

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 19th March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Church Room, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell

Present: Cllrs S. Robson (Chair), H. Baines, A. McGivan, S. Jackson, D. Fox, R. Nielsen, and J. Debney.

In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk), County Cllr L. Atkins and one member of the public.

1.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllrs G. Gilgrass and C. Collett.
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2019 The minutes of the meeting held on 19 th February 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
3.	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. There were none.
4.	Public Participation The residents of 7 Kings Orchard have taken down their leylandii and wanted to confirm where their boundary is in order to put up a fence. It was agreed that the edge of the footpath seemed a sensible line. The Parish Council declined to sell any land to the resident. The Parish Council reassured the resident that the hazel will under new management.
5.	Reports a) County Councillor's Report 1.The annual allocation of school places to Year 7 pupils going to secondary schools has recently taken place. In this area, Wallingford School is oversubscribed, but I believe that any students from Brightwell who want to go there will have been allocated places. If anyone hears of anyone with concerns about school allocations, please do ask them to get in touch with me and I will see if I can help. 2.Preparations for Brexit: OCC is lead authority for emergency planning so it has been working closely with other authorities, such as district councils, the police and the NHS across the Thames Valley to ensure we are prepared for whatever Brexit might bring. At the time of writing, we don't know when it will happen or what form it might take, so we are preparing for many possibilities, on the basis of 'plan for the worst and hope for the best'. We already have existing plans for many eventualities such as road disruption and problems with supply chains, so these have been reviewed in conjunction with central government, working with others across Thames Valley Police area. We have received government funding to cover the costs involved which are largely officer time so far. 3.The County Council recently ran a very successful blue badge enforcement campaign, during which over 1,000 badges were checked. Twenty one were seized as they were being used illegally. In an amnesty before the actual campaign, 200 blue badges were returned to the Council anonymously. The operation also targeted the misuse of disabled parking bays – over 2,100 penalty charges were issued last year to people misusing disabled parking bays. b) District Councillors' Report The District Council report is held on file. c) Clerk's Report Wallingford School have now appointed a new community project coordinator and I have arranged with him for the young people to start the work to the benches, hopefully next week. I have sent out the election information to all current councillors. Please let me know if you have any questions. I also have your electoral number which you will need to complete the forms.

I have received complaints about a new gate blocking a bridleway. This has been reported to the footpath officer who I believe has already inspected the gate. I await a response from him.

There has been a request from Brightfest to use the recreation field on Saturday 8th June. Assuming there are no objections I will grant permission subject to the usual insurance and risk assessments being sent to me.

d) Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P19/S0534/FUL	Proposed conversion and extension of existing storage barn to create additional garage accommodation and a guest annex and incorporation of surrounding land within residential curtilage of Orchard Hill House.	NSV subject to condition it does not become a separate dwelling	
P19/S0755/N5C	Change of use of part of outbuilding to cafe. Amend kitchen layout. Bach Centre	Unable to comment	

e) Agree March's Payments for approval

The following accounts for payment were agreed.

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerk's Salary and Expenses	516.38		516.38
HMRC – PAYE	128.20		128.20
Rialtas Business Solutions – Accounts software	119.00	23.80	142.80
Natalie Bright – email addresses	175.00		175.00

6. **Matters for Discussion/Decision**

a) Parking around school and War Memorial

Concerns have been raised about inconsiderate parking around the school it was agreed to put a notice in the Parish notice board asking people to park considerately.

There have also been complaints about the cars parked around the garage and war memorial. Cllr Jackson is to talk to the garage owner.

b) Pavilion Report

A volunteer has been found to act as Treasurer.

c) Verges

The chippings have been laid too thickly at the top of Bell Lane and cars have become stuck. Cllr Fox agreed to move some of the chippings. Cllr Debney will investigate the cost of posts to prevent parking on the verge.

d) Earth Trust Woodland Management Plan Consultation

Cllr Debney to respond.

e) Request from resident to purchase land at Kings Meadow

As per public participation.

f) Annual Parish Meeting

The boys football team and Village Hall committee to be invited to speak. Cllr Baines will arrange for the posters to be designed.

7. **Matters for report and inclusion on April's Agenda**

- Election to be advertised
- Cllr Nielsen reported that he will be hosting an English Food and Wine Festival on 8th June.

	- Cllr Debney is still trying to resolve the land issue.
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It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9pm.