BRIGHTWELL CUM SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 16th October 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Mrs L. Dalby (Clerk), two members of the public and County Cllr L. Atkins.

Co-option onto the Council There are now two vacancies, the posts have been advertised but no applications have been received. **Apologies for Absence** There were no apologies for absence. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2012 The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman. 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. **Public Participation** Mr Thorne outlined his proposed plans to build four houses on land behind the village hall before they are submitted to SODC. The Council took note of the plans and will comment when the plans are received from the planning authority. Reports a) County Councillor's Report

Following the Higways Depot Open Day I can confirm that:

- a. There will be an automatic top-up of OCC salt bins at the start of the winter season
- b. Salt does not have a shelf life. It will remain useable provided it is stored in reasonably dry conditions, and if a crust does develop on top it can just be broken up with a shovel before use.

Of the 3 specific highways projects authorised from my budget for the parish:

- weed clearance along the verges around the Shillingford Park site, and along the road between Wallingford and Shillingford has now taken place. The weeds are all dead but will take a few more weeks to disappear completely.
- a speed indicator sign on the A4130 as the road leaves the Slade End roundabout towards Didcot will be installed over the next few months. There is a discussion going on within OCC about the ongoing costs (electrical power) of these signs which needs to be resolved.

• Similarly, the speed indicator sign outside the Shillingford Park will be in place in due course, once the issue about ongoing costs has been resolved.

The Big Society Grant for the Community Led Plan has been granted.

Cllr Atkins agreed to share the cost of a push along bucket to spread salt with the Parish Council if they wished to purchase one. The buckets cost £250 - £350 each. The Council will discuss the idea.

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Cllr Atkins will find out if systems have been put in place to turn roundabout lights off during the night.

b) District Councillor's Report

Core Strategy

The Core Strategy will go to full Council on 13th December 2012 together with the electoral review of Ward Boundaries.

Thermal Imaging Camera

I would like to remind the parish that SODC owns a thermal imaging camera which it lends to community groups in the district over the autumn and winter months.

Town & Parish Forum

This year's forum will be held on 21st November, an invitation letter should have been received by the Clerk.

Community right to bid

Parishes can identify assets of community value (land or buildings) under the act it is the responsibility of the District Council to maintain a list of Community Assets. In the event of an asset coming up for sale there will be an initial six week period where the asset can't be sold. If there is community interest to buy the asset then a six month period can be allowed for a bid to be put together.

Paths for Communities

This is a reminder of the scheme developed by Natural England to create and/or improve paths in the countryside which I bought to your attention in March. This is still open for application, details can be found on the Defra website.

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It was agreed that Cllr Rodda would contact the Earth Trust again to discuss the possibility of a new footpath. The Clerk will contact The OCC Countryside Service to discuss the path.

Clerk

c) Clerk's Report

Cllrs Fox and Rodda will attend the Town and Parish Forum at SODC on 21st November.

I have agreed office hours with Cllr Fox (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30 – 11.30 or on occasion 10 -12) however in any given week this is subject to change with the agreement of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

Clerk

d) Planning Report

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Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P12/S1700/FUL	Erection of new workshop/storage and	Approve	Approved
	associated parking area. Land opp. Orchard		
	Cottage, High Rd		
P12/S1915/0	Replacement of existing 3 bedroom	No strong	
	dwelling with new 4 bedroom dwelling.	views	
	Fistral Slade End		

e) October Payments

The following payments were agreed.

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby Clerks salary and expenses	418.31		418.31
Post Office Ltd - PAYE	97.40		97.40
Shillingford Hill Home Park Residents' Association – Speed	50.00		50.00
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Scion Estates Ltd – Grass cutting	454.32	90.86	545.18
GLS Educational Supplies – donation to Church Extension	474.20	94.84	569.04

f) Community Led Plan

The Steering group have three consultation sessions planned.

g) SODC Core Strategy

The inspectors report is due any day.

h) A-Z Directory

The Directory will be distributed with The Villager at the end of November.

i) CAGE

Nothing further to report at this time.

7 Matters for Discussion/Decision

a) Planning

Ref	Description	Decision
P12/S2178/0	Demolition of existing petrol forecourt, reception and workshop buildings. Change of use to residential. Construction of one new dwelling with associated parking and gardens. Bell garage, High Rd, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell	No Strong Views Concern about loss of village facility
P12/51878/HH Amended	Proposed 2 storey side extension to provide a living room and master bedroom with en-suite shower room. (as amended by drawings 744, 1A, 4A, 5A & 6A) Lucks All, Mackney Lane	Refuse Scale and design out of keeping – wooden cladding and lack of

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		windows.	
b) Inspection a	and Maintenance		
- Play Are	ea		
Cllr Gilgrass rep	oorted that a better system of inspection and maintenar	nce is needed for	
the play area. It	t was agreed that Councillors would continue to carryou	ıt weekly	
inspections, Mr	Copely would be approached to carry out more thorou	gh quarterly	
inspections and RoSPA will continue to complete an annual inspection. Funds will be		GG	
	aintenance and a schedule of work will be agreed.		
	d springy thing are both worn out, it was agreed to look	at replacement as	
•	nmunity Led Plan.		
The gate at the	recreation field needs to be replaced.		
- Tennis (Court		
It was agreed tl	nat the Council has a duty to maintain the tennis courts	. Cllr Gilgrass will	
obtain three qu	otes for the work.		GG
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	und Jubilee Pavilion		
	been raised that the hedge is damaging the back of the		
_	s looked at the area and feels that the ivy needs to be cu		
clearance.	Ir Allen has quoted £150 for the work. It was agreed to	go anead with the	GG
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c) Preliminary	Budget Discussion		
·-	o be surplus at the end of this financial year. The counci		
•	d be happy to support if applications were received. It w	as agreed to	Clei
	g a handrail to the steps on Footpath 17.		
-	port and items for inclusion on next month's agenda		
It was agreed the	nat the Clerk would apply for a licence for using OS map	S.	Cle
It was agreed tl	nat Villager Articles should include contact details for th	e Parish Council.	
The sleepers at	Well Springs have rotted through. Martin Dix is happy to	to replace the	
sleepers which	will cost £67. It was agreed to ask Mr Dix to go ahead w	ith the work.	
The Clerk will re	eport hedges blocking the pavement in the village to Hig	ghways.	Clei
It was agreed	that the next meeting of the Council would take place o	on Tuesday 20 th	1
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November at 7.30pm in The Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.35 pm.

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