

**BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**The Annual Parish Meeting**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
in the Pavilion**

**Present:** Cllrs S.Robson (Chair), H.Baines, J.Davys, J.Debney, C.Collett, B.Nielson, S. Jackson  
P.Sudbury  
Cllr J. Harding dialled into the meeting via Facetime

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

	<p><b>Nomination of Chair of Parish Council</b></p> <p>Cllr. Davys nominated Cllr Robson as Chair, all voted in agreement.</p> <p>Cllr. Jackson nominated Cllr Baines as Vice Chair, all voted on agreement</p>
1	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>G. Gilgrass</p> <p>A. Simpson</p>
2	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were approved and will be signed by Sue in the office.</p>
3	<p><b>Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.</p>
4	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>There were no member of the public present.</p>
5	<p><b>Reports &amp; District Councillor Report</b></p> <p><b>County Councillors Report</b></p> <p>The Parish Council congratulated Cllr. Sudbury on winning the recent election. Pete reported on the new Leader of the Council and a really positive meeting where an alliance had been agreed between the parties to all work together despite political differences.</p> <p>Now in position Cllr. Sudbury will resume his work on the bypass lights and also the no through signs for the village to stop people cutting through as a short cut.</p>

## Clerks Report

There has been a complaint of trees being cut down and birds disturbed at Orchard Cottage, Katie had sent the complaint to planning and enforcement, who had advised to report it to the Police, the Police replied and advised to report it to planning. Discussion followed about how frustrating it is when no one will take ownership for these types of issues. Katie to contact the Councillor responsible for Wildlife and Countryside.

## Planning report and Payments for approval

Nursery Lane update – Cllr. Baines declared a personnel interest in the planning application at Nursery Lane and took no part in the discussion. Cllr. Collett has spent the last few weeks talking to all the parties involved in the Nursery Lane planning application and the amendment with the lane width. With some confirmation from Highways, it may be able to get an agreement from all involved. Celia will write to Highways and Tom to confirm what they think is an acceptable width for the lane.

Jason has drafted a response to the email enquiry about developing the land at Rectory Meadow, this with the Neighbourhood plan should stop any further enquiries.

The neighbourhood plan will need to be reviewed at the end of this year and re done in the early part of next year.

Ref	Description	Decision
P21/S1337/FUL	Nursery Lane	More investigation needed
P21/S1884/DIS/	Root One Amendments	Approved
P21S2020/FUL	Highlands	More investigation needed
P20/S3916/FUL	Wynchwood Hill - amendments	Approved

### May Payments were approved

Payee and reason	total
K. Fanstone – Clerk’s Salary to include a back payment due to inflation rise on scale point 13 (£209.56)	£911.52
Sports Courts UK	£300.00
SODC Dog bins	£215.28
Printinco - Posters	£16.00
Parish Online membership renewal	£42.00

## 7 Matters for Discussion/Decision

- a) The rates for hire at the Pavilion were discussed and all agreed there needed to be another Pavilion meeting to standardise all the fees. Bob suggested a walk around with all the Councillors next month to look at the building structure before any development plans were discussed. Helen is keen to have involvement for the Cricket and Football club on the project too.
- b) The land transfer is ready to go for the Village Hall carpark land, Sarah to nudge the solicitor on this. Little Martins still has a huge snagging list that needs sorting before we officially take over the piece of

land. Jason has been in contact with Ollie but progress is slow and nothing seems to be happening very quickly.

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

The surfaces at the Rec have now been deep cleaned and are looking much better. Sports Courts have done a better job for a lower price than previous companies.

The cars around the memorial have been much better in recent weeks, Celia had popped into the garage to thank them for the effort they have made to clear the area.

Mrs Lewis at the school has had some issues with Scofell the grass cutting company, Katie has spoken to both and hopefully the problem is sorted now.

Jason reported that Ed Morgan will be starting to cut the verges again, Katie has spoken to him regarding his invoice.

Jason has done some background work into the Design Code and will report back when he has more information.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.30 pm.