

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held on 20th February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Church Room, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell

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

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

1.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllr D. Fox .
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2018 The minutes of the meeting held on 16 th January 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
3.	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. There were none.
4.	Public Participation There was none.
5.	Reports <p>a) County Councillor's Report Last week the County Council set its budget for 2018/19. I won't go into details here as there is plenty of information available on line if Councillors want to see it, but I will just mention that County Councillors will have a £15,000 budget allocated to us for local priorities. I am waiting for more details about how that can be used and if it is appropriate I will consult with all the councils in my division about effective use of the money, and particularly opportunities for seed and matched funding.</p> <p>Work is continuing to ensure that the implications of potential routes for the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway are the subject of genuine consultation. I organised a very useful meeting with our two local MPs (Ed Vaizey and John Howell) and they have agreed to lobby both for proper consultation and a northern route around Oxford which would have much better connectivity with the A420 and further west.</p> <p>b) District Councillors' Report Forwarded on 5th February.</p> <p>c) Clerk's Report The Clerk reported that Stephen Glover the Chairman of The Shillingford Hill Resident's Association has died. Steve was instrumental in the strengthening of the relationship between the Parish Council and the Residents Association and she has written to his widow on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Clerk has attended a course on the new General Data Protection Regulations which come into force in May. As the council holds very little personal data there should be very little impact though the Clerk will carry out a data audit. It was strongly recommended that Councillors should use dedicated email addresses for Parish Council business and that councillors should be careful when forwarding emails (especially long threads of emails) that they aren't revealing personal data to others.</p> <p>The draft NPs for Warborough/Shillingford for comment by 14 March and for Cholsey (revised) by 31 March have been distributed to councillors. It was agreed to let the Clerk know if Councillors had any comments.</p>

d) Planning Report

Ref	Description	PC Rec	Decision
P17/S3981/HH	Oak timber framed double bay garage in the front garden. Downs View	NSV	Approved
P17/S4405/HH	Variation of condition 2 on application P15/S2702/HH to change the route of the driveway as approved by P16/S1267/HH. (Relocated Access). Haddon Close Orchard Sires Hill	NSV	Granted
P18/S0091/HH	Demolition of existing outbuildings, erection single storey side and rear extension. 24 Greenmere	Approve	
P18/S0341/HH	Part infill to existing covered porch. La Leoanara	Approve	

e) Agree February's Payments for approval

The following accounts for payment were approved.

Payee and reason	£ detail	£ VAT	£ total
L. Dalby – Clerks salary and expenses	491.93		491.93
HMRC - PAYE	121.20		121.20
Cholsey PC – Share Clerks SLCC Subscription	60.00		60.00
Scofell Landscapes Ltd – Moss treatment tennis courts	252.00	50.40	302.40
Shillingford Hill Residents Association – bus donation	910.00		910.00

6. **Matters for Discussion/Decision**

a) Little Martins and Custom Build

The developer has had a large response to the custom build opportunity. Tree work will begin on site next week.

b) Planning

Ref	Description	PC Comment
P17/S2607/FUL Amendment	Demolition of dwelling and construction of one dwelling and a pair of semi-detached houses. Mallards	Object Cllr Debney to attend planning committee meeting
P18/S0050/FUL	Demolition of existing dwelling house and erection of two detached dwellings. The Rodings High Road Brightwell-cum-Sotwell	The planning committee are to conduct a site visit. The neighbour has objected.

c) Kings Meadow play area refurbishment update

WREN have awarded the Parish Council a grant for the refurbishment. The Council will now have to send a match funding cheque to WREN.

d) To discuss refurbishment of recreation ground play area

It was agreed to apply to SODC for funding for the refurbishment of the recreation field play equipment and for adult gym equipment.

e) To discuss organising a Litter Pick

A resident has suggested that the Parish Council organise a litter pick. The Clerk will respond offering the resident support to organise a litter pick.

	<p>f) Annual Parish Meeting date and format Dates for the Annual Parish Meeting were discussed. Cllr Debney has invited a local author to speak. It was also agreed to give a playground update and invite the new headteacher to speak.</p> <p>g) Parish Website The Clerk had obtained three quotes for a new website. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask two of the providers further questions before a decision is reached.</p>
7.	<p>Matters for report and inclusion on March's Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ringing out for Peace November 11th - The sign at the entrance of the village has been cleaned. - The white gates at the entrance to the village need to be repaired and painted - It was agreed Cllr Nielsen would attend the next Village Hall committee meeting on behalf of Cllr Gilgrass. The Clerk will request a copy of the survey. - Review of 20mph speed limit - Litter outside Tesco – Clerk to contact Didcot Town Council - Can trees that are to be removed at Little Martins be left for stag beetles - The ash tree at Mackney Lane has been removed due to ash die back and the landowners has planted 300 trees.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.30 pm.