

## BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm  
Via Zoom,**

**Present:** Cllrs S.Robosn (Chair), H.Baines, G.Gilgrass, J.Davys, J.Debney, J.Harding, C.Collett,  
S.Jackson, B.Nielson, Anne-Marie Simpson,

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

1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>  P.Sudbury
2	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>  The minutes of the meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> October 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>  Adam and Simon The Land agents for the Cottrell's joined the meeting to present the initial ideas for the Purley Plants nursery site. There are no plans or concrete ideas yet and all involved are keen for this to be something that will benefit the local community. Helen and Celia expressed that there was a real need to think out of the box regarding any building and really think about zero carbon building. Jason expressed concern regarding the separation of Wallingford and Brightwell being lost with these sorts of developments, he stressed maintaining the separation between the 2 is paramount. They Agents are also having discussions with Wallingford town council and local residents to gauge thoughts and ideas, and will be back to talk to the Parish Council in the next month or 2 with a clearer plan.  Mr and Mrs Gains joined the meeting to listen to the planning report and to answer any question regarding their planning application on Sires Hill. Their application received positive feedback and Sue encouraged more residents to engage with the Parish Council during the planning process.
5	<b>Reports &amp; District Councillor Report</b>  <b>Anne Marie Simpson</b> The Councillor community grant scheme will be going live this week, Anne Marie encouraged everyone to think about anything they could apply for. The business support for Covid Lockdown is now open for applications, all details are on the SODC website. The carpark consultation closes this week, please encourage as many people as possible to complete the survey, the aim is to level out all the council carparks so all areas are charging the same. The corporate plan is now available to download, and Councillors are keen to get going with it straight away.

Jason asked if the planning recall was a temporary measure for the current situation, Anne Marie confirmed that once we are back to living in more normal times, the planning process will return to the previous procedure, this is just to try and help the backlog.

### Clerks Report

There was nothing to report.

### Planning Report

Ref	Description	Decision
P20/S34082/FUL	Root One	No Objections
P20/S3916/FUL	Wynchwood	No Objections

### November Payments agreed

Payee and reason	£ total
K. Fanstone – Clerk's Salary	£595.40
Zoom Charge	£14.39
SODC Dog Bins	£215.28
Blanchfords - Replacement Play area signs	£28.31
Outlook	£109.99

## 6 Matters for Discussion/Decision

- a) Jason, Sue and Pete have been on a really positive village walk around with the Tree Officers, the Tree felling document has been revised and whilst they were not able to change the fate of some trees, there were positive outcomes for lots of trees, and the programme now agreed will not alter the character and diversity of the village. Pete has also kindly agreed to some funding to replant in some of the gaps that are left from the felling programme. Jason to confirm the amount of grant money Pete will be donating.
- b) The new Covid 19 Action plan is up and running and so far, there has only been 2 requests for help. As we thought most people are now up and running with their own deliveries and arrangements. There are still lots of offers of help, and the Parish Council would like to thank everyone again for offering help. Celia mentioned that due to Covid the shop is very short of volunteers at the moment so if anyone is still looking to help locally, they are lots of slots in the shop.
- c) There is no update on the by pass lights, Jason will report back as soon as there is.
- d) There was a long discussion regarding the budget for next year, it was decided to keep in the budget the money for the Neighbourhood plan as it may need to be worked on next year. Money was allocated for legal fees and Graham will confirm the play area budget and surface cleaning for next year. Katie to also provide the minutes from the budget and precept discussions last year, to confirm the budget allocations.
- e) CIL was discussed at length as part of the budget, there were some disagreements with how it should be spent within the time limit. Hopefully in the next couple of months there will be a clearer idea of what is going to happen with the village hall, spending can be discussed in more detail then and the village consulted at the annual meeting for the remaining funds. Katie and Bob will provide a full account of the CIL spend this year, to be sent to SODC by the end of December.

**8 Matters for report and inclusion on December Agenda**

Sarah has spoken to Oliver regarding the land transfer at Little Martins and they are sending over some paperwork. A management company will be employed by the Little Martins Estate to manage the day to day on the site and also to manage the soak away, access will be needed to manage the soak away. Sarah will speak to our solicitor about these issues and also an update on the carpark transfer. Celia to speak to Frank to ask him to chase his solicitor.

Jason has spoken to Martin Dix about purchasing some more stones from Janes account to go on the Little Martins land along with the one already purchased. Martin thought this was a lovely idea and that Jane would have loved them. Jason to arrange purchase and delivery.

Jason will be meeting the Little Martin team at the beginning of December regarding the positioning of the stones and the planting that needs to go in. There have been offers of help to maintain the trees and shrubs from the new residents, Jason to chat to the volunteers once the planting is in.

Graham will be meeting with the village hall liaison group once lockdown has finished and will report back any developments to the Council next month after the Trustees meeting in November

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.25 pm.