

## BRIGHTWELL CUM SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Cllrs D. Fox (Chair), Celia Collett, Clive Collett, A. Wood, and H. Baines.

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

1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J. Rodda, G. Gillgrass, A. McGivan and County Cllr L. Atkins.	
2	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 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 I will be attending the Consultation meeting about Local Transport Plan 4 at Didcot Cornerstone on 15th July. One of several matters I will ensure is considered is that some local people cannot attend a consultation meeting because the latest evening buses leave too early to allow them to go. Unfortunately, the timing means I won't be able to attend the Parish Council meeting.  The draft Flood Strategy is now available for consultation, and can be seen at <a href="https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/floodriskmgmt/consultationHome">https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/floodriskmgmt/consultationHome</a>  The consultation is open until 19th September.  It has taken some time, but I have recently arranged for Judith Domville to become a Local Authority Governor at the village school, and I am in discussions with a resident in the village about the second vacancy. Judith lives in Benson and while she does have children, she does not have a child at Brightwell-cum-Sotwell School. She has a science background.  b) District Councillor's Report <b>Broadband</b> The Open Market Review (OMR) is now completed and a final OMR consultation is being	

run from 11 July. This will be the final opportunity for any existing or prospective broadband infrastructure providers to query the coverage map and check what they submitted as part of the OMR is accurate and for OCC to confirm that the provider have a definitive implementation plan.

On this basis, OCC has recently instructed BT to undertake the final modelling of the additional funding, known as a speed and coverage template that will form part of the SODC funding agreement contract with OCC. The modelled coverage is expected by end of August and the report is expected to go to SODC cabinet on 11 September. Subject to delegation to the strategic director in consultation with the relevant cabinet member, officers will agree this template and have it appended to the funding agreement contract between SODC and OCC.

Once SODC have the plans for the 95% coverage it will enable work to start to look at plans for the remaining 5%, hopefully in the next month or so.

### **Local Growth Funding**

A £14.02 million programme has been announced to improve the local infrastructure.

The Government's Local Growth Fund is putting £9.5 million towards the expansion of Didcot Station's Foxhall Road Car Park. The work will include the construction of a multi-storey car park plus a covered walkway from the car park directly onto the station.

A further £4.52 million Local Growth Funding has also been provided to improve the Science Vale Cycle Network.

#### **c) Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that here is a vacancy for a Parish Path Warden for Brightwell-cum-Sotwell. It was suggested that the Clerk contact the Parish walking group.

A booking has been made for the recreation field for use as a car park for a wedding in the village. It was agreed to allow the booking to be honoured but the hirers will be made aware that the Councils Public Liability Insurance will not cover any accidents, the hirers will be asked to steward the parking and any damage will have to be made good.

#### **d) Planning Report**

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P14/S1248/FUL	Re-modeling existing 3 bed house to form garage, construction of new 3 bed house together with new access from highway. Green Acre, Slade End	NSV	Approved
P14/S1777/HH	Two storey rear extension. Removal of existing porch. Pleasant Cottage, Sotwell St	Approved	
P14/S1699/HH	New front entrance porch, first floor side extension & alterations. Grange Fields, Church Lane	Approved	

P14/S1993/PDH	Full width, single storey rear extension with monopitch roof & roof lights. The existing single skin utility room is to be demolished.		
e) July's Payments			
Payee and reason		£ detail	£ VAT
L. Dalby – Clerk's Salary & Expenses		474.79	474.79
R. Sherwood - Handyman		75.00	75.00
HS Gardening Services – Grass Verge Cutting		750.00	750.00
Scion Estates – Grass cutting		392.48	78.50
Calico UK – Domain Name		15.00	3.00
PestFix – pigeon strips		36.97	7.39
Action For Market Towns – Neighbourhood Plan Training		120.00	120.00
Post Office Ltd - PAYE		76.00	76.00
<p>f) Defibrillator</p> <p>The defibrillator leaflet will be distributed via the email database and with the next edition of The Villager.</p>			
6	<p><b>Matters for Discussion/Decision</b></p> <p>a) Local Plan 2031</p> <p>The draft response was discussed and agreed.</p> <p>b) Community Led Plan</p> <p>The action plan was discussed prior to the publication of the Community Led Plan. Mr Debney reported that the Steering Group will continue to meet for a while to ensure all the action points from the plan are picked up.</p> <p>Cllr Fox thanked Mr Debney and the steering group for the huge amount of hard work they have put into the plan.</p> <p>c) Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The full grant has been awarded for the Neighbourhood Plan though it must be spent by December 31<sup>st</sup>. It was agreed that more volunteers are needed and a plan of action needs to be organised as soon as possible.</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>- A planning meeting to discuss the application for the old West End Nursery Site will be arranged.</li> <li>- It was agreed to hold the September meeting in Shillingford.</li> </ul>		

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm.

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