

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 16th February 2021 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, P.Sudbury A. Simpson

In attendance: K. Fanstone (Clerk)

1	Apologies for Absence . There were no apologies for absence.
2	Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2021 . The minutes of the meeting held on 19 th January 2021 were approved and will be signed by Sue in the Parish Office when Social Distancing is over.
3	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest . There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.
4	Public Participation . There were no members of the public present
5	Reports & District Councillor Report . Cllr. Sudbury There is no new news regarding the bypass lights, and Pete has chased Jason Sherwood regarding a potential crossing on A4130, but there is nothing new to confirm. Jason asked for a time frame and details of the Clifton Hampden bypass and Pete will follow this up. Cllr. Simpson Cllr. Simpson confirmed that the garden waste collections will resume week commencing 22 nd February. Clerks Report Katie reported that the new bins have had to be put on hold, the County are doing a bin mapping project and are not installing any new bins at the moment, it was decided entering into a private bin contract was not something the Council wanted to start at the moment. All the grass tenders have now been received and Katie will be meeting with Graham to go through them.

Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P21/S0317/HH	Applecroft Slade End	05/02/21	Extention needed
P21S0398/HH	Silverwood wellsprings	10/02/21	Approved

The Council discussed the Applecroft application, there has been a lot of concerns and objections from neighbours close to Applecroft and they will be forwarding this to the planning department. Celia proposed that the Council seek some help from Neil Horner to form the Councils response to this application, James Seconded it and everyone agreed. Katie to ask the planning department for an extension.

February Payments for approved

Payee and reason	total
K. Fanstone – Clerk's Salary	£595.40
Zoom Charge	£14.39
Root 1	£531.57

6 Matters for Discussion/Decision

- a) Celia had attended the Solar Streets Zoom session, and whilst it seems like a great initiative to encourage as many houses as possible to have solar panels fitted with a small discount, she felt it wasn't something BCSP should be partnering with, ultimately it is down to individuals to choose the company that they would like to go with. Helen confirmed that the David Fox project could include a community solar panel initiative too which may be more suitable.
- b) Sue and Helen updated the team on the latest Pavilion meeting and the request for funds to pay for the structural work to be investigated before reopening after covid. Bob suggested that maybe the whole building should be assessed as part of this especially if over the next few months and years the original improvement plans are to be looked at again. Katie will contact Tony to discuss having a larger survey. Helen to meet Bob at the Pavilion to show him round.
- c) Sue, Jason and Helen had completed a night time by pass lights walk about and Jason presented the findings. The shields fitted do make a difference to the lights on the Brightwell side but there is a huge amount of light coming from the unshielded lights. It is becoming more and more apparent there is a total disregard for the village dark skies, and a proper consultation has not taken place. It was suggested that a letter be written to our MP and the technical information for lights to be requested. Pete will apply pressure.
- d) The wet weather, increased delivery drivers and traffic has really taken its toll on the village verges. There were suggestions to protect the worst areas with planting and dogs' teeth, but was felt it would be better to spread the message to the village about driving with caution to protecting the verges where possible. James to add a piece in the next villager.
- e) There has been no update from the village hall carpark solicitors, Bob has returned the plans but not heard anything back. The draft transfer for Little Martins has been received and it is very complicated with some items that are of a concern long term. Bob will have a proper look at this document and report back, but it was agreed by everyone that we need to be really clear with what we agree to on the transfer.

- f) The Parish Council acknowledged the letter from Michael from the garage and whilst the PC appreciates that an effort has been made to clear the memorial at the weekends there is still an issue during the week. The Parish Council had not called the Police to report the garage and is concerned that someone is using their name to make complaints. It was decided to write back to Michael to thank him for the work he has done so far but there was still a need for more improvements. The Parish Council would like to see moved to the other site, the cars that have been parked and left for several months, they are covered in debris and are unsightly in the village
- g) The flooding at the bottom of Church Lane has got bad again, Katie has reported it twice now. The PC now has a profile on fix my street so there is record of all the reports. Katie to contact Mandy regarding the flooding.
- h) Graham proposed that the council agree to half of the funding application that had been received from Citizen Advice, all agreed and Katie to contact them to arrange payment
- i) There are no CIL updates.

8 Matters for report and inclusion on December Agenda

Celia reported that Clive and his team were getting on really well with the stream work and will need to make a decision about how it joins in at the rec. It has been suggested that a play feature could be made of this for children to play in in the summer months. Some materials would be needed to make this, Bob suggested we contact the gravel pit to see if they could donate anything to help.

James has been working on any fallen and unsafe trees in the village. Jason has been in contact with the County tree Officer as it is getting really late to try and cut some of the trees as birds are starting to nest.

Dan Baines has done a great job on the tree planting but now has a full-time job so is no longer able to finish the planting, we will need to find a new person to complete the job.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.25 pm.