

## BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.30pm Via Zoom,

**Present:** Cllrs S, Robson (Chair), S. Jackson, J. Davys, J. Debney, J. Harding, Helen Baines, C. Collett, G. Gilgrass, Bob Nelson, Anne-Marie Simpson

**In attendance:** K. Fanstone (Clerk)

1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> · There were no absences.												
2	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020</b> · The minutes of the meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020 were approved and will be signed by Sue in the Parish Office when Social Distancing is over.												
3	<b>Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest</b> · There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.												
4	<b>Public Participation</b> · There were no members of the public present												
5	<b>Reports &amp; District Councillor Report</b> · <b>Anne Marie Simpson</b> Anne Marie updated the Council with the new online planning committee plans. They have had some practice session and will be ready to go live next week, the agendas for the meetings will be on the website. It is hoped there will be more than one a month as there is quite a back log of planning decisions. Anne Marie will try and find out when we will be included in the sessions for a planning application in the village.  The response to the government cycling initiative from Anne Marie's Ward has been fantastic and it is clear that there is real interest in getting the cycling links between the villages and Wallingford and Didcot established. The timeframe for submissions is very short, but Anne-Marie is hopeful we can achieve something.  <b>Pete Sudbury</b> Pete has responded positively to Jason's cycling proposal and will put them forward for consideration. He has also had contact with Celia and Sue regarding the ongoing planning issues in the village.  <b>Planning Report</b> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Ref</th><th>Description</th><th>PC Rec</th><th>Decision</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>P20/S10050/FUL</td><td>Th Rodings, High Road</td><td>27/4</td><td>Objection</td></tr><tr><td>P20/S1290/FUL</td><td>The Earth Trust</td><td>4/5</td><td>Approval</td></tr></tbody></table>	Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision	P20/S10050/FUL	Th Rodings, High Road	27/4	Objection	P20/S1290/FUL	The Earth Trust	4/5	Approval
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Celia updated the Council on the Roding planning objection that has now been submitted. There was a long discussion regarding the amount of more complicated planning applications that are currently being submitted. There seems to be a trend for architects structuring the applications to muddy the waters. Janet suggested that maybe the Council should look at trying to find someone with some more knowledge of planning procedures to help with these more complicated applications. It was agreed to look into this further and the cost implications involved, there were some suggestions for people that may be suitable for this role and Celia will look into this further.

#### d) April Payments for approval

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
K. Fanstone – Clerk's Salary & padlock delivery charge	£600.40		£600.40
Wreaths for VE Day	£74.00		£74.00
Parish Office Room Hire – Annual Fee	£660.00		£660.00

#### e) Clerks Report

The work on the High Road has now been completed. The home owner has chopped the hedge back to their boundary and highways have now been and cleared the leaves and mulch and created over an extra foot on the road width and it is definitely helping with the buses coming along there.

The internal audit documents have all now been submitted online.

### 6 Matters for Discussion/Decision

- a) The Covid 19 Action plan is still working well, requests for help have dropped but the Admin rota is still in place and it was felt that there was no need to make any changes for the time being. There are still lots of people in the village shielding and still plenty of volunteers willing to help.
- b) Over the V.E weekend there were some issues on the Byre Site. The sheds were knocked down with no safety measures in place, and we suspect the roof was made of cement fibre board containing asbestos. There does seem to be a loop hole with this sort of thing and Anne Marie is going to look into this with planning. Having contacted Planning, environmental health, and HSE no one was able to help and they felt it was a low risk. Parish Council to remain vigilant with future planning applications.
- c) SOHA have come back to Katie to tell her that they are unable to do anything about the parked and abandoned cars at Greenmere, they think they are not on any SOHA land and so they can not help in moving them. The Parish Council think that there are more cars around the village than was originally reported. It was decided before we can start proceedings for removing these, we need to establish exactly which cars are a problem and which cars may be from the garage. We will again need to liaise with the garage, Katie will make some signs to give to the garage to use to put on the dashboard of their cars. We can then get help from the Police to start the procedures for getting the abandoned cars and caravans removed. The garage is in discussions with places on the Hithercroft about hiring a unit to house the longer projects they are working.

7	<p><b>CIL</b></p> <p>d) Monthly CIL report – there is nothing to report this month, a long-term plan on how to spend this will need to be established once face to face meetings are possible. One of the options for some of the money was the village hall project. Graham to contact Robert to see how far along the next stage the Village Hall team have got.</p>
8	<p><b>Matters for report and inclusion on April Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Celia reported there were still some trees left from the plant sale, could these be used in the village? Celia agreed to keep them growing until the autumn when Jason will help plant them.</li> <li>- There has been some damage done to the cricket net surface and a large section has been stolen. This has been reported to the police. It was agreed to implement Tony Windsor's procedures and booking system for when the government allows use. It was also decided that an insurance claim will need to be made to have the nets repaired. Katie to liaise with Tony regarding quotes and arranging for the work to be done.</li> <li>- Jason is expecting to hear back about the pub becoming a community asset this week.</li> <li>- Ed Morgan has kindly agreed to take on the maintenance of the village verges, and will start work in the next few weeks.</li> <li>- The school have asked for some help with their grass cutting during lockdown, the County Council are not providing any grass cutting at the moment, Jason will chat to the Head and find out exactly what needs to be done, James may be able to help or we will ask John O'Conner.</li> <li>- Robert Seatter had contacted Helen about the condition of the Bach grave, once things are bit more back to normal the Parish Council will contact the centre about them helping to maintain the grave and also about providing their visitors with more information with directions etc .</li> <li>-</li> </ul>

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.10 pm.