

Brinkworth Parish Council

A meeting of the Brinkworth Parish Council was held in The Reading Room of the Village Hall Brinkworth on Monday 14th October 2019 at 7pm.

Present: Chair P Clothier; Councillor O Gibbs; Councillor M Evans; Councillor E Threlfall; Councillor S Walklate; Councillor C Butcher, Councillor J Humm, Councillor J Millard and Councillor T Sturgis

148.19 There were no members of the public at this meeting.

149.19 There were no apologies for absence

150.19 Declaration of interest on agenda items. Councillor Millard declared an interest in planning application 19/08665/106

151.19 The minutes from meeting 9th September 2019 were signed as a true record.

152.19 Councillor Sturgis made his report from Wiltshire Council. He reported that Friends of the Earth have voted Wiltshire to be the greenest county in the country and more will be done. Particular attention will be paid to new builds with the possibility of heat pumps being installed as the norm.

There are big financial problems in the health sector largely due to the vast area. There is a deficit of over £1 million. There is a lot of difficulty employing carers particularly in the south of the county.

Flooded gully's will all be cleared if they have been reported but may take a bit longer than usual due to large amount of fallen leaves blocking the drains.

The Glebe Field planning application is likely to be withdrawn but the Diocese are very slow to act so it is currently still active.

153.19 Councillor Millard left the room whilst planning application 19/08665/106 was discussed. After discussion the application was unanimously SUPPORTED

154.19 Planning Application 19/08996/FUL was SUPPORTED unanimously

155.19 Update on previous planning applications.

19/07307/FUL Clay Hill Park, Barnes Green.	APPROVED with conditions
19/08272/ FUL Green Gable, The Common,	APPROVED with conditions
19/06894/FUL Davingval, Stoppers Hill,	APPROVED with conditions
19/07327/FUL The Old School House, School Hill,	APPROVED with conditions

157.19 The BPC granted the Heritage committee permission to hold their annual bonfire display on the recreation field on November 5th subject to adequate insurance

158.19 The six-monthly payment of £237.50 for the Recreation Field rental is now due to The Anstee Family.

159.19 The following payments were discussed and passed

Owen Gibbs for Wicksteed Leisure	Replacement swing seat	£162.76
Mike Ashton	Church Gates	£980
Edf energy	Recreation field	£41.12
Peter Clothier	Expenses; paper, ink	£14.75
Mary Evans	Expenses; paper, stamps, stationery	£27.77
Vision ICT		£36
Greenscape		£666
The Anstee Family	Recreation field rental	£237.50

It was agreed that the clerk should pay the edf and water bills as they come in as long as they don't exceed £50

160.19 There has been no update on the new footpath near Box Farm despite the two week promise.

161.19 There are no further developments on the new notice board at Brooklands. Councillor Gibbs has asked Tim Cowley what his estimate of £250 would cover.

162.19 Councillor Butcher reported that Mr Bradley had done a handover for the defibrillator so she has now taken over responsibility for this.

An updated Councillor Roles sheet is attached to these minutes.

163.19 Councillor Evans reported that he had been exchanging emails with Highways Assets & Commissioning and reported that the new and refreshed roundels are planned to be laid in the next few weeks. Highways is under a lot of pressure at the moment so the proposed site visit to determine the locations for the SID posts will not happen. Instead a map indicating positions is to be sent in and they will review on site when passing through the village and advise. There is however a long queue for SID post installation.

Highways are also awaiting briefing on the location of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground location signs. This will be attended to during October.

Councillor Evans has been liaising with the school regarding the 20mph zone in the village. They have not been able to progress this at present but are working on it.

It was also reported that a further complaint has been received from a resident t Stoppers Hill about the speeding traffic and the threat to pedestrians who cannot cross nearer the junction where speeds have been reduced because of vehicles travelling east turning off. The tall hedge on the corner obscures the view of pedestrians and traffic making it dangerous.

The request for more warning signs on Stoppers Hill will be carried forward to Highways but warning is given of a potential negative response as the budget only allows for works where a danger has been physically proven. The Parish Council will request the installation of a metro count to establish the actual speed of traffic on the hill. Hopefully the new roundels will have some effect.

164.19 Councillor Walklate reported that there have been complaints concerning the state of the footpath at Causeway End. The grass verges need clearing where the overgrown hedges have been cut back. The footpath is becoming very overgrown but it isn't causing a hazard so it's unlikely that the council will clear it. There is a new parish steward starting this week and Councillor Threlfall will meet him to give him an update of Brinkworth's needs. Councillor Threlfall reported that she had sent letters to all the residents who had overgrown hedges and most of them have now been cut.

165.19 Councillor Gibbs reported that Greenscape accepted liability for the damaged goal net and have paid for a replacement.

166.19 Councillor Gibbs reported outstanding highways issues. The roadside furniture vegetation and the white railings at the top of Barnes Green Hill needs strimming. These issues will be highlighted to the new parish steward. The BT manholes at Lower Box Bush and Fritterswell are causing problems.

167.19 Councillor Gibbs asked if there was any further CIL monies due to BPC. Apparently there is £1518 in the pipeline.

168.19 Councillor Clothier has agreed to pay £340.01 to the previous Clerk for July. She will also receive her P45

169.19 Correspondence The clerk has received a letter from the Village Hall committee asking if the BPC would make a payment of £464.56 for the Hills rubbish collection. This was agreed last year provided the Village Hall sought a cheaper alternative which has proved to be very difficult with Hills providing the most competitive price. It was agreed that BPC would pay again this year.

The clerk wrote to the planning enforcement officer concerning the signage on the main road outside the golf club. A response was read out pointing out that any planning applications were out of date by eight years. The owner has been contacted and we will receive an up date in due course.

Any Other Business

Councillor Gibbs reported that the temporary plastic covering on the church roof is leaking. An alternative to lead has been chosen at a cost of £16000 but the builders are asking for a very hefty deposit so the church is trying to find an alternative.

Councillor Gibbs reported that a large mobile home has been installed at Fritterswell Farm. The clerk is to write to the planning enforcement officer to ask if planning permission is needed.

Councillor Evans reported that he has made good contact with the school and the Chair of Governors is very keen to be in contact with the Parish Council. The school has completed the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. They have also supplied an electronic copy of the Schools News Sheet which will be circulated to Councillors.

The meeting ended at 21:00

*The next meeting will be on **November 11th at 7pm** in The Reading Room*

These minutes have been adopted and signed as a true record of the meeting

Date of Meeting

Signed by Chair

Signed by Clerk