

BRIGHTWELL CUM SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 16th December 2014 at 7.30pm in the Church Room.

Present: Cllrs D. Fox (Chair), H. Baines, J. Rodda, G. Gillgrass and A. Wood.

In attendance: Mrs L. Dalby (Clerk) and three members of the public.

1	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Celia Collett, Clive Collett, A. Woods and County Cllr L. Atkins.	
2	Minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 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. Cllr Baines declared an interest in item 6c Planning Application P14/S3585/HH as she is a neighbour.	
4	Public Participation Residents from Well Springs expressed their concerns about the proposed memorial bench. It was agreed that this is not an appropriate spot for a bench and it was also noted that there is environmental management plan in place.	
5	Reports a) County Councillor's Report Despite my best efforts, the Cabinet has approved the latest version of the Local Plan for Minerals and Waste (which is largely OK) and the revised Local Aggregates Assessment (which has an increased target for mineral extraction which is, in my opinion, wrong as it stands). After I explained the issues which concern me at the Cabinet meeting in November, 3 cabinet members abstained from the vote rather than endorsing the LAA as they were asked to by officers. As 4 still voted in favour, it will go forward to a special County Council meeting on 27th January for formal approval before a further consultation period ahead of the election 'purdah' from the end of March. The chances of getting it amended are slim, but I will continue to try to have the target reduced unless a much better justification for the increased targets is provided. The County Council budget for 2015/16 is now being prepared and will be scrutinised by the Performance Scrutiny Committee (of which I am a member) on 18th December. As funding remains exceptionally tight and OCC has recently announced that there is a recruitment freeze because of current-year financial problems, there will be very little	

likelihood of spending on any but statutory responsibilities in the near future.

b) District Councillor's Report

Council Tax reduction scheme grant to towns and parish

At the full Council meeting on 11th December the total council tax reduction scheme grant to be passed down to town and parish councils for 2015/16 was agreed. The Parish Council will be notified of their individual grant amount.

Elections – fees and charges 2015

At the full Council meeting on 11th December the council agreed the fee and charges for the district and parish elections this information will be passed to the Parish Council to assist them in setting their budget.

Emergency Plans for winter weather

In the event of bad weather residents can obtain useful information from the SODC and OCC websites. Also, the SODC Twitter feed will be updated – which you can read at twitter.com/southoxon even if you're not signed up to twitter.

c) Clerk's Report

The defibrillators have arrived and will be put up in due course. We are just waiting for a new pain of glass for the telephone box and confirmation from the owner of the Shillingford Home Park where it is to be sited. The proposed location for the third defibrillator was discussed. The Clerk will contact the Ambulance Service for their advice.

d) Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P14/S3492 /HH	Loft conversion that includes raising the roof in height and adding a dormer window to the side elevation and a number of roof lights to the side elevations. Vallum, Sotwell St.	Object	

e) Neighbourhood Plan

No report.

f) December's Payments

The following accounts for payment were agreed.

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerks Salary and Expenses	628.51		628.51
Post Office Ltd – PAYE & NI	137.00		137.00
James Stephenson – mini football donation	116.00		116.00
Parish Online – Get Mapping Subscription	28.00	5.60	33.60
Kenneth Hume – Millenium Wood	150.00		150.00
L. Dalby – Mince Pies	10.50		10.50

	Brightwell PCC – Room Hire PC Meetings	64.00		64.00									
	Brightwell PCC – Room Hire Neighbourhood Plan Meetings	30.00		30.00									
	Brightwell PCC – Room Hire Good Neighbour Teas	90.00		90.00									
6	<p>Matters for Discussion/Decision</p> <p>a) Complaints Procedure The proposed Complaints procedure was reviewed. Cllr Rodda reported that there is an existing Complaints Procedure. The Clerk to look again for a copy of the existing procedure.</p> <p>b) Memorial Bench As Public Participation.</p> <p>c) Planning</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ref</th> <th>Description</th> <th>PC Rec</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>P14/S286 0/O</td> <td>Proposal: Residential development comprising 555 dwellings, a one form entry primary school, associated landscaping and open spaces, construction of a new access onto the A3140 Calvin Thomas Way/Bosley Way, construction of a public transport link/emergency access onto Wantage Road and other supporting infrastructure works and facilities.Address: Land to the West of Wallingford (Site B)</td> <td>NSV but detailed submission made.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P14/S358 5/HH</td> <td>Erection of a single storey rear link extension. Woodleys Cottage Old Nursery Lane Brightwell-cum-Sotwell</td> <td>Approve</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Council agreed that the response to P14/S2860/O should include a request to reduce the speed limit to 40mph and a safer cycle route between Brightwell-cum-Sotwell and Wallingford in addition to detailed submission concerning the proposed access and the landscaping.</p> <p>d) Budget 2015/16 The draft budget was discussed and a number of amendments made. The final budget to be considered in January.</p>				Ref	Description	PC Rec	P14/S286 0/O	Proposal: Residential development comprising 555 dwellings, a one form entry primary school, associated landscaping and open spaces, construction of a new access onto the A3140 Calvin Thomas Way/Bosley Way, construction of a public transport link/emergency access onto Wantage Road and other supporting infrastructure works and facilities.Address: Land to the West of Wallingford (Site B)	NSV but detailed submission made.	P14/S358 5/HH	Erection of a single storey rear link extension. Woodleys Cottage Old Nursery Lane Brightwell-cum-Sotwell	Approve
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7.	<p>Matters for report and items for inclusion on next month's agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jubilee Pavillion - Cllr Rodda reported that he felt more support from residents at the SODC Planning Committee meeting would have shown the District Councillors the strength of feeling in the Parish against the planning application. - The Path at Shillingford has been completed. 												

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 20th January 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.15pm.