

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 18th July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Church Room, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell

Present: Cllrs S. Robson (Chair), S. Jackson, G. Gilgrass, C. Collett and D. Fox.

In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk), County Cllr L. Atkins. District Cllr J. Murphy and two members of the public.

1.	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A. McGivan, H. Baines, R Nielsen and J. Debney.
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2017 The minutes of the meeting held on 21 st March 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
3.	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. There were none.
4.	Public Participation A resident raised concerns about a planning application. Cllr Fox reported that the Parish Council has submitted No Strong Views to the application.
5.	Reports a) County Councillor's Report I have had two very useful site visits to the Mackney Lane footpath which has been causing concern, one with Celia Collett, John Sheard and Derek Batten to make sure I understood the situation and a further meeting with Arthur McEwen-James, the footpaths officer. It is clear that there is inappropriate barbed wire along the side of the path which needs to be removed and that the line of the path from the pumping station to its end opposite the Rec has been changed. Arthur is also taking a more detailed look at the end of the path when compared to the entrance to the Rec and other footpaths. Arthur will contact the landowner in order to discuss how the faults should be remedied. It is also clear from discussions with Arthur that a number of other paths in the parish have migrated over the years and are no longer in accordance with the definitive map. The Parish Council may wish to review the situation, as the only enforcement action which can be taken on rights of way is on the basis of the definitive map so it may be best to regularize the situation now when there are no disputes to muddy the waters (literally in one case) either by agreement with all parties to change the definitive map or by relocating paths to where they should be. The earliest date on which the application for the New Barn Farm quarry can now get to the Planning Committee is now 4th September as it is not on the agenda for 17th July. Over the summer I will try to find out what is happening about the application. If useful information is available before the Parish Council next meets, I will circulate it to councillors. The County Local Plan for Minerals and Waste emerged from the Examination process pretty much intact, so we will be stuck with what I consider to be a deeply flawed plan, which will lead to unnecessary quarries being dug across the County. While there is no prospect of overturning the Plan now, I will attend the Cabinet meeting where it is to be formally endorsed to make my views clear. I understand that various maps for potential routes for the Oxford to Cambridge express road are circulating since the SODC Town and Parish Forum meeting on 5th July. I am trying to get hold of these but at the time of writing have not succeeded, and will keep the Parish Council informed of any progress

I make with that.

Finally, OCC has set up a transition fund to help to kick-start projects which will help local communities to take over the provision of services which OCC will no longer be supporting. There is £25,000 per locality which translates in this area to around £3,000 per council division. We've agreed that in this area we will look for schemes within divisions initially and then if those don't appear will consider something to cover the broader area (Didcot and Henley, and bits in between). If anyone has any ideas about applying for a grant under this scheme, please do get in touch and we can see if we can make it work.

b) District Councillors' Report

Cllr Murphy reported that the Brightwell-cum-Sotwell Neighbourhood Plan referendum will be going ahead in September.

Cllr Murphy has £3000 available for community projects.

c) Clerk's Report

The tent dweller has moved on and the field has been left tidy.

Following the third incident of the glass being smashed in the bus shelter it has been agreed with the glazier to remove the broken glass and not replace it for now.

The telephone box opposite The Red Lion has been damaged by a vehicle. The Clerk has obtained a quote for the replacement panel and reported the incident to the Police. It was agreed to contact the driver directly about the repairs.

Speed signs have been put up along the High Road.

d) Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P17/S1638/HH	Proposed single storey rear, side and front extensions. 68b Greenmere	NSV	Granted
P17/S1662/MPO	Modification of Planning Obligation (P04/W0033) - Part 1 of second schedule second sentence to read "the post perimeter is to be marked by a post and rail fence approximately 0.5 metres in height and a post and oak sleeper retaining wall show lined with a red dotted line on the plan attached" Thorndon House	NSV	
P17/S1846/FUL	New dwelling detached. 3, Church Lane	NSV	
P17/S1810/HH	Fencing along northern and western boundary. Haycroft, Brightwell Street	NSV	
P17/S2128/HH	Single storey timber building for use as a garden room. Denham Mead, Church Lane	Approve	

e) July's Payments

The following accounts for payment were approved.

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerks salary and expenses	480.74		480.74
HMRC - PAYE	116.60		116.60
L. Dalby – Pigeon Spikes	25.02		25.02
John O'Conner – Grass Cutting	499.73	99.95	599.68
Wallingford Glass and Glazing Ltd	40.00	8.00	48.00

Calico UK	20.00	4.00	24.00
The Corn Exchange - Donation	100.00		100.00

f) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Robson thanked Jason Debney, David Fox and Steve Capel-Davies for all their work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

6. **Matters for Discussion/Decision**

a) Confirm further donation for Shillingford Bus

It was agreed to donate a further £910 for the Shillingford bus.

b) Shillingford Footpaths

Cllr Robson reported that she had attended the Shillingford Residents Association AGM. Concerns had been raised that the footpath from Shillingford to Wallingford was becoming impassable. The Clerk to report to OCC Highways.

c) Playgrounds

Cllr Gillgrass reported that the plans for the playground refurbishment were moving forward, he will collate the figures for the various works to be completed. It was agreed to consider replacing the fence as part of the refurbishment once all the figures were available. The funding also needs to be clarified.

The tennis courts were discussed. It was agreed that work will need to be carried out on the courts next year and should be budgeted for accordingly. The Clerk to remind the tennis club that the nets should be loosened when not in use.

The signage in the play areas will be renewed as part of the refurbishment works.

Cllr Gillgrass reminded Councillors that it was their duty to look after the play equipment to complete the weekly inspections. The Clerk will send out the new rota.

d) Pavilion Accounts

Copies of the accounts were available however the numbered notes were missing. The Clerk will invite Mr Windsor to the next meeting to discuss the Pavilion.

e) Use of office wifi

The Village Hall committee have asked if it would be possible to use make use of the Parish Council wifi for events in the village hall. It was agreed to allow the use of the wifi as long as it did not interfere with the Clerk's work.

f) Planning

Ref	Description	PC Rec
P16/S4245/HH	Retrospective application for garden room, gates to drive, repositioning and enlargement of garage and two rooflights in roof of house (changes from approved plans - P15/S2748/FUL) (as amended by plans received 28 June 2017 altering design of fencing and gates). Address : Haldene House Bakers Lane, BcS	Refuse

7. **Matters for report and inclusion on July's Agenda**

- Sires Hill residents will be conducting Speed Checks with the Police. It was agreed for the residents to do this on behalf of the Parish Council.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 19th September 2017 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.20 pm.