

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 19th January 2021 at 7.30pm Via Zoom,

Present: Cllrs S.Robosn (Chair), H.Baines, G.Gilgrass, J.Davys, J.Debney, J.Harding, C.Collectt, 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 15th December 2020 The minutes of the meeting held on 15 th December 2020 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 Pete had no new news regarding the bypass lights, everything seems to have gone very quiet, Jason has chased the highways and developers regarding the shields and site walkabout but has had nothing back. Pete will follow this up and report back. The Council thanked Cllr Sudbury for his grant for the Rewilding Brightwell project, funds have been received, the trees have been purchased and planting has started. Cllr. Simpson There is a consultation at the moment about permitted development, Anne Marie will circulate it and encourage everyone to comment if they can, whilst the proposals may be suitable for larger towns and cities it could have a devastating effect on smaller towns, there is real concern about the development that could come out of a directive like this. Sue asked about environmental concessions on future planning proposals as part of the Local Plan, Anne Marie confirmed that from now on big projects will have to work to environmental issues and the Council has committed to having zero carbon building by 2030 with 80% reduction by 2025. Graham asked if Anne Marie or Pete would be able to help with parking enforcement within the village as part of the new parking proposals within the towns. Anne Marie said she will look into this and Pete will look into it from an environmental nuisance issue, both will report back.

Clerks Report

We have received an email regarding having some new bins by both the bus stops on the High road and also a dog poo bin along there, Katie to look into buying these and possibly applying for some money from the Councillor grants to pay for them.

There are several volunteers within the village now litter picking as part of their daily excise, we have bought litter pickers for them to use, but they are not substantial enough, we will contact SODC to try and get some stronger ones. The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers for the work they are doing for the village.

Katie has spoken to Lloyds bank who have agreed a lower limit credit card for the online purchases for the Council, all agreed this was the best option and Katie will make the application.

Discussion regarding all the old paperwork in the office, Katie now has confirmation on what needs to be kept and Graham has contacted the history group who will store anything with historical interest. Celia requested any big and controversial planning applications be kept, and will help sort through these when allowed, but anything old and straight forward can be removed.

Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P20/S4736/HH	20 Greenmere	23/12/20	Approved
P20/S4895/HH	Silverwood wellsprings	11/1/21	Approved
P20/S4874/HH	Rockwood	12/1/20	More investigation needed

Agree January Payments for approval

Payee and reason	total
K. Fanstone – Clerk's Salary	£595.40
Zoom Charge	£14.39
Arrow Fencing - Ballard and bench	£162.00
Arrow Fencing – KM repairs	£780.00
Mcafee Renewal	£59.99
Hazard Tape - Blanchfords	£9.62
Padlock - Colliers	£9.85
Nicholsons Plants – new trees	£1192.57

6 Matters for Discussion/Decision

- a) Jason updated the Parish Council on the latest developments with Slade End. Adrian is currently in Dorset and will be until restrictions lift, but the final proposals are ready and he hopes to come to the next Parish Council meeting with his pre application information, and will also send it to the whole sub group. The Parish Council is keen to follow the correct planning procedure for this application and agrees that everything should be done in the correct order. There are still questions regarding the

access road and the width of it, until an application is made it is doubtful Highways will give any information on this issue, Helen will confirm this.

- b) The Council discussed the Solar panel project sent by Wallingford Town Council and Wallingford matters, whilst everyone is keen on any environmental initiatives that will help reduce the carbon footprint the Council is mindful that it doesn't want to be seen endorsing private companies, Some Councillors are still keen to find out more information and will attend the Zoom meeting and report back
- c) The budget was reviewed a final time and all agreed, Katie and Janet will circulate a copy for everyone to keep on file.
- d) A very large industrial vehicle accessing The Byre on Mackney lane has badly damaged the verges, Katie to draw up an email to be sent out to the owners regarding making good the damage they have caused. Celia confirmed the stream working party has started and can distribute soil for the other damaged verges on Mackney and other spots in the village. James also has some volunteers in the village that are able to help restore the verges and will liaise with Celia regarding this. The ongoing problem on Bell Lane is hopefully resolved now, Jason has some bollards going on over the next few weeks and some of the new trees are due to go along there to help stop cars churning up the verges.
- e) Graham reported that unfortunately due to the current lockdown the village hall meetings have not been able to take place, The Trustees are ready with their final brief to present to the consultancy firm and also to the PC sub team, this will happen as soon as restrictions lift. As part of the plan any environmental infrastructure will be used wherever possible. Bob and Sarah have been working through the plan for the carpark and Bob is happy to carry on doing this to speed up the legal process for the transfer. Bob just needs confirmation on the boundary points and will complete the plan and return to Sarah, it is hoped at that point the solicitors will have everything they need and the transfer can be completed.
- f) The Parish Council have received an application for the local branch of Citizen Advice Charity, the Council all agreed that under the current situation they would like to donate to them but will wait till next month to make the final decision due to another possible application.
- g) The garage has re-opened after Christmas with a bang and there seems to be more cars than ever along the street and war memorial, the Parish Office has received more complaints regarding the parked cars, the new site at Frog Island does not seem to have helped the situation, and Sue will now write to the garage owner expressing the Council's concern and the need for a permanent solution to remove the cars
- h) There are no CIL updates.

8 Matters for report and inclusion on December Agenda

Jason reported that the tree planting has started as part of the Rewilding Brightwell project, OCC have not been back to remove some of the trees that were agreed so this has stalled some of the planting. Jason is chasing OCC, but so far the some planting at Kings Meadow has been done and over 100 whips have been planted so far, thank you to Dan Baines for his hard work so far.

Sue confirmed that the shed/Santa grotto has been removed from the path, and Jason confirmed that he will pass a list of paths and areas in the village to Katie for the land registry project.

Celia has arranged for one of the trees from Christmas to be planted in the square for future events, all agreed it could stay.

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

