

MINUTES of the Meeting of **Great Brickhill Parish Council** held on
Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Great Brickhill

PRESENT: Cllrs Mr C Leech (Chairman), Mr D Bratt, Mr R Kettle, Ms B Wight, District Cllr Mr N Blake

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs K Barker (Clerk), 3 members of the public were present

The Parish Council were saddened to hear of the death of Brenda Jennings, a former County Cllr for Great Brickhill. Brenda was remembered for her continued attendance at Parish Council meetings and the support she gave to the Parish of Great Brickhill over the many years she served as County Cllr.

The Parish Council were saddened to hear of the death of Margaret Wolfendale. Margaret was remembered for her significant contribution to the village of Great Brickhill. She was a founder member of the Tennis Club and involved in the formulation of the Parish Plan.

1053 **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Mr K Jackson, Mr A Middleton, Mrs W New, County Cllr Mrs J Blake

1054 **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2017 were approved. The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Bratt the approval of the minutes as a true record, all agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

1055 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.

1056 **Matters arising**
There were no matters arising.

1057 **Reports (County and District Cllrs, other organisations)**
County Cllr Blake
District Cllr Blake spoke on behalf of County Cllr Blake. He said that there will not be any village walk arounds with the Local Area Technicians until the new financial year.

District Cllr Blake
District Cllr Blake spoke about the Governments housing white paper and said that he was unsure what the impact will be on the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan. AVDC has employed a consultancy to go through the housing numbers but they are expected to be accurate. District Cllr Blake spoke about broadband and said that Gigaclear are laying cables in the village. Aylesbury Vale Broadband will not be supplying Great Brickhill and anyone who signed up will receive a refund. District Cllr Blake spoke about the bid for unitary status and urged the Parish Council to write with their support to either the AVDC or Bucks CC proposal.

1058 **Finance:**
1058.1 Bank balances:

Barclays/Santander	£
Community (Barclays)	26,980.95
Business Reserve (Barclays)	4,282.49
Business Premium (Barclays)	1,758.56
Investment Business Premium (Barclays)	0.04
Business Reserve (Santander)	54,612.27
Business Bond (Santander)	85,834.17
TOTAL	173,468.48

1058.2 The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Wight the approval of the following payments, all agreed:

Cheque Number	Payee	£
700532	K Barker – Salary	305.24
700532	K Barker – Expenses	38.40
700533	HMRC – Clerks Tax	76.20
700534	Turney Landscapes – grass cutting	750.00
700535	MK Fire – hall fire alarm replacement	1,014.00
700536	Great Brickhill PCC – annual maintenance	400.00
700537	Marco Loxley – Youth Café	318.57
	TOTAL	2,902.41

- 1058.3 Other financial matters:
- 1058.3.1 Budget Report
The Clerk gave a budget report to all Cllrs showing expenditure to date.
- 1058.3.2 MUGA bookings income £15 and £240
Noted by the Parish Council.

1059 **Review of Projects**

- 1059.1 Traffic Calming Measures - Lower Way
The Chairman said that a meeting with Matt Whincup, the Local Area Technician has not been held as he has been dealing with road issues particularly potholes. The Chairman said that he will try to get a meeting arranged in late February. **(Action Chairman)**
- 1059.2 Play Area
Cllr Bratt confirmed that the official opening of the new play area will take place on 19th May. He said that he is hoping to get the MP for Buckingham, John Bercow to open it.

1060 **Village Improvements Committee**

The Chairman said that resident, Mr Michael Turner, had kindly supplied the road scrapings but that some more may need to be purchased. The Chairman said that it has also been reported that grass is growing on the new footpath in the cemetery and this will be dealt with.

- 1060.1 Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs
The Chairman said that he has replaced the batteries in the units.

