed with a budget of £1000 to spend on events.

Mr Hicks will seek volunteers to help with the organisation.

Action : JH

**49/23. Parish Environment****49.1 To provide an update on plans for installing a new memorial for the late Queen.**

The initial deposit has been paid and the design proof was agreed. Mr. Bassil to ask the stonemason to go ahead. The quoted cost includes installation and VAT.

Charles Brims, in his capacity as a Deputy Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire will be asked to unveil the memorial.

**49.2 To provide an update on the use of the SID in the parish and general speeding issues**

The SID is currently being used in Beenham. A resident has volunteered to help and may be able to provide another location for the SID on Crookham Common Road.

Mr Hicks raised the issue of large numbers of cars racing around the Parish late at night. This has been experienced several times and happened most recently on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Mr Hicks urged residents to report incidents to the police via 101 or the police website. Thames Valley Police will be visiting the

village on 19<sup>th</sup> July and will be in Church Lane from 6.30pm until 8pm. Residents are encouraged to attend and tell the police about these incidents as well as any other concerns.

Cllr Dominic Boeck said that he would also raise the issue of racing cars via the Public Protection Partnership.

### **50.1 To consider new planning applications received and provide updates on any already considered**

There were no new planning applications. Updates on applications already considered are given in appendix C

### **51/23. Finance**

#### **51.1 To approve payments and approve reconciliation against bank statements**

The payments and bank reconciliation (Appendix A and B) were approved. Mr Hicks to approve the payments online.

### **52/23 Consultation documents requiring consideration**

West Berkshire Winter Highway Maintenance plan

The Parish Council agreed to repeat the requests made last year to add the pavements in Brimpton Road and Brimpton Lane to the snow clearance schedule as follows :-

The Parish Council request that the clearance of the footway in Brimpton Lane is extended to include the section from the War Memorial to the junction with Wasing Road. It also requests that the footway along Brimpton Road (Manor View) is included in the plan as it is uphill and there are children who walk to school along this route as well as residents accessing the bus stop on Brimpton Lane.

**Action : Clerk.**

### **53/23. Reports**

#### **53.1 District Cllr's Report**

District Councillor Dominic Boeck emailed his report to the Parish Council before the meeting and this will be uploaded to the Parish Council website.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **53.2 Chairman's Report**

A Joint Parishes meeting is being arranged with Thames Valley Police to be held in September/October to include Aldermaston, Padworth, Beenham, Woolhampton and Midgham. This meeting will give the Parishes the opportunity to raise issues directly with Thames Valley Police.

#### **53.3 Clerk's report**

Clerk has been in contact with the owners of the Solar Farm, Wise Energy , regarding the trees and bushes that were supposed to screen the site but which have died. A call has been arranged with Wise Energy on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **53.4 Report from Village Hall Committee**

The Watermill Theatre open air theatre evening was very successful.

Mr Dolphin asked residents to get in touch with the Committee if they have requests for other entertainment they would like to see held at the hall.

Future events planned include the Bacon Butty morning on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, a Quiz night and Bingo evening.

**53.5 Report from Parish Council representative on the AWE LLC**

Nothing to report.

**54/23 Next Meeting – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 in the Village Hall**

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

## Appendix A

Meeting Report 4th July 2023

### Community Account

Statement balance 24/6/2023	Cashbook balance as at 24/6/2023	Cashbook balance after new payments made
£25,433.95	£25,433.95	£21,026.05

### Payments made since last meeting

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	June salary	279.00
EP	P.Bassil	APA expense	13.60
EP	Barclaycard	defib pads	91.74
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£384.34</b>

### New items for payment

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	Clerk's salary July	279.00
EP	SPB Stoneworks Ltd	50% deposit Queens memorial plaque (VAT £36.66)	220.00
DD	Barclaycard	defib battery at school (VAT £41)	246.00
EP	Harry Stebbing Workshop	Brimpton Common Noticeboards (VAT £385.50)	2311.80
EP	Triangle Mgmt Co.Ltd	Noticeboard installation (VAT £83.60)	501.60
EP	Digital House MD Ltd	mailbox upgrade (VAT £2)	12.00
EP	Brimpton C of E Primary School	Grant for shed	750.00
EP	Brimpton Village Hall	6 months of meetings	87.50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£4,407.90</b>

### Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
01/06/2023	Cash	Coronation mugs	80.00
05/06/2023	Interest	Savings account interest	66.67
			<b>£146.67</b>

### Payments not presented as of 24/6/2023

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
<b>TOTAL</b>			

Receipts not cleared as of 24/6/2023			
Receipt date	Payer	Details	TOTAL COST

Savings Account balance 24/6/2023	£32,044.98	
CIL	£9,075.55	must be spent by May 2026. Brimpton Common noticeboards purchase from CIL
INRG solar donation	£20,000.00	
	£29,075.55	

Appendix B

**Bank Reconciliation 29th June 2023**

<b>Authority name</b>	Brimpton Parish Council	
<b>Prepared by</b>	Christine McGarvie	Clerk and RFO
<b>Date</b>	29th June 2023	
<b>Approved by</b>	John Hicks	Chair of council

Balance per bank statements as at 23rd June 2023	£
Community Account	25,433.95
Saving account	32,044.98

Less any un-presented payments at 29th June 2023

Add any uncleared receipts

Net Bank balances as at 29th June 2023

**CASH BOOK**

Opening balance as per cashbook 1st April 2023	26,886.16
Add: Receipts in the year	2,297.24
Less: Payments in the year	3,749.45
Closing balance as per cash book as at 29th June 2023	<u>£25,433.95</u>

Opening balance savings account 1st April 2023	31,978.31
Add: Receipts in the year	£66.67
Less: Payments in the year	0
Closing balance as per cash book as at 29th June 2023	<u>£32,044.98</u>

Overall closing balance £57,478.93

diff £0.00

## Appendix C

### Brimpton Parish Council Meeting -4<sup>th</sup> July 2023

#### Planning Applications for Consideration

1	<b>20/00016/LQN – Medicine Events, Wasing Estate licence variation request</b> Increase in capacity to 9,999 maximum	14 <sup>th</sup> July 23 deadline
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#### Planning Application Decisions made

1	<b>23/00935/DEMO- The Old Cottage, Brimpton Road.</b> Application to determine if prior approval is required for the demolition of The Old Cottage	Approved
2	<b>23/01212/OOD – The Hurst School</b> – Creation of a 3G pitch including fencing,gates, storage, floodlights	No objection raised
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#### Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

1	<b>23/00402/FUL – Washoe Lodge</b> – Variation of conditions	19 <sup>th</sup> April 23
2	<b>23/00961/FUL – 1 The Osiers, Brimpton Road.</b> Erection of a new 3 bedroom house	13 <sup>th</sup> June 23
3	<b>23/00944/FUL, 23/00945/LBC – Oaklands, Crookham Common Road</b> Conversion of outbuilding to residential annexe.	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 23
4	<b>23/00901/HOUSE – Arundell Lodge, Brimpton Lane</b> . Loft conversion to include Velux rooflights etc	16 <sup>th</sup> June 23
5	<b>23/00769/HOUSE – Shalford Farm House, Shalford Hill.</b> Extensions and alterations to existing house and outbuildings.	21 <sup>st</sup> June 23