

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of **Great Brickhill Parish Council** held on  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Great Brickhill

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Mr C Leech (Chairman), Mr D Bratt, Mr R Kettle, Mr A Middleton, Mr K Jackson  
County Cllr Mr N Blake, District Cllr Mrs J Blake

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs K Barker (Clerk), 6 members of the public were present

1000 **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Mrs W New, Ms B Wight

1001 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were approved. Cllr Middleton proposed, seconded by Cllr Bratt the approval of the minutes as a true record, all agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

1002 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Jackson – land at Green End Point 1008.1 (non-pecuniary)

1003 **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

1004 **Reports (County and District Cllrs, other organisations)**

**County Cllr Blake**

County Cllr Blake spoke about the school parking issue and she said that other parishes have had white lines put outside schools. This can be done in Great Brickhill but a design statement will need to be drawn up which the Parish Council would have to pay for as well as the work. The Clerk was asked to send an email to the Local Area Technician, Matt Whincup at Tfb to ascertain the costs involved, copy to County Cllr Blake. **(Action Clerk)**

**District Cllr Blake**

District Cllr Blake spoke about the streamlining proposals of local government in Bucks and he said that a consultation process will be undertaken. The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan consultation is complete and responses are being reviewed.

1005 **Finance:**

1005.1 Bank balances:

<b>Barclays/Santander</b>	<b>£</b>
Community (Barclays)	32,572.41
Business Reserve (Barclays)	4,281.96
Business Premium (Barclays)	1,443.40
Investment Business Premium (Barclays)	0.04
Business Reserve (Santander)	54,589.29
Business Bond (Santander)	85,834.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>178,721.27</b>

1005.2 The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Bratt the approval of the following payments, all agreed:

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>£</b>
700503	K Barker – Salary	305.24
700503	K Barker – Expenses	28.22
700504	HMRC – Clerks Tax	76.20
700505	Aylesbury Mains – light repairs	74.76
700506	Mazars – external audit	480.00
700507	CPRE – membership	36.00
700508	e.on – electricity bill	364.65
700509	Marco Loxley – Youth Café	298.82
700510	Turney Landscapes – grass cutting	750.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,458.48</b>

1005.3 Other financial matters:

1005.3.1 Budget Report

The Clerk gave a budget report to all Cllrs showing expenditure to date.

1005.3.2 Bank Accounts - Bond – matured 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016

The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Kettle that a new bond be set up for 2016/17, all agreed. (1) **(Action Clerk)**

- 1005.3.3 Financial Regulations – updated version  
The Clerk to tailor the new version to Great Brickhill Parish Council and forward it to all Cllrs. **(Action Clerk)**
- 1005.3.4 Budget 2016/17  
It was agreed that a finance meeting be held during November to draw up the budget for 2017/18. **(Action Clerk/All Cllrs)**
- 1005.3.5 MUGA bookings income £420.00  
Noted by the Parish Council.
- 1005.3.6 Grass cutting devolution cheque £778.99 received (2<sup>nd</sup> half)  
Noted by the Parish Council. All future payments will be made once a year.

**1006 Review of Projects**

1006.1 Traffic Calming Measures - Lower Way

The Chairman said that a Local Area Technician will need to visit to give some guidance as to what measures can be undertaken so that a survey can be commissioned.

1006.2 Play Area – progress report

Cllr Bratt said that the new play area is progressing well. The new wet pour top layer will go down shortly and then the artificial grass will be put down. The project should be completed within the next week. Some play area signs will need to be put in place which will be purchased. The Rospa inspection will be arranged when the project is finished and then the S106 money can be applied for. It was agreed to transfer the car park remaining budget of £540 to the play area budget.

**(Action Cllr Bratt/Clerk)**

**1007 Village Improvements Committee**

The Chairman reported that some hedge trimming has been done. The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Kettle to purchase two benches for Foxhole at a cost of £142.80 each + VAT and shipping, all agreed.

**(Action Chairman)**

1007.1 Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs

Data from the speed signs shows several speeding vehicles but the majority do obey the speed limit. The signs seem to be working fine at the moment.

**1008 Village Matters:**

1008.1 Land at Green End - Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust

Nothing further to report.

1008.2 Public footpaths – progress (Access from Cricket Club to John Horncapps Lane/Pochards Lake to Cuff Lane

Cllr Jackson said that the route has been agreed for the proposed permissive path from the cricket club to John Horncapps Lane. The scope of work proposed is 2 x kissing gates (either end of route, timber spec), 2 x permissive sign posts (either end of route), 1 permissive sign board (spinney end), 1 dog bin (foxhole end)

The Chairman said that the footpath from Pochards Lake to Cuff Lane needs looking in to further. Cllr Jackson agreed to look at some old maps of Soulbury. **(Action Cllr Jackson)**

1008.3 Tfb seminar – report Chairman

The Chairman gave a report on the seminar he attended. The gritting route through the village consists of Galley Lane, Lower Way and Ivy Lane. 11,900 potholes were filled in the last 6 months. Water on the highway contributes significantly to the deterioration of the road surface. Known flooding spots will be attended to and cleared once every three years, but have a reactive approach. The capital expenditure on drainage works is £720,000 for this year and next. Potholes marked with square edges are for full repair using a hot lay, if marked with a X then a temporary repair is done. Reporting of repairs should be done on the TfB web site, not on 3<sup>rd</sup> party web sites as TfB will not get notified of them as quickly. A HGV routing strategy is being commenced ahead of housing growth and HS2/OCX and East-West rail construction. TfB has a purchasing agreement with lantern manufacturers therefore can pass these savings through to the parishes. Various penalties and hefty fines are in place when digging work licences are not adhered to. Statutory white lines are aimed to be repainted every 3 years. TfB are generally against white lines as parking restriction indicators, and there is limited use of them as access protection lines as they believe most people know they are unenforceable and ignore them.

