

BRIGHTWELL CUM SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 20th January 2015 at 7.30pm in the Church Room.

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

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

1	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G. Gillgrass and A. McGivan.	
2	Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 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 There was none.	
5	Reports a) County Councillor's Report The special council meeting to consider the revised minerals Local Plan has now been deferred to 24 th March: I understand this is because of the need to do more work on the waste matters which it includes as well as just minerals. As a result, the next period of formal consultation will take place after rather than before the General Election. I will be proposing an amendment to the motion accepting the Local Aggregates Assessment which would replace the increased target with a 10-year rolling average, and will work with local representatives and groups to co-ordinate our efforts. The bypass speed limit was discussed. b) District Councillor's Report Didcot A Power Station site Local residents and business are being asked to give their views on the proposals for the redevelopment of land at Didcot A Power Station. An exhibition is being held on Saturday 17 th January from 10.00am to 2.00pm at Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot. Also on the same date a website - www.didcota.co.uk is being launched. Comments can be made via this website by Wednesday 28 th January; these will be considered as part of the pre-planning application consultation process.	

Cllr Collett reported that following the fire at the SODC offices on 15th January the I.T. staff worked all weekend to restore the website. It will take a while for the Planning Department to be up and running. The Contingency plan is working well.

Cllr Fox asked Cllr Collett to convey a message of support from the Parish Council to the District Council and an offer to help in any way.

c) Clerk's Report

A letter of thanks has been received from the Mini Football club for the donation.

d) Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P14/S2657/H H	New disabled access ramp. Mount Vernon, Bakers Lane	Approve	Granted
P14/S3492/H H Amended	Loft conversion that includes raising the roof in height & adding a dormer window to the side elevation & a number of rooflights to the side elevations. Vallum, Sotwell Street.	Object	Granted
P14/S3585/H H	Erection of a single storey rear link extension. Woodleys Cottage, Old Nursery Lane.	Approve	Granted
P14/S3759/FU L	Demolition of existing petrol forecourt, reception & workshop buildings. Change of use to residential. Construction of 2 semi-detached dwellings with associated parking and gardens. Bell Garage, High Road.	Approve	

e) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Fox is awaiting reports from members of the steering group in order to prepare the Scoping Report.

f) January's Payments

The following payments were approved between meetings.

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
Brightwell PCC – Roomhire for N.P.	270.00		270.00
Printinco – printing for N.P.	1650.00	480.00	1980.00
Stewart Village Hall – Roomhire for N.P.	265.00		265.00
Unicorn Restorations – telephone box glass	29.70	5.94	35.64
ORCC – N.P.	2400.00	480.00	2880.00

The following payments were approved.

	Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
	L. Dalby – Clerk’s Salary and Expense	608.56		608.56
	R. Sherwood - Handyman	110.00		110.00
	Post Office Ltd – PAYE	127.84		127.84
	Stewart Village Hall – Neighbourhood Watch	25.00		25.00
	Arrow Fencing – Play equipment repairs	248.60	49.72	298.32
	T. Windsor	75.98	15.20	91.18
6	<p>Matters for Discussion/Decision</p> <p>a) Complaints Procedure It was agreed to update the current Complaints Procedure.</p> <p>b) Memorial Bench Mrs Burridge will fund the removal and replacement of a current bench with a bench in memory of her husband. It was agreed to consider placing the old bench in the community orchard.</p> <p>c) Grass and tree cutting contracts Quotes for grass cutting were considered. It was agreed that if Evergreen would agree a fee of £3400 to award them the contract.</p> <p>d) Budget 2015/16 The Budget was discussed. Cllr Rodda proposed that the precept should be set at £29597. This was seconded by Cllr Baines and agreed by the Council.</p>			
7.	<p>Matters for report and items for inclusion on next month’s agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Collett and Mr Sherwood will fit the defibrillators - A – Z Directory - Phone box signs 			

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 17th February 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.45 pm.