

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 20th December 2017 at 7.30pm in the Church Room, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell

Present: Cllrs S. Robson (Chair), S. Jackson, G. Gilgrass, C. Collett, A. McGivan, H. Baines, D. Fox, R Nielsen and J. Debney.

In attendance: L. Dalby (Clerk), County Cllr L. Atkins and one member of the public.

1.	Apologies for Absence There were none.
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2017 The minutes of the meeting held on 21 st November 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
3.	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. There were none.
4.	Public Participation Mr Taylor who lives next to Mallards outlined his objections to the current planning application. Cllr Fox reported that Parish Councillors had met with the planning officer and developer to discuss the revised plans for the site. The Parish Council had made comments on the plans but the developer had pressed on with submitting them without regard to the comments from the Parish Council.
5.	Reports a) County Councillor's Report Very annoyingly, the planning application to dig a quarry at New Barn Farm, between Cholsey and Wallingford, was approved at the Planning meeting on 27th November. We were successful in opposing the application for Fullamoor Farm at the other end of my Division, but failed in the case of New Barn Farm. I anticipate that work will begin in the first half of 2018. Consultation on the County's budget proposals has started and will conclude on 8 January. The link for residents to have their say is at consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/Budget_1819/consultation As some councillors are aware, I put forward a motion to the County Council at our December meeting calling for a Public Enquiry into both the need and any potential routes for the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. The motion received strong cross-party support and was passed with the support of all but 6 County Councillors. I very much hope that other local councils such as SODC will make similar calls, so that the critical decisions about this issue are made openly and not behind closed Whitehall doors. It was agreed to write to SODC asking if they would be backing Cllr Atkins' motion. b) District Councillors' Report There was none. c) Clerk's Report Cllr Baines had attended the Pavilion committee meeting along with Mr Windsor, Mrs Rogerson and representatives of the football club, cricket team and dance group. It was agreed to hold two meetings a year of the committee. Mr Windsor had reported that work needs doing to the windows, floor and kitchen and that he will be requesting a donation of £1500 from the Parish Council for the work.

Outside works also need doing to the building and it had been agreed to look into voluntary community work from a local company.
It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Windsor and Mrs Rogerson confirming the charitable status of the pavilion.

d) Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P17/S3612/HH	Installation of a ramp to the front door. Oakwood House	NSV	Granted
P17/S3891/RM	Phase 1 Reserved Matters comprising the construction of 125 dwellings, landscaping, sports pitches, allotments, estate roads and associated infrastructure. The outline application was considered to be EIA development and an Environmental Assessment was submitted in support of the application. This reserved matters submission has been the subject of a Screening Request. The local planning authority has determined that there is no requirement for additional environmental assessment in support of this submission. Site B		
P17/S4049/FUL	Temporary construction access. Site B	Object	
P17/S4035/HH	Single storey timber outbuilding for use as a garden room. Athelstan Lodge	NSV	
P17/S3981/HH	Oak framed double bay garage in the front garden. Downs View	NSV	
P17/S2607/FUL Amendment	Demolition of dwelling and construction of 1 dwelling and pair of semi-detached houses. Mallard	Object	

The meeting with the developers of Little Martins was discussed. It was agreed more detail of the self-build plots and the process involved is needed.

e) Agree December's Payments for approval

The following account for payment were agreed.

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerks salary and expenses	477.94		477.94
HMRC - PAYE	117.80		117.80
Printinco – NP Printing	30.00	6.00	36.00
Arrow Fencing – Kings Meadow Play Area	1645.00	329.00	1974.00
Tom Cottrell Landscapes	1400.00	280.00	1680.00

6. **Matters for Discussion/Decision**

a) To discuss the budget for 2018/19

The budget was discussed:

- The dates for the results of the grant applications are needed.
- Future costs of the maintenance person need to be agreed.
- Tennis court moss removal needs to become routine maintenance. It was agreed the courts should be locked until the moss has been dealt with.
- Councillors were asked to consider any training they would like to take part in.
- Cost of an arboriculturalist report to be confirmed.
- Cost of new signs to be included.

	<p>b) Playground refurbishment Update The grant applications have been submitted. The play equipment at Kings Meadow which is to be retained has been refurbished.</p> <p>c) Discuss request for grit bin at the top of Bell Lane Following a request from a resident it was agreed to ask the County Council for an extra grit bin.</p>
7.	<p>Matters for report and inclusion on January's Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Baines noted that the building at Nuneham Courtenay was a good example of a sympathetic development. - Cllr Fox reported that the Clerk will investigate moving banks.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.25 pm.