

BRIGHTWELL CUM SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 17th March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Church Room.

Present: Cllrs D. Fox (Chair), Celia Collett, Clive Collett, R. Nielsen, and A. McGivan.

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

1	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A. Wood, G. Gillgrass and J. Rodda.	
2	Minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2015. 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 will take place on 24th March. My efforts to get the increased target for sand and gravel extraction reduced have not been successful, so I am now looking at alternative ways forward. I have been very grateful for the support of a range of local representatives, and had a very productive meeting with Graham Gilgrass and Bernard Stone from Wallingford Town Council in February to talk this issue through. I hope to set up another such meeting soon to bring them and a representative from Long Wittenham Parish Council, up to date with progress and plans. The bypass speed limit was discussed with Cllr Atkins and it was agreed that 50mph would be unlikely to encourage drivers to go through Wallingford and would mean fewer trees would need to be cut down for the junction splays for Site B. She confirmed that both she and Wallingford Town Council would support a 50 mph limit. It was also agreed that a 20mph limit from the Slade End roundabout through Wallingford would be beneficial. However OCC would only support this in the centre of Wallingford. Cllr McGivan asked if there had been any further progress with the 20mph limit for the village. The Clerk and Cllr Atkins will investigate. b) District Councillor's Report New offices	

It is expected that SODC and the Vale will be moving to Milton Park by the middle of May, final negotiations are taking place followed by refurbishment of the premises to make it fit for purpose.

Election preparation

The Council is writing to anyone that's been registered for a postal vote for more than five years as they need to re-apply for the elections in May. They are also sending out some letters to double check they have the right details for the household. If you do not receive the ones you expect by 20th March you can contact the electoral team by e-mail or 01235 540310.

The notice of election for District and Parish elections is expected on 25th March. Nominations will be accepted after this date, the closing date is 9th April. Once nominations are open we move into the period of "purdah"

Cash to boost rural economy

There is £1.5 million available until 2020 for farmers, rural businesses, communities and others who are looking to boost their local rural economy.

There is a lot more information, including a map of the area covered by the grants on the LEADER website.

Cllr Nielsen expressed concerns that the village is not within the area – Cllr Collett will confirm if this is correct with SODC.

If you know of a project that might be eligible you can contact Amanda Holland by e-mail Oxfordshire.leader@southandvale.gov.uk

c) Clerk's Report

No report.

d) Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P15/S0239/HH	First floor, side extension and replacement porch. Sun Cottage 3 Bell Lane Brightwell-cum-Sotwell OX10 0QD	Approve	
P15/S0477/LB	Proposed ground floor rear extension. Gable Lodge Sotwell Street Brightwell-cum-Sotwell OX10 0RH	Approve	
P15/S0247/LB	Two storey rear extension. Magnolia House Sotwell Street Brightwell-cum-Sotwell OX10 0RG	Approve	

e) Neighbourhood Plan

No report.

f) March's Payments and Financial report

The following accounts for payment were agreed

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerk's Salary and Expenses	614.92		614.92
Post Office Ltd – PAYE	127.84		127.84
CPRE – Subscription	36.00		36.00
ORCC - Subscription	65.00		65.00

A year to date summary of the accounts has been circulated.

6 **Matters for Discussion/Decision**

a) APM

The date for the APM has been confirmed as 28th April. It was agreed to hold a short meeting followed by a defibrillator awareness training session.

b) Defibrillators

The Ambulance Service have recommended that the third defibrillator be placed at the Village Hall as the signage for the Village Stores is so good meaning that it could be found easily. It was agreed to ask permission from the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Celia Collett reported that the first defibrillator in the phone box is now ready for use. It will cost approximately £200 to fit the defibrillator at Shillingford. This expenditure was agreed.

The defibrillators need to become part of the inspection regime.

c) Planning

Ref	Description	PC Rec
P15/S0504 /HH	Proposal: Single storey rear extension, demolition of existing front porch to be replaced with new single storey entrance porch + internal alterations. Mead Cottage Mackney Lane Brightwell-cum-Sotwell OX10 0SQ	Approve

d) Local Plan 2031 Consultation

Cllr Fox had circulated a draft response to the consultation which was discussed. He commented that Cllr Wood had not yet reviewed it. Cllr Clive Collett was concerned that there was too much emphasis on the elderly and not enough on young people's housing need. It was agreed that Councillors would send any further comments to Cllr Fox and a further draft will be circulated for agreement.

e) Science Vale Area Action Plan Issues and Scope Consultation

	<p>The consultation was noted. Cllr Fox would review to see if a submission was required.</p> <p>f) Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule Consultation The Consultation was noted.</p> <p>g) Earth Trust Representation It was agreed that Cllr Celia Collett would act as the Parish Council's representative to the Earth Trust Local Stakeholder Group. The Clerk will respond to the Access Audit supporting the need for public access and use of the site and requesting that the Trust consider a permissive sky line path.</p> <p>h) Millennium Wood Maintenance work to the wood has been agreed with the Environment group.</p> <p>i) Old A4130 Prohibition of Driving Order Deferred until after the election.</p> <p>j) By-pass speed limit As per County Councillors report.</p>	
7.	<p>Matters for report and items for inclusion on next month's agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tennis Court Screens - Election nomination papers 	

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 21st April 2015 at 7.30pm.

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