

BRIGHTWELL CUM SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 17th January 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D. Fox (Chair), J. Rodda, L. Dixon, T. Burton, A. Wood, G. Gillgrass, H. Baines and C. Collett (part).

In attendance: Mrs L. Dalby (Clerk) and County Cllr L. Atkins.

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence There were none.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2011 The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
3.	<p>Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest As Trustees of the Charity responsible for the Recreation Ground all members of the Council who were present declared an interest under section 9 of the Code of Conduct in respect of all matters relating to the Recreation ground. The following personal interests were declared: All Councillors in matters relating to the Village Community Stores, Cllr Collett as a District Councillor in matters relating to SODC. Cllr Rodda in matters relating to St. Agatha's Church and the Village Hall. Cllr Wood in matters relating to correspondence regarding the name Slade End Farm.</p>	
4.	<p>Public Participation There was none.</p>	
5.	<p>Reports</p> <p>a) <u>County Councillor's Report</u></p> <p>I am continuing to try to get the salt delivered to the parish ... watch this space! Or possibly the space at the farm where the salt should be.</p> <p>Work continues on the new Youth and Children's Centre at Wigod Way in Wallingford, which will serve the area.</p> <p>I am keeping an eye on activity around the Inspector's recommendations on the Core Strategy following the EIP.</p> <p>A decision on any changes to bus services will be made in March. I plan to attend the relevant meeting to represent local views, if that is needed.</p> <p>Lynda Atkins County Councillor for Wallingford and Brightwell-cum-Sotwell</p> <p>b) <u>District Councillor's Report</u></p> <p>Core Strategy SODC submitted, on 23rd December, the documents requested by the Inspector. The Inspector subsequently issued a statement on 5th January, stating that document SODC/32 went beyond the scope of a pure a "fact check" and Prupim had also sent in an unsought response. In the interest of equity he was inviting, by 13th January, additional comments from Berkeley Homes and Wates. The SODC cabinet are due to look at the Inspector's conclusions on 31st January 2012.</p> <p>Boundary Reviews The County Council recommendations are due in the week beginning 16th January. The</p>	

District Council review is expected to have its recommendations by the end 2012. Work will then start on reviewing the Town and Parish Boundaries.

Council of the Year

SODC and the Vale have been short listed for the Council of the Year award; this is the most prestigious award for local Councils.

Christmas

The Council apologises if any residents who had trouble in contacting them over the Christmas break. There was an error made on the answerphone message, measures have been put into place to avoid this happening again.

Celia Collett

District Councillor

c) Clerk's Report

The soil dumped outside Moreton House was reported.

The PCSOs have promised to include extra patrols in the village to monitor the problem of dog mess. They will also put up warning posters.

I have chased the request for speed monitoring on the A4130 at the Slade End Junction and asked for monitoring at Shillingford Hill.

I have confirmed that the Village Hall is available on 26th April for the Annual Parish Meeting.

I have met with Melanie Esprey from Chubb and Shena Luck from the Village Hall Committee to review the fire alarm and fire extinguisher contracts. The contracts for the Jubilee Pavilion have been renewed and the Village Hall safety lights have been taken off the contract.

Scion has not increased the grass cutting fees for 2012.

d) Planning Report

Ref	Work/ Property	PC Rec	SODC Decision
P11/W12623	Erection of a conservatory to the rear elevation. Burleigh House, Bell Lane.	Approve	Approved
P11/W1717	Instillation of new opening fixed doors & 3 new entrance porches including doors. Reconfiguration of outdoor terrace, catering entrance steps & external lighting. Re-positioning of permanent ramp to outside of the building. Non fixed external seating area. Shillingford Bridge Hotel	No strong views	Approved

e) January Payments

<u>Payee and reason</u>	<u>£ detail</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>£ total</u>
OCC – salt bins	1000.00	200.00	1200.00
Lucy Dalby – Clerk's salary and expenses January	384.95		384.95

