

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and on April 19th 2022 at 7.30pm In the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs S. Robson (Chair), H.Baines, J.Davys, C.Collett, B.Nielson, S. Jackson, on zoom J.Harding

In attendance: K. Fanstone (Clerk)

1	Apologies for Absence . Apologies received from Cllr Debney, Cllr Gilgrass																								
2	Minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2022 . The minutes of the meeting held on 15 th March 2022 were approved and were signed by Cllr Baines																								
3	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest . There were no declarations of interest																								
4	Public Participation . Mrs Lee attended to update the Parish Council on the open spaces at Little Martins. A group of volunteers are working with Cllr Debney to try and get the open spaces tidy and suitable for the grounds maintenance company to take over, Katie to talk to Cllr Debney regarding any equipment they may need.																								
5	Clerks Report – . Discussion reading the council team attending the village in June to tend to verges and pavements, it was decided to recommend, Greenmere, Kings Orchard and Monks Mead for areas that they can concentrate on. Due to a change in diesel and equipment legislation this year the cost for cutting the rec to the the required length for the cricket matches has increased considerably. It was agreed after talking to the cricket club to work 6 short cuts a year into the contract around the home matches on the rec, Katie to arrange this and liaise with the cricket club. The Finance regulations, Risk register and standing orders had previously been circulated and all were reviewed and approved. Planning Report <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Ref</th><th>Description</th><th>Decision</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>P22/S1096/HH</td><td>Saddlestones</td><td>Approved</td></tr><tr><td>P22/S1150/HH</td><td>Brackenbury, High Road</td><td>Holding Objection</td></tr><tr><td>P22/S1167/HH</td><td>Church House, Sotwell Street</td><td>Approved</td></tr><tr><td>P22/S1120/HH</td><td>White Cottage</td><td>Approved</td></tr><tr><td>P22/S1149/HH</td><td>Old Copse Cottage</td><td>Approved</td></tr><tr><td>P22/S1297/FUL</td><td>The Byre</td><td>Objection</td></tr><tr><td>P22/S1286/HH</td><td>Rush Court Gardens</td><td>Approved</td></tr></tbody></table>	Ref	Description	Decision	P22/S1096/HH	Saddlestones	Approved	P22/S1150/HH	Brackenbury, High Road	Holding Objection	P22/S1167/HH	Church House, Sotwell Street	Approved	P22/S1120/HH	White Cottage	Approved	P22/S1149/HH	Old Copse Cottage	Approved	P22/S1297/FUL	The Byre	Objection	P22/S1286/HH	Rush Court Gardens	Approved
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Cllr Collett has written to planning and enforcement again regarding Applecroft but as yet has not had a reply, any updates received will be circulated. This continues to be very frustrating for the Parish Council and the neighbours that live near Applecroft.

Agree Payments for approval

Payee and reason	£ total
K. Fanstone – Clerk’s Salary April	£622.44
Meeting room hire x 3 invoices	£136.00
OALC membership	£333.18
Hedges legal fee’s	£2993.60
Neil Homer (Paid from NP Grant) x 2 invoices	£10,120
Rhino play report	£231.60
L.S.W – play equipment screws and tape	£9.96
John Calvert – pavilion window	£90.00
TEN events license - Jubilee	£21.00
Neighbourhood plan letters postage and stationery	£8.03
Huck nets	£66.88
Unicorn restorations – Phone box x 2 invoices	£906.97
Dog bins	£430.56
Printinco - NP printing	£821.90

6 Matters for Discussion/Decision

- a) Cllr Robson, Bains, Collett and Debney had attended the Wallingford Town Council to talk to them about the boundary change, the meeting went well, Wallingford Town Council plan to discuss the matter at their next planning meeting but they did fully appreciate the points that we made
- b) The Parish Council discussed the proposal from Highways to place gates on the West side entry to Sires Hill, while the Council are not opposed to match funding the speed reducing measure they did question if the gates are in the right position before the sharp bend, and asked if there was a better position for them to go. Katie to contact the resident group and Highways to discuss the positioning.
- c) The agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting was decided and Katie and Cllr Robson will finalise who will speak for each section. Advertising the evening needs to be done this week, Katie to arrange for advertising with Cllr Bains.
- d) The year end accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved. The Heat source grant has been carried into this year, and with the start of the CIL fund being spent additional information will now be included on the monthly accounts. Katie to meet with Cllr Harding to finalise account sheets.
- e) The tidying up on the Bell lane car parking spots has unfortunately not worked and the area has been churned up again. There was a discussion regarding a long term solution to this problem but no conclusions were made, and it was decided to revisit it in the autumn again.
- f) The first stage of the carpark clearing has been started, there has been some mis communication about how this was going to be undertaken and moving forward there will need to be a clear plan. Cllr Gilgrass has offered to project manage the car park with the assistant from other Councillors. Bruce Gordon would like to be invited to

	<p>look at any more tree trunks that are taken away for his art projects. Each stage of development in the carpark is still to be discussed and decided at the meetings, and all agreed there needed to be an emphasis on using help from the village to keep cost down. Moving forward any emergency fallen tree's that fall in the village will continue to be delt with by James, but any planned tree removal will be offered to Bruce Gordon.</p> <p>g) Grant applications from the Community association for the jubilee celebration event and the community web group for website hosting were approved.</p>
8	<p>Matters for report and inclusion on February Agenda</p> <p>. Cllr Robson to attend a meeting with a representative from SODC and some residents from near the war memorial regarding the parking around the memorial. A further meeting will be arranged including the church and the garage to try and work out a permanent solution to this ongoing problem</p> <p>The village hall developments all sound really positive and they will be able to update us further once they have met with the new architects.</p>

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 25th May 2022 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.30 pm.