The Chairman said that he will ask that Rotten Row and Pound Hill are added to the gritting schedule.

- 1008.4 Cuff Lane Residents parking signs  
The Chairman said that he has received an email from Matt Whincup at Tfb asking for the removal of the parking signs on Cuff Lane and Duck End. The Chairman said that the signs have been removed and he has discussed with Matt Whincup new locations for the signs. New locations could include walls and unofficially in the verge or on private land but any locations not on private land will need to be agreed with Tfb and the signs would need to be Tfb approved. A resident has started a petition to have the signs reinstated to the original locations and County Cllr Blake said that she has a copy of the petition which will be presented to the Local Area Forum to see if a solution is possible.
- 1008.5 Parish Plan – for review  
Resident Mark Stasiuk is to hold a meeting to discuss any amendments.
- 1008.6 Village Logo  
The Chairman said he is waiting for a response from the school.
- 1008.7 New dog bin  
The Clerk said that she will chase up the order. **(Action Clerk)**
- 1008.8 Street light – Old Post Office  
The Chairman said that the light needs replacing as the cable is not legal and as the resident objects to the light above their porch, Western Power has offered to move it free of charge. The Chairman suggested replacing the light with an LED as the maintenance cost long term would be considerably less. Cllrs agreed to the light being moved free of charge with a view to looking at all 29 lights in the village and other areas that may need lighting.
- 1009.9 School Parking – update  
Ideas are being pursued and the school has taken some action to alleviate the problem.
- 1009.10 Old Red Lion – asset of community value  
Cllr Middleton said that he has spoken to the owners who have asked that the idea be put on hold for the time being. The Parish Council agreed.
- 1009.11 Bucks CC – streamlining local government  
The meeting to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall.

1010 **Youth Café**

- 1010.1 Attendance and member locations information  
Cllr Bratt agreed to contact Marco Loxley. **(Action Cllr Bratt)**

1011 **Play Areas (also see projects)**

Nothing to report. Remove from the agenda.

1012 **Public Participation** (see end of minutes)

1013 **Planning:**

- 1013.1 Planning Applications:
- 1013.1.1 16/03731/AGN – Land at Galley Lane – erection of agricultural building for grain store. A representative for the applicant said that the Acorus report referred to previously is irrelevant to this application and that a statement submitted to AVDC has not been available. The Parish Council were unable to come to a decision. The comment to be submitted: Great Brickhill Parish Council were unable to come to a decision. It was noted that a supporting statement has been submitted to AVDC but that this did not seem to be available on the portal and has subsequently not been viewed by the Councillors. Five Councillors were present and their decision consisted of 2 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions. The Parish Council therefore request that the decision is made by the Planning Officer’.
- 1013.2 Decisions:
- 1013.2.1 16/03074/APP – 51 Lower Way – two storey side extension, single storey rear extension (Amendments to application 15/03193/APP). Approved. Noted by the Parish Council.
- 1013.2.2 16/02855/APP – 46 Pound Hill – single storey timber orangery to the rear. Approved. Noted by the Parish Council.
- 1013.3 Other Planning Matters:
- 1013.3.1 Development Control Meetings  
No meetings were held.
- 1013.3.2 15/02201/AOP – Eaton Leys - Land west of A4146, South of Watling Street

- The Chairman said that COBRA meetings will be held to discuss the application and that Milton Keynes Council are due to determine the application by the end of November and AVDC thereafter.
- 1013.3.3 Orchard Mill – development query  
Nothing to report.
- 1013.3.4 Great Firs – quad biking – 15/02585/APP  
Nothing to report.
- 1013.3.5 Galley Cottage, Galley Lane  
Nothing to report.

1014 **Correspondence**

The Chairman summarised the correspondence, to be included in the Circulation Folder.

1015 **Matters for the newsletter**

Potholes, Flooding, Play Area update

1016 **Date of next meeting – Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm**

1017 **The meeting closed at 10.20pm**

**Minute of Public debate**

Resident, Mr Turner, spoke about the temporary closure of Stoke Lane due to a report of a horse being electrocuted by cables beneath the surface of the road. He said that he needs to use the lane to move his cattle. District Cllr Blake said that no cable has been found in the lane and it is not thought that there are any cables near to the area. The lane is officially closed until 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Resident, Mr Malley, offered to donate two large old maps of the local area to the village. Resident, Mr Head, offered to pay for the frames. Both residents were thanked by the Parish Council.

Resident, Mr Turner, said that a planning application has been submitted for the land at Mill Lane for a change of use from agricultural land to sports field and provision of car park.