

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

Date: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 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)  
                      13 members of the public

**25/24 Open Forum**

25.1 A resident ask District Cllr Boeck about West Berkshire Council’s policy on litter picking. District Cllr Boeck confirmed that it is only done when it is specifically requested. A suggestion was made by the resident that the Parish council consider paying for a litter pick every 3 months. Mr. Hicks said that a volunteer litter pick has been arranged to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

25.2 A resident raised a concern that there aren’t any volunteers to run community speedwatch or to manage putting up the SID in the Parish. There are few safe places for Community Speedwatch to be carried out but Mr. Hicks said he would ask for volunteers again in his email update and explained that we could ask West Berkshire Council to carry out monitoring in any places of particular concern.

25.3 Mr Bassil raised a concern that the bridge on Brimpton Road near to the Methodist Church still has not been repaired. There have been plastic barriers there for a long time. It was suggested that the delay may have been due to the work being done at Aldermaston Wharf Bridge. Clerk to ask for an update from West Berkshire Council.

**Action: Clerk**

**26/24 Apologies for absence**

None

**27/24 To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda**

None

**28/24 Minutes of the previous meeting**

28.1 It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were a true and accurate record. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

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

19/24 The move to a gov.uk web address is being progressed.

115.2/23 Emergency contact numbers. Mr Hicks reported that the school alarm went off over the weekend and there was no one in the Village with a key. Mr. Dolphin offered to be a key holder.

53.3/23 Solar farm screening. After Wasing Estate contacted the Solar company, work is now underway to remove the dead hedging and to plant new screening.

30.3/21 Flooding on Brimpton Road at Willow Wands – the area is flooded now after heavy rain. District Cllr Boeck reported that the West Berkshire department responsible for drainage are inundated at the moment so there is likely to be a delay to the promised remedial work.

### **29/24. An update on arrangements for Commemorative Events for 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings**

A meeting of the working group was held on 28<sup>th</sup> February. There are three social events planned as part of the commemorative events.

There will be a beacon lighting event on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June (anniversary of D-Day). The event is being organised by Mr and Mrs Matthews to include a Fish and Chip Supper. It will be a ticketed event.

A Family Picnic with musical entertainment will be held on Saturday afternoon 8<sup>th</sup> June 1 to 4pm.

There will be a BBQ with live music on Saturday evening and this will also be a ticketed event.

There may be a thanksgiving event on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at the Methodist Church.

There will be bunting put up through the Parish and the 13 flags of the allied nations involved in the D-Day landings.

### **30/24 Jubilee Green**

#### **30.1 To provide an update on the pedestrian gate and levelling the ground.**

An additional pedestrian gate has been installed.

The work to level the ground is now being dealt with by the Village Hall Committee but has been delayed due to the poor weather.

### **31/24 Parish Environment**

#### **31.1 Update on planning enforcement issues in Brimpton Common between Brimpton Lane and Blacknest Lane**

The Parish Council have submitted objections to the planning application for change of use.

A resident said that the buyers have received a letter from a company inviting the landowners to pay to have the overage clause removed.

The determination deadline for the change of use application is 29<sup>th</sup> March but this is unlikely to be met as it will have to be determined by the Eastern Planning Committee due to the high number of objections.

There has been no further update from Planning Enforcement.

### **32/24 Planning and Development**

23/01994/FUL – Three Horse Shoes, Brimpton Lane. Change of use from Sui Generis(pub) to C3 dwelling house with rear extension. Installation of Solar array.

The applicant was not able to attend the meeting but had clarified that the amendments were due to comments from the West Berkshire Council planning officer.

The Parish Council resolved to support the application and ask that the decision is made soon, as the site is currently an eye sore in the centre of the village.

22/00058/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 resolved not to comment further.

24/00191/HOUSE-West Lodge, Crookham Common Road. Proposed oak framed garden room extension

The Parish Council resolved to respond with no objections.

### **33/24. Finance**

#### **33.1 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.

#### **33.2 To consider grant request from Brimpton PCC for grass cutting at church in 24/25**

A grant request was received from the Parochial Church Council requesting £2000 towards the grass cutting in the church yard.

All agreed to support the application. Clerk to make the payment in April.

**Action: Clerk**

A cheque was received from the Brimpton Recreation Ground charity towards the cost of the pedestrian gate and two benches at the Jubilee Green.

### **34/24 Reports**

#### **34.1 District Councillor's Report**

District Cllr Boeck will provide an update report via email.

A budget meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> February. The administration has decided to reduce the cost of the green bin service to residents and to remove one planning enforcement officer role.

#### **34.2 Chairman's Report**

Mr Hicks reported that there have been three new incidents of parents parking inconsiderately in Hatch Lane and Enborne road when dropping off/picking up children at school.

