

BRIGHTWELL CUM SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 18th February 2014 at 7.30pm in the Church Room.

Present: Cllrs J. Rodda (Chair), Celia Collett and Clive Collett.

In attendance: Mrs L. Dalby (Clerk) and one member of the public.

1	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D. Fox, G. Gilgrass, A. Wood, H. Baines, A. McGivan and County Cllr L. Atkins.	
2	Minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2014. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	
3	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 Celia 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 Clive Collett in matters relating to the Village Hall.	
4	Public Participation Mr Farrand from Slade End asked if the Parish Council could help to have the potholes in the track repaired. Cllr Collett suggested he contact the land owner and Thames Water as some of the damage is caused by vehicles visiting the pumping station. The Clerk will confirm if the track is a Footpath and therefore if OCC Countryside can help.	
5	Reports a) County Councillor's Report I very much regret that I have to report to the Parish Council that there was a fatal accident on the A4130 on Thursday 6 th February. At the time of writing, indications are that neither speed nor exiting from the village were factors in the accident. I will provide further information if I receive it. Following the meeting on 23 rd February with Cllr David Nimmo-Smith about the A4130 speed limits, I am hopeful that a meeting of all parties involved can be set up so that a detailed discussion can take place. I have been in touch with the Highways team about the state of Pennygreen Lane, and have also reported specific potholes in several other locations including the Shillingford/Wallingford Road near the Rush Court entrance. I'll continue to report those I come across, but as ever must urge that others report all defects directly to OCC (online, by email or telephone) or on the 'fix my street' website. I understand that a backlog of pothole fixing may be developing because of the huge number following the dreadful weather.	

The County Council has submitted a formal objection to the Parish's requested boundary for a Neighbourhood Plan. The letter is attached, setting out the reasons for the objection.

I haven't yet had a response about the cost of the 20mph limit, but have not chased that as the highways team have been extremely busy with other more urgent matters: I will keep it on my list and chase once floods have dropped and we have sorted out final spending from highways budgets for this financial year.

b) District Councillor's Report

Flooding

Further to my report last month regarding the flooding, the Parish Council is receiving regular updates from SODC in respect of flooding and waste collections via e-mail, all information can also be found on the SODC website.

Regarding waste collections, with the situation changing daily, communication is by the following means:

- SODC website
- on Twitter
- via Binfo
- via our waste text message service

Budget

The Budget will be agreed at the full Council meeting on Thursday 20th February. All papers for the meeting can be viewed via the SODC website. The revenue budget proposed would result in a reduction of 2.5% to the current band "D" council tax.

Community Governance Review

The Council will consider the working group's provisional recommendations at its meeting on 20th February 2014. Formal consultation on these will commence in March and end on 31st May 2014.

c) Clerk's Report

The Clerk has applied to register the pub as a Community Asset.

It was agreed to go ahead with the quote from Abingdon Stone and Marble for work to the War Memorial.

Cllr Fox responded to the Community Governance review.

d) Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P13/S3937/FUL	Demolition of existing dwelling house &	Officer	

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	ancillary buildings & erection of 2 detached dwellings with linked triple garages. Moat Fall, High Rd, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell	Determination	
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Cllr Celia Collett reported that a revised plan for Moat Fall will be submitted.

e) February Payments

The following accounts for payment were agreed.

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerk’s Salary and Expenses	483.24		483.24
Post Office Ltd – PAYE	80.60		80.60
R. Sherwood – Handyman Salary & Expenses	37.23		37.23
OPFA - Subscription	40.00		40.00
SODC – Dog Bins	83.72	16.74	100.46
CPRE - Subscription	29.00		29.00

6 Matters for Discussion/Decision

a) Community Led Plan

The final analysis of the data is underway and it is hoped that the plan will be published in the summer.

b) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllrs Wood, Celia Collett and Fox are to meet with Tom Rice from SODC on February 28th to discuss the boundary.

c) Site B Access and Speed Limits

The developers have gone back to their landscape architect to reconsider the access to site B.

d) Planning

Ref	Description	PC Rec
P14/S0062/HH	Erection of single storey rear and side extension. Redstones, 4 Bell Lane, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell	Approve

e) Adopt Revised Standing Orders

It was resolved that there must be at least two councillors on all committees and sub committees. Proposed by Cllr Collett and seconded by Cllr Rodda.

The Standing Orders were adopted as tabled.

f) Defibrillator for Phone Box

It was agreed to invite a representative of the Community Heartbeat Trust to the Annual

	<p>Parish Meeting in order to bring other community groups on board with fundraising for a defibrillator.</p> <p>g) Didcot Area NAG The Didcot Area Neighbourhood Action Group have invited a representative of the Parish Council to attend their next meeting. There have been no volunteers to attend.</p> <p>h) Play Area Maintenance Cllr Clive Collett has spoken to the handyman about strengthening the fence at Kings Meadow.</p> <p>i) Earth Trust Planning It was reported that the second Earth Trust Car Park is closed at weekends for the security of the buildings and equipment. The Councillors agreed that the current car park could be improved to allow for more parking.</p>	LD
7.	<p>Matters for report and items for inclusion on next month's agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Management of scrub area around Recreation Field. - Speed limit warning signs - Brightfest - Donations - Mackney Lane - verge, drainage and overflowing sewage. 	

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 18th March 2014 at 7.30pm in The Church Room.
There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed.....Dated.....