BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 15th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Church Room, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell

Present: Cllrs S. Robson (Chair), A. McGivan, S. Jackson, G. Gilgrass, C. Collett, D. Fox, R. Nielsen and

J. Debney.

In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr H. Baines and County Cllr L. Atkins.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

3. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

There were none.

4. Public Participation

There was none.

5. **Reports**

a) County Councillor's Report

There was none.

b) District Councillors' Report

There was none.

c) Clerk's Report

The new website is live though there is still some work to do.

d) Planning Report

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Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P18/S3644/HH	Proposed ground and first floor side extension. Haddon Lodge	NSV	Approved
P18/S2960/HH	Swimming Pool. Mackney Lodge	NSV	Approved
P18/S3899/LB	Repairs and alterations to fabric of building. The Orchards, The	NSV	
	Street		
P17/S3891/RM	Site B	Object	
Amend			
P18/S4121/HH	Garden room to replace garage. Workman Cottage, Mackney	NSV	
	Lane		
P19/S0003/FUL	Variation P18/S0050/FUL The Rodings, High Road		

e) Agree January's Payments for approval

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerk's Salary and Expenses	513.86		513.86
HMRC – PAYE	123.80		123.80
Blanchford Building Supplies – donation to show	54.17		54.17
Brightwell PCC – Room Hire	118.00		118.00
John O'Conner – Grass Cutting	106.00	21.20	127.20
E. Kerr – Cover Clerk for September meeting	33.81		33.81

6. Matters for Discussion/Decision

a) To discuss masterplan for Slade End Green

The sub committee had met with Sarah Ewebank who will now meet with the landowners. Concerns were raised about the status of Ms Ewebank and it was agreed that she will be employed by the landowners but will liaise with the Parish Council.

Ms Ewebank is to meet with the landowners to discuss the masterplan and she will also meet with the neighbours.

b) SODC Local Plan 2032

Cllr Fox reported that he attended the SODC Local Plan meeting and has a copy of the plan. The plan does not have a direct impact on Brightwell-cum-Sotwell though concerns were raised that the increase in housing density may lead to sites around the parish applying for an increase in density. Cllr Debney also pointed out that the Didcot bypass would be visible from the Sinodun Hills. It was agreed the Neighbourhood Plan must be kept up to date. It was noted that the Parish Council can only respond to matters that directly affect the parish but residents should be encouraged to respond to wider issues such as housing numbers.

c) Play Areas and Tennis Court Update

Cllr Gilgrass reported that the tennis court will be pressure washed tomorrow. He has received three quotes for the resurfacing work and taken up the references. The resurfacing will cost £31,500 including the basketball area. The tennis club will donate £5000 for the work and the Parish Council have budgeted £5000 towards the work. Grants have been applied for to cover the remaining costs. The work would ideally be completed in April.

The plans for the recreation ground need to confirmed. Cllr Gilgrass is to look at further examples of adult gym equipment.

Cllr Gilgrass reported that there are still some issues with the Kings Meadow refurbishment and the Parish Council is withholding the final £2000 payment until they are resolved.

d) Budget 2019/20

Cllr Fox reported that the proposed precept of £30108 would lead to a budgeted deficit of £20,000 however the council hold large reserves.

Cllr Collet proposed a precept of £30108 and this was seconded by Cllr Robson. The motion was carried unanimously.

e) To discuss purchase and use of land adjacent to Kings Meadow and the school Cllr Debney reported there has been no further progress though he has arranged to speak to the Bach Centre and he has spoken with individuals who may be willing to help.

f) Village Hall Car Park

The application for the old nursery is imminent and will include the proposed extension to the Village Hall car park which the owners wish to give to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council need to clarify who will pay for the construction of the car park. Cllr Collett will speak to Mr Thorne.

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

- Site B clarification of the status of the roads
- Jubilee Pavilion Meeting
- A resident has requested more trees be planted on Kings Meadow.
- The music hall production made a small surplus wish should be placed in a community account for any future productions.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 19th February 2019 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.15 pm.