#### **34.3 Clerk's Report**

The website provider has quoted £300 to £375 to upgrade the website to Joomla 5. Clerk to add this to the agenda for the April meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **34.4 Report from Village Hall Committee**

The hall continues to be busy.

#### **34.5 Report from Parish Council representative on the AWE LLC**

The next LLC meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April

#### **35/24 Next meeting.**

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm. Clerk to book hall and send out invitations.

**Action:Clerk**

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

Appendix A

Meeting Report 5th March 2024

**Community Account**

Statement balance 23/2/2024	Cashbook balance as at 24/2/2024	Cashbook balance after new payments made
£15,999.78	£15,999.78	£14,606.39

**Payments made since last meeting**

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
EP	Brimpton Village Hall	6 months hall hire	100.00
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	January salary	299.00
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	Black Printer ink (50%)	22.97
EP	Seated Furniture Ltd	2 x benches for Jubilee Green (VAT £187.25)	1123.48
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1,545.45</b>

**New items for payment**

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	March salary	299.00
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	Homeworking allowance 23/24 12 months	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£1,393.39</b>

**Receipts since last meeting date**

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
			£0.00

**Payments not presented as of 24/2/2024**

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

**Receipts not cleared as of 24/2/2024**

Receipt date	Payer	Details	TOTAL COST

Savings Account balance 24/2/2024	£32,242.73
CIL	£9,041.44
INRG solar donation	£20,000.00

must be spent by May 2026.  
Brimpton Common notice-boards purchased from CIL

another £220 for memorial stone to come out

	£29,041.44
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Appendix B

**Bank Reconciliation 29th February 24**

**Authority name** Brimpton Parish Council  
**Prepared by** Christine McGarvie Clerk and RFO  
**Date** 29th February 24  
**Approved by** John Hicks Chair of council

Balance per bank statements as at 23rd February 2024	£	£
Community Account	15,999.78	
Saving account	32,242.73	
		<u>48,242.51</u>
Less any un-presented payments at 24th January 2024		
		0.00

Add any uncleared receipts

Net Bank balances as at 23rd February 2024 £48,242.51

**CASH BOOK**

Opening balance as per cashbook 1st April 2023	26,886.16
Add: Receipts in the year	2,362.26
Less: Payments in the year	<u>13,248.64</u>
Closing balance as per cash book as at 23rd February 2024	<u>£15,999.78</u>

Opening balance savings account 1st April 2023	31,978.31
Add: Receipts in the year	£264.42
Less: Payments in the year	<u>0</u>
Closing balance as per cash book as at 23rd February 2024	<u>£32,242.73</u>

Overall closing balance £48,242.51

Appendix C

Brimpton Parish Council Meeting -5<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Planning Applications for Consideration

1	<b>23/01994/FUL – Three Horse Shoes, Brimpton Lane.</b> Change of use from Sui Generis(pub) to C3 dwelling house with rear extension. Installation of Solar array.	Amended application
2	<b>22/00058/OOD – Land at Hockford Lane , Brimpton Common.</b> Consultation BDBC: Ref 24/00035/FUL - Erection of Agricultural Barn and 1 x Large pen and 3 x Small pens.	Amended application
3	<b>24/00191/HOUSE-West Lodge, Crookham Common Road.</b> Proposed oak framed garden room extension	5 <sup>th</sup> March 24

Planning Application Decisions made

1	<b>23/02654/PIP – Land East of Old Thatch, Crookham common road. Brimpton..</b> Application for permission in principle , change of paddock to residential curtilage and erection of single family dwelling.	Refused
2	<b>23/02559/FUL – Oaktree Farm, Brimpton Common.</b> Erection of replacement barn	Approved
3	<b>23/02776/HOUSE – Audley House, Brimpton Common.</b> Proposed removal of existing porch and replacement with oak frame	Approved

Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

1	<b>23/02984/FUL-Land 150 metres south of Brimpton Lane and West of Blacknest Lane</b> Change of use of land to Gypsy/Traveller site comprising the siting of 1 mobile home and 1 touring caravan plus 1 dayroom	29/3/24
2	<b>23/02759/FUL - Oaktree Farm, Brimpton Common</b> Erection of residential annex including change of use from Equestrian to residential	14/3/24
3	<b>23/02548/FUL - La Capanna (Formerly Known As The Pineapple) Little Knowl Hill Brimpton Common</b> 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
4	<b>23/02583/OOD – Land adjacent to Redlands, Little Knowl Hill, Brimpton Common.</b> (23/02771/FUL – B&D)	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 24
5	<b>23/01699/FULMAJ – Travellers Friend, Crookham Common Road.</b> Demolition of existing pub and reconstruction of 18 new flats with reception facilities.	9 Feb 24
6	<b>23/00769/HOUSE – Shalford Farm House, Shalford Hill.</b> Extensions and alterations to existing house and outbuildings.	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 24