1061 **Village Matters:**

- 1061.1 Land at Green End - Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust
Nothing further to report.
- 1061.2 Public footpaths – progress (Access from Cricket Club to John Horncapps Lane/Pochards Lake to Cuff Lane)
The permissive path agreement has been given to the land owner for submission to their solicitor.
- 1061.3 Cuff Lane Residents parking signs
The Chairman said that he attended the Local Area Forum. The petition regarding the signs was discussed but there seemed to be some confusion. The LAF said they would not fund the signs as they cannot be enforced but this was not the reason for the petition as the signs have already been purchased. The issue is that they were taken down as requested by the Local Area Technician which has again had a detrimental effect on parking in Cuff Lane. The Chairman said that areas of private land or on private property will have to be identified for the signs. It was suggested that single white lines be put on the road across residents driveways. Cllr Blake said that the LAF could possibly pay for this work as there is money available.
- 1061.3.1 Disabled parking
It was noted that a disabled parking area is needed for a resident in Cuff Lane. The Chairman said that the resident will need to apply for it but that he will look in to the process. **(Action Chairman)**
- 1061.4 Parish Plan – for review
Nothing to report.
- 1061.5 Village Logo
Cllr Wight agreed to chase up the designer. **(Action Cllr Wight)**
- 1061.6 Village street lighting
- 1061.6.1 Bucks County Council maintenance
The Chairman said that there is a seminar in March that he will try to attend.
- 1061.6.2 Survey of lights
Mr Paul Stearman undertook a survey of the village lights as agreed at the January meeting. He found that there are currently six different types of light fitting. The wattage needs to be ascertained. Mr Stearman said that he will look at the costs of changing all lights to LED's. The Clerk gave a copy of an old survey of village lights to Mr Stearman.
- 1061.7 School Parking – update
Cllr Bratt reported that Cllr New is working with other parents to finalise a scheme to submit to the school.

- 1061.8 Broadband
Cllr Bratt said that Gigaclear are putting in cabling in the village and they will need to repair any disrupted roads. Permission to lay the cables has been granted by Bucks CC. There will be a public meeting in the Parish Hall on **Monday 20th Feb at 7:30pm** when they will answer any questions.
- 1061.9 Village website/publicity
The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Wight to buy 3 domain names for £25, all agreed. Further discussions are on-going regarding the regeneration of the website.
- 1061.10 Boundary with Soulbury
The Chairman said that he has discovered that the local authority has the power to redefine local boundaries. District Cllr Blake agreed to look in to it.
- 1061.11 Dog bin – replacement and relocation
The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Wight to purchase a dog bin at a cost of £376.14 including VAT to replace the broken dog bin at Pound Hill, all agreed. This will need to be relocated to an area between the bus shelter and noticeboard at Cross End.
(Action Clerk)
- 1061.12 Modernisation of local government
Cllrs spoke about AVDC's proposals for modernising local government. AVDC has voted in favour of submitting a proposal for two new unitary councils for Buckinghamshire, replacing the current two-tier structure of county and district councils. The Parish Council agreed to support the two tier structure and the Chairman agreed to draft a letter of support to District Cllr Blake. The Chairman said that an update meeting is being held on 23rd February at 7pm at the Gateway, Aylesbury. **(Action Chairman)**
- 1062 **Parish Council Administration**
- 1062.1 Asset Register/Risk Assessment/Standing Orders/Financial Regulations – yearly review
Cllr Wight proposed seconded by the Chairman to accept the Risk Assessment, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations with the amendments agreed at the January meeting, all agreed. It was agreed that the Asset Register be reviewed at the March meeting once Cllr Bratt has confirmed the play area additions and the final amendments are made.
- 1062.1.1 Vic and Litter Pick Risk Assessment generic form - progress
Cllr Bratt said that Cllr New is in the process of drafting the form.
- 1063 **Public Participation** (see end of minutes)
- 1064 **Planning:**
- 1064.1 Planning Applications:
- 1064.1.1 17/00064/APP – Land at 4 and 6 Heath Road, erection of one dwelling with access from Heath Road (Part-Retrospective). The Parish Council object to the application due to the adverse impact on the neighbouring property. They agreed that the changes are quite significant and in order to understand the full impact the Planning Department should carry out a site visit.
- 1064.2 Decisions:
There were no decisions.
- 1065.3 Other Planning Matters:
- 1065.3.1 Development Control Meetings
Nothing to report.
- 1065.3.2 15/02201/AOP – Eaton Leys - Land west of A4146, South of Watling Street
Cllr Wight to draw up a letter to send to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to object to the application. **(Action Cllr Wight/Clerk)**
- 1065.3.3 Orchard Mill – development query
Cllr Wight said that this is still ongoing.
- 1065.3.4 Great Firs – quad biking – 15/02585/APP
Cllr Wight said that the quad biking website is up and running and events are continuing. She said that she has emailed the Planning Officer, Philip Dales.
- 1065.3.5 Galley Cottage, Galley Lane
Cllr Wight said that she has emailed the Planning Officer, Philip Dales.

1066 **Correspondence**

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

1067 **Matters for the newsletter**

Broadband, Play Area official opening, Litter Pick 25th March

1068 **Date of next meeting – Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 7th March 2017 at 7.30pm**

1069 **The meeting closed at 9.25pm**

Minute of Public debate

Cllr Wight confirmed that the litter pick will be held on Saturday 25th March 2017.

A resident expressed her concern regarding the building works at Land at 4 and 6 Heath Road in particular the windows.