BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 15th June 2021 at 7.30pm at the Jubilee Pavilion.

Present: Cllrs S.Robosn (Chair), H.Baines, G.Gilgrass, J.Davys, J.Debney, J.Harding, C.Collett, J.Dayvs, S.Jackson, B.Nielson, P.Sudbury, A. Simpson

In attendance: K. Fanstone (Clerk)

1 Apologies for Absence

No apologies

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 18^{th} May 2021 were approved and will be signed by Sue in the Parish Office,

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present

5 Reports & District Councillor Report

Cllr. Simpson

Anne-Marie reported that the Bioabundance group had been refused their appeal by the High Court.

The Oxfordshire 2050 Plan is a Joint Statutory Spatial Plan which once adopted will form part of the Development Plan for five councils in Oxfordshire (South Oxfordshire, Vale of the White Horse, Oxford City, Cherwell and West Oxfordshire). It will provide a long-term (30 years from 2020-2050) overarching and high-level spatial planning framework for Oxfordshire.

The new Chair for SODC has been elected, Cllr Jo Robb and David Bretherton has been made Chair of planning.

Cllr. Sudbury

Having attended several meetings Pete was pleased to report that it is very clear that the newly elected County Councillors all see the environment and climate as the main priority and are committed to working together to makes changes.

The work continues to explore having a crossing on the High Road, Pete will report back when he has more information on this.

Discussion regarding a bike route through all the villages to Didcot and whether this can be visited again, Pete to look into it.

Jason reported that the light angles on the by-pass street lights still hadn't been changed, Pete to investigate latest with the lights and report back.

Helen to email Pete and Ann- Marie regarding the long term out of order "pod points" in Wallingford,

Clerks Report

Over the last month the last few long-term cars have now been removed from the War Memorial and the caravan has gone from the High Road. All agreed the parking had been much better.

Discussion regarding the football and cricket club's contribution to the grass cutting, the Pavilion committee are due to meet over the next month so Katie will catch up with Tony regarding this.

Planning Report

Ref	Description	Decision
P21/S1337/FUL	Nursery Lane – update from Highways	Submission sent
P21/S2099/HH	Vallum	Approved
P21/S2206/FUL	North Farm	Approved
P21/S2352/LB	Smalls House	Approved

The PC has received an email from a resident on Nursery Lane regarding having an independent person to liaise between the 2 parties. Jason to circulate the email to the planning committee, and they will meet to discuss moving forward.

Agree June's Payments for approval

Payee and reason	total
K. Fanstone – Clerk's Salary	£608.63
Glanville (surveyors report)	£900.00
Scofell (April and May)	£1539.26
Wicksteed (swing seat and safety bolts)	£77.40

It was agreed to pay for the Glanville surveyors report from the CIL budget.

Matters for Discussion/Decision

- a) The Parish Council has received the Internal Audit report, the financial aspects have improved on last year but we have been given non compliance on 3 conditions, these are down to clerical errors from the Clerk, the Council discussed how to improve on these next year, and a plan will be implemented to make sure these are corrected over the coming months. The Council approved the AGAR document. The Annual Governance statement and account statement were signed by the Chair. The Clerk will now submit everything for the external auditors and serve the Public Notice over the coming days.
- b) There is no update from the Solicitor regarding the Parish Council land transfer for the village hall carpark, Celia will contact Frank to check that everything is on track his side and to try and speed things up.
- c) Sadly, there has been no real progress made at Little Martins by Kingerlee to get the open spaces tidied up ready to be transferred. Jason has had a heated chat with Ollie, but the situation is getting increasingly frustrating. Jason has a meeting with the site foreman this week in the hope that some progress can be made. The new residents are also starting to get very fed up with the situation. The open spaces are still not in an acceptable state for the Parish Council to proceed with the land transfer. Jason to email Kingerlee Head Office this week.
- d) The Council discussed a problem with groups of youngsters hanging around in Kings Meadow on warm summer evenings. Sue and Katie had both been contacted by a resident that lives nearby. It was

decided it wasn't possible to move the bench as that was just moving the problem to a different area of the park. Katie to contact the local PSCO to request more patrols in the evenings, and the residents have been encouraged to call the non-emergency police line if the problem continues. Katie to email the resident.

8 Matters for report and inclusion on December Agenda

Helen - The gym equipment is still being stored in the Pavilion changing rooms, this will need to be moved by restrictions lifting next month, this will be put on the agenda for the next Pavilion committee meeting in a few weeks

Celia reported that it is time to have another meeting with the Slade end Project residents, Celia to email out some suggested dates.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.05 pm.