

## BRIGHTWELL CUM SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs D. Fox (Chair), J. Rodda, Celia Collett, Clive Collett, H. Baines, A. McGivan and R. Nielsen.

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

1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G. Gilgrass and A. Wood.	
2	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014.</b> The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	
3	<b>Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest</b> 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	<b>Public Participation</b> There was none.	
5	<b>Reports</b> a) County Councillor's Report Following the meeting on 23 <sup>rd</sup> February with Cllr David Nimmo-Smith about the A4130 speed limits, I am still hopeful that a meeting of all parties involved can be set up so that a detailed discussion can take place.  The cost of a 20mph limit in the village is now being looked into by the newly returned Highways Area Steward.  I have reported the dreadful state of both Church Lane and Bakers Lane to the Highways department. At the moment, the number of reports is outweighing the available resources for sorting things out, so not everything is being sorted out as quickly as it should be. Particularly bad potholes are being prioritized (as was the case in Mackney Lane that I reported last month at the meeting)  As reported verbally at the last meeting, I am very pleased with the latest draft Minerals Strategy which has been produced by OCC, and which much improves the position locally.  I am delighted to have been able to agree grants from my County Council Big Society budget this year for BrightFest and developing a Dementia Friendly village.  The response to the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy was discussed.	

Cllr Nielsen joined the meeting.

Cllr McGivan asked when the cost of a 20mph speed limit will be known. Cllr Atkins hopes to know within a fortnight.

b) District Councillor's Report

#### **Planning updates - The Planning Practice Guidance website**

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) has launched the 'Planning Practice Guidance' website: - (<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/>).

The website provides guidance across many categories; topics include flood risk, green belt protection, the test of soundness for local plans, windfalls, assessing housing need, infrastructure, brownfield land, the delivery record of developers and landowners, renewable energy, the five year supply of sites, prematurity in relation to draft plans, and joint working between local authorities.

#### **New permitted development right**

The government has confirmed that it intends to proceed with various changes to the current permitted development rights. These are the rights that allow development or a change of use without the requirement for planning permission. The changes follow on from a consultation in autumn last year titled 'Greater flexibilities for change of use'.

In summary, the proposed key changes are:

- Class A1 (retail) and A2 (financial and professional services) uses will be able to change to C3 (residential use)
- Class A1 (retail) uses will be able to change to banks and building societies
- Agricultural buildings will be able to change to residential buildings
- Office, leisure and community use will be able to change to nurseries
- Agricultural buildings will be able to change to state-funded schools or nurseries.

In a written statement, Nick Boles has indicated the proposed new rights for the change of use from agricultural buildings to residential will not apply to areas of outstanding natural beauty, and that up to 450m<sup>2</sup> of agricultural buildings per farm will be able to change to up to 3 units of residential accommodation.

The statement also indicates that some of the changes will have to be the subject of a prior approval process, but details on that process are yet to be provided.

c) Clerk's Report

The War Memorial and the stone celebrating the 50 years of a merged Brightwell-cum-

Sotwell have now been cleaned.

The pipe which exits into the ditch at the corner of the recreation field has been inspected by SODC and it was running well on the day they visited. Dave Balwin from SODC is to examine the drains and streams in the village with residents.

The Inspection Rota has been updated and the reported items are in the process of being dealt with.

d) Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P14/S0623/RM	Consideration for all reserved matters for erection of 1 dwelling with associated parking and landscaping. Bell Garage, High Road	NSV	
P14/S0882/HH	Remove existing lean-to greenhouse & installation of new timber greenhouse. St Cecilia, West End	Approve	

e) April Payments

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
M.E.S. Dart & Partners – Ditch Clearing	600.00	120.00	720.00
L. Dalby – Clerk’s salary and Expenses	481.33		481.33
R. Sherwood – Handyman for Jubilee Pavilion	145.00		145.00
R. Sherwood – PAYE refund	307.80		307.80
Post Office Ltd – PAYE	76.00		76.00
L. Dalby – APM Printing	6.75	1.35	8.10
Village Hall – Office Hire	500.00		500.00
Village Hall – Room Hire	12.50		12.50
Abingdon Stone and Marble – War Memorial refurbishment	1135.00	227.00	1362.00

6 **Matters for Discussion/Decision**

a) Neighbourhood Plan

Anton Nath from ORCC has spoken to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party. The group is applying for a Locality Grant for the Plan. The boundary is still under discussion.

b) Planning

Ref	Description	PC Rec
P14/S0851/FUL	Construction of one dwelling and garages. Land between Mount Vernon and North Barn, Bakers Lane	

It was agreed to hold a planning meeting to discuss this application as a number of

	<p>concerns have been raised.</p> <p>c) Community Governance Review          Cllr Fox will respond to the review.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Matters for report and items for inclusion on next month's agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shillingford Bus Stop – muddy path</li> <li>- Speed warning signs</li> <li>- Speed limit variations on A4130 and white gates</li> <li>- The unaudited Jubilee Pavilion accounts were tabled</li> <li>- Tennis Court Shed</li> </ul>	

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.30pm in The Church Room.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.45 pm.

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