

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 18th February 2020 at 7.30pm in the Church Room, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell

Present: Cllrs S, Robson (Chair), H. Baines, S. Jackson, J. Davys, J. Debney, B. Neilson, J. Harding, C. Colett, P. Sudbury, A. Simpson

In attendance: K. Fanstone (Clerk)

1.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllrs. G.Gilgrass
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2020 The minutes of the meeting held on 21 st January 2020 were approved and will be signed by Sue in the Parish Office.
3.	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.
4.	Public Participation David Dobbin attended the meeting to express his concern over an article in the paper regarding the Secretary of State and the housing & planning issue that is on going with Oxford County Council. David was very upset at the lack of democracy with this issue and the meeting agreed with him. Sue confirmed that the Parish along with individual Councillors had written to oppose the planning changes. David wanted to urge more letters and emails to be sent, there was a discussion regarding how to spread the message to the people in the village. Celia and Katie to look into a list of emails that may have been compiled a while ago with Lucy, and also suggested some slips be printed for the shop to give out to customers. Anne-Marie suggested as time was of an essence, emails instead of letters would be better, letters at this stage will be to slow. David also wanted to talk about the verge at Bell Lane, the chippings that were put there temporarily are no longer really working. Sue had spoken to Martin Dix who was willing to contribute to something more substantial. Jason has some wooden bollards in his garage that are perfect for the area, the council just needs someone to fit them. It was suggested that maybe Kingerlee would be able to do this for us. Jason to contact them to see if they can help.
5.	Reports & District Councillor Report a) Anne-Marie Simpson Anne Marie updated the meeting on a new cycling initiative that is being developed by OCC, they are asking all the villages for any cycle routes between them, that they could include and possibly improve. Jason presented his suggestion for a Pelican crossing on the main road by Slade End, and asked if this is something that Anne Marie may be able to help with. Anne Marie said she will look into the procedure for this.

Anne-Marie had been to a Quarry meeting, and if there are any issues with the site, they are to be reported to the site manager asap and let the County Council know. They are keen to resolve any issues quickly. There will be a new site entrance opening for site traffic.

b) Pete Sudbury

There was no update for Jason regarding the lighting at Site B and the effect it will have on the dark skies in the village, Pete has found it very difficult to make any contact with the Highways department. It was decided that Jason will draft an email to go to the developers, he will copy in Pete and highways. It was hoped that the developers at site B may be more inclined to engage with the Parish Council direct.

Pete has some contacts for starting a pelican crossing campaign and will pass these onto the Jason. There was mixed support for this proposal, and it was agreed that there was a lot more research needed. Some of the Councillors do not think there would be enough support for this, and it was decided to take it to the annual Parish meeting to see how the village felt.

c) Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P20/S0328/HH	Honeywood House single story extension	10/2/2020	Approved
P20/S0358/LDP	41 Kings Orchard – Garage conversion	10/2/2020	Approved
P20/S0149/FUL	Byre – 3-bedroom house	10/2/2020	Objection

Jason and Celia to get together over the next week to discuss writing a holding objection on the Byre planning application. There are some concerns that these plans do not fit in with the neighbourhood plan. The plans submitted are not very clear and the gardens are over the Parish boundary. Anne Marie to be sent a copy of the submission.

d) Januarys Payments for approval

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
K. Fanstone – Clerk’s Salary, village hall meeting & Stamps			£613.78
Dog Bins emptying x 6 months	£110.52		£110.52
Arrow Fencing Playdale frame	£1305.00	£261.00	£1566.00
John O’Conner – Outstanding invoice from Sept			£633.11

6. Matters for Discussion/Decision

- a) The Council thanked Jason for the revised application for the Pub to become a community asset, Jason to liaise with James regarding the last few bits of information needed and then he will submit the application.
- b) Jason has emailed all the Slade End residents and is in the process of arranging the next meeting, will report back at the March meeting with how it goes.
- c) There is another V.E day celebration meeting scheduled for end of February; plans are going well with the addition of a Puma helicopter now landing on the rec. After the meeting Jason to confirm with Katie any items that need ordering for the day.

	<p>d) The village environmental group have been in touch to find out a bit more about the “champion” role. It was decided to invite Lizzie to the meeting in April where we can discuss this further.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>CIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bob presented the policy statement that he had written, the whole Council were in agreement that it was a great policy to work from and covered all the relevant points. There were a few points from the Neighbourhood plan that Jason would like to be included. Jason to liaise with Bob on the relevant information. This statement when finalised will be presented to the Village at the annual Parish Meeting on 28th April.
<p>8.</p>	<p>Matters for report and inclusion on Marchs Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bob had been to meet the St Edwards team and the developers at Site B, an information pack is now available in the Parish Office for anyone that would like to have a look. Bob encouraged the Council to start engaging with them and build up a good relationship with them for the future. - The new Street Sign at Little Martins is going in on 25th February, Jason to check with Kingerlee exact times as they had mentioned some of the Parish Council being there for this. - Celia reported that it has been mentioned in the shop that the bin at Kings Meadow is not being emptied regularly enough. Katie to contact SODC. - Some residents had wanted to pass on their thanks to Sam from the garage for clearing some of the flooded ditches during storm Clara, he had done this on his own accord as he was passing. Katie to send a letter of thanks from the Parish Council. It was also noted that the Parish Council did a great job at clearing the storm damaged trees and blocked roads. - The environmental group are happy to help with clearing the ditches in the village, Katie to try and find the village drainage plans. - To be confirmed at the next meeting the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting. - There have been some complaints regarding all the parked and abandoned cars at the top of Greenmere, Sue to obtain a full list of cars and Katie to liaise with SOHA regarding this issue.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 17th March at 2020 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.35pm.