

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 21st January 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, P.Sudbury, A. Simpson

In attendance: K. Fanstone (Clerk)

1.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllrs. C. Collett, G.Gilgrass
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 17th 2019 The minutes of the meeting held on 17 th December were signed by H.Baines
3.	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.
4.	Introduction of Pete Sudbry – New District Councillor Pet Sudbury introduced himself as our new County Councillor. The Parish Council had lots of questions regarding the site B development. Issues raised – <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The destruction of the bypass, more and more fencing and cones are being added to the road, an excessive amount of signage has been put up all along the bypass and now a huge developer sign promoting the homes being built.- The quarry works have removed more hedges, and is the maximum amount of 15 daily lorries being monitored by anyone? There is also a new recommended 20mph speed limit along there now too.- We are still waiting for confirmation of the street lighting of the housing at site B, with its proximity to the Parish it will affect our dark skies. If we act now, we can have an influence on how this site is lit, but action needs to be now.- We have been made aware of temporary traffic lights going on the main road on 29th January, this causes huge problems for the village with cars using the village as a rat run. Katie to contact highways regarding some additional signage at village entrances, and will copy Pete in.- Pete told the group about a housing consultation that is open at the moment and encouraged us to take part, closing date is 8th Feb, and he will send over the link for it
5.	Reports a) Clerk's Report It was agreed to get some quotes to have the village white gates re painted as they are looking a bit tired. The new rota and inspection sheets are working well, the Clerk thanked everyone for their inspections.

Katie had visited the Shillingford residents and they thanked the Parish for their donation cheque. There are some highway and verge issues on the main Shillingford Road, and Katie is getting them sorted.

Tony has managed to get the original structural engineered quote reduced, but it still obtaining 2 more, there is a Pavilion meeting next week and Katie will update the Council at next month's meeting.

Graham feels that with the next stage of the Village hall redevelopment starting it would be handy to have more Councillors involved in this. Bob, Jason and Sarah are all happy to help with this, but more information is needed from Graham about how this will work

b) Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P19/S4697/FUL	Earth Trust River of Life	20/1/2020	TBC
P19/S4311/HH	Church Lane - Amendment	20/1/2020	Approved

c) Agree Januarys Payments for approval

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
K. Fanstone – Clerk's Salary, and laptop case			£605.39
McAfee on new laptop			£19.99
Wicksted Sign for gym equipment	£793.14	£158.63	£951.77

District Councillor Report

We had a lengthy discussion with Anne Marie regarding Site B, the Quarry works and the National Plan. Jason expressed all the Parish Councils concerns. More to be discussed at the next meeting.

6. **Matters for Discussion/Decision**

- a) Slade End Update – Jason will get back in touch with Simon, and respond to the residents. It was agreed that Helena and Jason would arrange another meeting with Sarah and the developers, and will report back to the Parish Council.
- b) Discussion regarding the car parking at the school at drop off and pick up time. Residents are having to deal with badly parked cars and blocked driveways. The school have tried to relay the message to parents about parking sensibly but it has not worked. Katie to contact the local PSCO officers to see if they can come out to have a look and if they have any more suggestion. The Council will also liaise with the school about the Parish Council writing a letter to go out to all the parents regarding parking and suggested Sue go along to one of the Friday parent assembly to relay the message too.
- c) There has been some flooding in the village over the past month. SODC are dealing with the Diary Lane issue and are contacting the home owners regarding the maintenance of the culvert. Some discussion over the sluice and the grey area over who owns and maintains it. The water that runs under here feeds other parts of the village and Jason requested a hydrological survey to try and confirm what is exactly going on. Katie will look into this and any cost that will be incurred. There has also been some flooding around the new gym equipment, it was the general view that this was due to the exceptional amount of rainfall before Christmas, discussion regarding the ditches next to the

	<p>equipment but it was felt the farmers generally kept these quite clear. It was agreed to monitor the situation over the next few weeks, and keep a close eye on the matting under the equipment.</p> <p>d) John Rodda has contacted the Parish Council to enquire what they are doing regarding reducing the Parish Emissions. It was decided that for now we would not be issuing a policy on this but would continue to be resilient to climate change in all the decisions we make. The Councillors talked about finding someone in the village who could be an environmental champion that could help with this, suggested to get back in touch with the environmental group to see if they may be uninterested in doing this.</p> <p>e) Jason and the V.E Day committee have been working hard on the V.E Day plans, and if all goes to plan it will be a brilliant day for the village. Starting with a rededication on the WW2 stone, and finishing with dancing and singing at a street party to be held in front of the pub. The Parish Council all agreed to support this event and would make a small budget available. Jason to liaise with Katie regarding items that need to be booked and ordered and Katie to organise the Street closure.</p> <p>f) Janet presented the final budget for 20/21 and all were in agreement with what had been set.</p>
7.	<p>CIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bob and Jason have been working through all the rules and legislation regarding the CIL money that the Parish has and will be receiving from the housing developments in the village. Bob has been in contact with SODC and submitted the annual spending report. More work needs to be done on the plans for the CIL and all were in agreement that there needs to be a policy statement drawn up fairly quickly regarding how the CIL money will be spent. Bob and Jason are going to spend some more time on this and everyone was encouraged to send their ideas over for how the money could best be spent. A full list and proposal will be prepared to present at the annual Parish meeting. - Having discussed the budget and current Council accounts there was a discussion regarding how the spending would be met for the basketball court re surfacing work that is due to be done in the spring. It was suggested that the CIL could be used for this. There were some concerns that spending was being authorised without a proper policy or consultation regarding the CIL. As this work is the last item as part of the whole play area refurbishment, it was felt that an exception could be made and this spending be authorised straight away before the policy was written and presented at the annual parish meeting. - Bob proposed that CIL Money be spent on just the basketball court work, James Seconded it, and all voted in agreement
8.	<p>Matters for report and inclusion on Novembers Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Graham has got a quote for the goal posts to be repaired and made safe, it was all agreed that this work should be done asap and Katie will contact Arrow fencing. - Jason has met with the Little Martins team again as they requested to see him to confirm the landscaping and open spaces plans.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 18th February at 2020 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.40pm.