BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 18th December

2018 at 7.30pm in the Church Room, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell

Present: Cllrs S. Robson (Chair), A. McGivan, H. Baines, G. Gilgrass, C. Collett and J. Debney.

In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk) and County Cllr L. Atkins.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr S. Jackson and D. Fox.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

There were none.

4. Public Participation

There was none.

5. Reports

a) County Councillor's Report

I've received further information about the selection of route B for the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway corridor which has confirmed that it does not pass through my Division, although it does come close to Long Wittenham in the north west. There will be a range of further consultation and information gathering before formal consultation takes place on a number of potential specific routes. It is impossible to plan for the consequences of the Expressway.

The County Council recently voted to make improvements to arrangements for cycling across the county (not just in Oxford) a priority. This is still subject to securing the right funds for the right schemes, but it is an important acknowledgement of the need to promote travel other than by car.

Oxfordshire has been named the best performing county council waste disposal authority in England for its recycling rates during 2017/18. The success reflects Oxfordshire County Council's commitment to work with districts to protect the environment.

Happy Christmas!

b) District Councillors' Report

The District Council report was noted and is held on file.

c) Clerk's Report

The Clerk has met with the Shillingford Hill Residents Association to try to help sort out the finances of the bus which are in a bit of a muddle following the deaths of both Chairs since February.

d) Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P18/S3689/HH	Variation to listed building consent in relation to east gable.	NSV	Approved
	Proposal to repair elevation as described P18/S1055/LB but to		
	clad elevation to timber weatherboarding once repair works		
	have been completed. The Orchards, The Street		
P18/S3393/HH	Detached 3 bay garage with accommodation above. Haddon	NSV	
	Orchard		
P18/S2960/HH	Swimming Pool. Mackney Lodge	NSV	

e) Agree December's Payments for approval

The following accounts for payment were approved.

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerk's Salary and Expenses	497.45		497.45
HMRC – PAYE	123.80		123.80
Blanchford Building Supplies – donation to show	70.19		70.19
Edward Morgan – donation to show	87.64		87.64
OALC - training	45.00	9.00	54.00
BcS Web Group - donation	1000.00		1000.00
1 st Brightwell-cum-Sotwell Scout Group - donation	500.00		500.00
Celia Collet – curtains for show donation			234.10

6. Matters for Discussion/Decision

a) To discuss masterplan for Slade End Green

Cllr Debney reported the Neighbourhood Plan sets out three sites at Slade End Green. The Parish Council needs to set out a master plan and Cllr Debney suggested appointing a landscape architect. One of the owners is prepared to pay for the architect but the Parish Council need make the appointment and be in charge.

It was agreed to appoint Sarah Ewebank as the landscape architect. Cllrs Debney, Collett and Baines will form a sub group to create a brief for the project.

b) Red Box Gallery

Alison Debney would like to formally hand over curating the phone box to Robert Seater.

c) AONB Review

Cllr Debney has submitted a response to the review.

d) Oxfordshire Plan 2050

The Plan does not affect Brightwell-cum-Sotwell but it was agreed Council must be mindful of other parishes.

e) SODC Local Plan 2032

Concerns were raised about the unjustified increase in the allocation of houses, building on the green belt and pressure on the local infrastructure. It was agreed to write to the District Councillors expressing the concerns of the council ahead of the full council meeting.

f) Play Areas Update

Inspection will start afresh in the new year.

The snagging issues on the new play equipment are to be fixed tomorrow.

Applications for funding for the refurbishment of the recreation field play equipment are to be completed in January.

New bollards to protect the recreation field are to be erected on 3rd January.

g) Tennis Court Update

The court is to be cleaned next month.

h) Budget 2019/20

The budget was discussed and it was agreed to set the precept as £30,109 to keep the cost to each household the same as last year.

i) To discuss purchase and use of land adjacent to Kings Meadow and the school It was agreed that the Parish Council are not really in the position to buy the land as there is no obvious use for it. However it was agreed to speak with possible interested parties to see if a group may be interested in purchasing the land.

7. Matters for report and inclusion on January's Agenda

- Land adjacent to the school
- Slade End Green
- Village Hall Car Park
- Cllr Debney reported that Kingerlee hope the traffic lights will be gone before Christmas and the road will be cleaned. Concerns were raised a bout parking associated with the site.
- Maeves Magical journey have will donate any excess funds to the Parish Council for accessibility in the parish.
- Mr Copley has cleared some of the rabbits in the rec however the undergrowth needs to be cleared.
- 30mph signs created by children need to be erected on the High Road

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm.