

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and on Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 7.30pm In the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs S.Robosn (Chair), J.Davys, C.Collett, S.Jackson, H.Baines, J.Harding, B.Nielson, P.Sudbury

In attendance: K. Fanstone (Clerk)

1	Apologies for Absence Apologies received from Cllr J Debney, A Simpson									
2	Minutes of the meeting held on 21st December 2021 The minutes of the meeting held on 21 st December 2021 were approved and will be signed by Sue in the Parish Office.									
3	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.									
4	Public Participation Vashi, Ben and Mark from BVA planning were invited to attend the meeting to present to the full council the planning application they have submitted for Bosely Orchard. The Parish Council were encouraged by the answers to their environmental and design questions. BVA planning and the Parish Council committed to working together to achieve the best outcomes for the development, and Celia and Jason will liaise with Vashi and the planning officer on some issues that the Council would like to see changed to fit in with the NP plan and the village.									
5	County Council Report – The lighting working group have managed to secure acceptance that street lights go off at night unless there is a specific reason in an area that prevents this happening, they are also pushing for an 8pm cut off not midnight, alongside the 20mph initiative they are hoping to get the changes in over the next few months. The Shillingford traffic issues and speed reducing measures need progressing, Katie to contact Highways again and Cllr Sudbury is still working on speed reducing measures along the whole road, working with all the Parish Councils effected will help to speed the process up. Planning Report <table><tr><th>Ref</th><th>Description</th><th>Decision</th></tr><tr><td>P21/S5141/HH</td><td>Elm Cottage</td><td>No objection to building, object to oil tank being buried</td></tr><tr><td>P21/S2917/FUL</td><td>Acorn House – Amended plans</td><td>Previous objection decision upheld.</td></tr></table>	Ref	Description	Decision	P21/S5141/HH	Elm Cottage	No objection to building, object to oil tank being buried	P21/S2917/FUL	Acorn House – Amended plans	Previous objection decision upheld.
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Cllr Collett has had no update from enforcement on the Applcroft planning breach.

Agree Payments for approval

6	Payee and reason	£ total
.	K. Fanstone – Clerk’s Salary January	£611.52
	Parish Office Hire	£660.00
	Scofel – Little Martins seeding	£399.17
	Meeting room hire	£40.00
	Neil Homer (Paid from NP Grant)	£3630.00
	Zoom Subscription	£14.39
	WEL Medical (defib battery)	£223.14

Matters for Discussion/Decision

- a) The report from the Sires Hill residents had been circulated, Cllr Collett proposed that the Parish Council pay for the speed indication device, Cllr Baines Seconded and all agreed. This purchase will be bought and owned by the PC but managed by the Sires Hill resident association. Written confirmation is needed from Chis Hellebone that full Highways and OCC approval has been given for the installation of the device.
- b) The 2022/23 budget had been circulated and was discussed, additional budget was allocated to the gym equipment for a service and the phone box repairs, all agreed to increase the S137 allocation to £6000. Full approval was given for the 2022/23 budget. Cllr Davys and Katie to work on promoting the grants available through S137 this year.
- c) Cllr Collett had received some complaints about the verge on Bell Lane due to ongoing parking issues, it was agreed that ideally this verge needs to be reinstated to its natural state. Katie to confirm land ownership.
- d) Cllr Debney had circulated an update on the progress with the Neighbourhood plan, all received and noted
- e) The upcoming Queen’s Jubilee weekend was discussed and it was suggested that it would be nice for the village to mark it with a street party of some sort, the Community Association are planning the beacon lighting ceremony on Thursday 2nd, alongside the national timetable for the weekend, Sunday 5th was suggested for a village celebration. The PC will help with any street closures required and Cllr Robson to speak to Corrine in the pub about organising a village event.
- f) Cllr Gilgrass has asked John Calvert to help with the restoration of the phone box at Greenmere, and the painting will be done later on in the year.
- g) Cllr Baines reported that the hanging tree on the Croft path was getting worse and passing by it is now difficult. Cllr Davys to investigate and liaise with Katie about reporting it.
- h) The PC has received some more complaints about parking around the war memorial and emergency vehicle access, the PC agreed that over the last few months the situation with parked cars had improved but the last month or so things seemed to be slipping again. The PC to write to Michael asking for a return to how he was operating earlier in the year to resolve the situation.

8 Matters for report and inclusion on February Agenda

<p>Cllr Gilgrass updated the Parish Council on the Village Hall redevelopment, Richard Todd was now helping with the plans, and all agreed he would be a great help. The response to the village survey has been disappointing, one last publicity drive is being done this week to try and encourage more responses. Hopefully this summer there will be a village event to showcase the proposals.</p> <p>Katie to report the trees on the Kings Meadow path from Church Lane on fix my street.</p> <p>Cllr Robson to liaise with Cllr Debney regarding the next village NP meeting.</p>
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It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.30 pm.