

## BRIGHTWELL CUM SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Church Room.

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

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

1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> There were none.	
2	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015.</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. Cllrs Fox and McGivan in relation to item 6 (a) – Planning Application P15/S1015/O re The Manse	
4	<b>Public Participation</b> There was none.	
5	<b>Reports</b> a) County Councillor's Report Following the dissolution of Parliament and the imposition of 'Purdah' on key decisions in the public sector, it has been a very quiet few weeks. At the County Council meeting on 14th April, a number of resolutions were passed. One, in particular, may have an impact locally: the Council will seek a ban on HGVs using the outside lane along a large stretch of the A34 in order to try to speed up the flow of traffic. This will go to the Transport Secretary (once one is in post after 7th May).  Gravel – the final draft plan will be released in late May followed by a six week period for comments. Responses will be collated before an EIP in September. Any applications for gravel extraction during this period will have to be considered on their merits.  Finally, I would like to record my thanks to Cllrs Clive Collett, Adrian Wood and John Rodda who are standing down as Parish Councillors. I have very much enjoyed working with them and being kept on my toes by their questions and hope to work with them all in other ways in the future. I've also greatly valued having Celia Collett as my District Council equivalent for the Parish, and cannot say how much she will be missed by me in that role.  District Cllr Celia Collett thanked Cllr Atkins for working closely with her.	

b) District Councillor's Report

No report due to the forthcoming election.

c) Clerk's Report

The likely cost of obtaining a 20mph speed limit is £4,500. It was agreed that the Council need a breakdown of this cost and details of how many roads this would cover.

Cllr Nielsen questioned whether it would have any effect on irresponsible drivers.

The Annual Parish Meeting is on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Village Hall. Ian Jones from the Ambulance Service will give an awareness session for the use of the defibrillators. It was agreed to meet to arrange the hall at 6.30pm.

d) Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P15/S0632/HH	Proposed ground floor and 1 <sup>st</sup> floor side extension. Proposed ground floor rear extension. Lilicot, The Square.	Refuse	
P15/S0610/HH	Alterations and extension to existing dwelling. Slade End Cottage, Slade End	Approve	
P15/S0753/LB	Remove internal walls between kitchen and diner. Replace 3 windows and French Door and replace floor. The Well Springs, Well Springs	Approve	
P15/S0239/HH	First floor, side extension and replacement porch. Sun Cottage 3 Bell Lane Brightwell-cum-Sotwell OX10 0QD	Approve	Granted
P15/S0477/LB	Proposed ground floor rear extension. Gable Lodge Sotwell Street Brightwell-cum-Sotwell OX10 0RH	Approve	Granted
P15/S0247/HH	Two storey rear extension. Magnolia House Sotwell Street Brightwell-cum-Sotwell OX10 0RG	Approve	Granted

e) Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Area has now been designated. There has been no substantive response from SODC regarding the draft Scoping Report despite reminders.

f) April's Payments

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
Stewart Village Hall – Office Rent	550.00		550.00
Stewart Village Hall – Neighbourhood Watch Room	13.75		13.75

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A.T. Windsor – ballast and cement for play area fence	18.58	3.72	22.30
Tom Cottrell Landscapes – tree work	1860.00	372.00	2232.00
OALC - Subscription	249.71	49.94	299.65
L. Dalby – Clerks salary and expenses	511.26		511.26
L. Dalby – Answerphone for office	19.99		19.99
SLCC – Subscription (2/3 to be reclaimed from other Councils)	167.00		167.00
Aasvogel – skip for Millennium Wood	300.00	60.00	360.00

6	<p><b>Matters for Discussion/Decision</b></p> <p>a) Planning Consultation</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 20%;">Reference</th> <th style="width: 60%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 20%;">PC Dec</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>P15/S1015/O</td> <td>Construction of new detached dwelling on land adjoining The Manse, Bakers Lane</td> <td>NSV</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>b) Tennis Courts</p> <p>Cllr Gillgrass reported that the fence around the tennis courts has recently been damaged either by the wind catching in the windbreaks bending the posts or by vandalism. The posts have been straightened without the permission of the Parish Council further weakening the fence.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask the tennis club to remove the windbreaks when the courts are not being used by the club until further advice has been obtained on the best course of action for strengthening the fence.</p> <p>c) Jubilee Pavilion Solar Panels</p> <p>It was agreed to postpone a decision until after the election.</p> <p>It was also noted that the annual report from the Jubilee Pavilion Committee is due.</p>	Reference	Description	PC Dec	P15/S1015/O	Construction of new detached dwelling on land adjoining The Manse, Bakers Lane	NSV
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7.	<p><b>Matters for report and items for inclusion on next month's agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr Nielsen queried why the Precept had increased by 2.7%</li> <li>- Cllr Clive Collett thanked the Parish Council and Cllr Fox as Chairman for their work on behalf of the Community. He hoped that the new Council would focus on affordable and retirement homes for the village.</li> <li>- Cllr Rodda echoed Cllr Collett's comments about the Parish Councillors and wished the new Council every success.</li> <li>- Cllr Wood also agreed with Cllr Collett's comments.</li> <li>- Cllr Celia Collett reported that she had enjoyed her time as District Councillor through such a challenging period.</li> <li>- Cllr Fox thanked the Parish Council for all their work and support. He felt that a great deal had been achieved over the past 4 years. He agreed with Cllr Clive Collett that housing will be the key point for the new Council.</li> </ul>
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It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm.

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