	Post Office Ltd – PAYE January	96.20		96.20	
	Village Hall – room hire	126.00		126.00	
	OPFA - Subscription	35.00		35.00	
	Milton Parish Council – Share of Clerks membership to SLCC	58.87		58.87	
	Milton Parish Council – Share of Clerks Finance training	24.75		24.75	
	BT – phone line and calls – Direct debit	52.17	10.43	62.60	
	Talk Talk Business - Internet – Direct Debit	14.50	2.90	17.40	
	<p>Payments received</p> <p>Brightwell Youth FC - £113</p> <p>Brightwell cum Sotwell Cricket Club - £170.00</p> <p>BcS Cricket Club – Junior Section - £155.00</p> <p>The Football Club’s cheque is outstanding.</p>				
6.	<p>Matters for Discussion/Decision</p> <p>a) Slide</p> <p>The Clerk had received a quote of £1400 to replace the steps and repair the chute of the slide. Cllr Gillgrass is waiting for a quote for new steps and a quote for fitting them.</p> <p>Cllr Collett joined the meeting.</p> <p>b) Community Orchard</p> <p>Cllr Dixon proposed that the Council establish a Community Orchard in order to preserve the history of the village. The Councillors agreed with the proposal however it was agreed that there may be problems obtaining a site. Various sites within the village were discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Collett would approach a landowner with a view to the Council leasing from them.</p> <p>c) Core Strategy</p> <p>Since the last meeting of the Council it has become apparent that SODC may challenge the inspector’s findings for Site E. It is not clear how they intend make this challenge. There follows a 6 week publication period when comments on the Inspector’s changes are to be made to SODC. The Working Party has met once since the Council’s last meeting. A number of parishioners have written letters to SODC complaining about the wording of the press release several have had letters published in the Wallingford Herald. Cllr Rodda has sent a letter to Mr Ffrence in the Herald complaining about his biased account of the SITE E shock. One Update has been distributed to parishioners via the PC email list.</p> <p>It was agreed that the working party should reconvene to submit a strong submission to the consultation.</p> <p>d) Uses for Telephone Box</p> <p>A suggestion has been received from a resident to turn one of the phone boxes into the</p>				GG
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	<p>villages “fourth plinth” given over to a series of groups and individuals from the village as a venue for temporary art installations. At the end of the year a vote could be held to name the best installation of the year. The Council agreed that this proposal would only work if volunteers could be found to organise the event.</p> <p>Cllr Baines reported that Dorchester Parish is planning to turn their phone box into an exhibition about Gilbert Scott the designer of the telephone box.</p> <p>Wallingford School have asked to put an information stand in one of the boxes to be maintained by pupils from the village. It was agreed that once the boxes had been repainted the stand could be installed in the Greenmere box for a trial period.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask the Community Heartbeat Trust to write an article for The Villager about the benefits of installing a defibrillator in the phone box. If sufficient volunteers from the village could then be found to be trained in the use of a defibrillator the Council would then consider how to fund the device.</p> <p>Cllr Collett left the meeting.</p> <p>e) Planning P11/W1931 – Demolition of Garage and Workshop with change of use to provide a residential development of 2 no 4 bedroom detached properties with integral garages. Bell Garage Ltd, High Rd, Brightwell cum Sotwell After a lengthy discussion a vote was taken with 4 Councillors voting in favour of approving the plans and 3 against.</p> <p>f) Confirm Precept 2012/13 The 2012/13 Precept was confirmed as £29,224.</p> <p>g) Donations 2012 The following donations were agreed. Web Group - £800. Environment Group - £100. A grant of £1000 for work to the Village Hall was agreed previously. It was agreed that the Council would like to donate items of furniture to the St Agatha’s Extension Appeal with the value of the donation to be confirmed. The availability of grants for village organisations will be advertised again in the summer.</p>	<p>JR</p> <p>LD</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Matters for report and items for inclusion on next month’s agenda</p> <p>Jubilee Celebrations – a proposal has been received from a resident to organise Brightfest on the Recreation Field during the Jubilee Weekend. It was agreed in principle to allow planning to begin however the Cricket Club must be consulted and details need to be confirmed at the next Council meeting.</p> <p>Potholes – Bakers Lane – to be reported.</p> <p>The pavement outside Meadowview – to be reported.</p> <p>APM Agenda</p>	<p>CC</p> <p>LD</p>

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm in The Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.30 pm.

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