

MINUTES of the Meeting of **Great Brickhill Parish Council** held on
Tuesday 1st August 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Great Brickhill

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs K Barker (Clerk), 4 members of the public were present

1151 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Ms B Wight, County Cllr Mrs J Blake

1152 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.

1153 **Planning**

1153.1 Planning Applications:

- 1153.1.1 17/02410/APP – Westfield Farm, Mill Lane – two storey rear extension, solar panels on roof. The Parish Council support the application.
- 1153.1.2 17/02391/APP – Furze Hill, Ivy Lane – single storey rear extension and front porch. The Parish Council support the application.
- 1153.1.3 17/02514/APP – 7 Knights Close – erection of double garage with lantern light on roof. The Parish Council support the application.
- 1153.1.4 17/02502/APP – 3 Knights Close – new roof to existing front porch, new balcony at front of house, ground floor bedrooms extended at front and front rooflight. The Parish Council support the application.
- 1153.1.5 17/02694/APP – 11 Duck End – demolish existing garage and construct two storey side and rear extension to provide new dwelling including alteration to existing access parking layout. The Parish Council support the application.

1153.2 Other planning matters:

- 1153.2.1 Proposed new cricket/sports ground
The Chairman read out an email from Cllr Wight which raised the issue of the eligibility of a private members club on private land applying for New Homes Bonus (NHB) money. The proposal would serve a much wider catchment area than just the village and the Parish Council should take into proper consideration other projects which might be of benefit to the whole village.

The Chairman said that he has undertaken some research and the NHB scheme will not normally fund initiatives where the asset for which it is sought is not under the ownership of the authority. He said that initiatives by other authorities have been turned down for the same reason. He said that this issue would need to be addressed before the Parish Council could agree for it to go forward. The Chairman said that the final deadline for submissions for NHB money is 15th December 2017.

District Cllr Blake confirmed he is not part of the normal decision making process regarding NHB funding applications and anyone who has an interest would have to declare it. He also confirmed that all grants are considered on their own merit, and such an application would not preclude the Parish Council from applying for partial funding for traffic calming for example. He said that the legal matter of security of tenure would need to be agreed with the land owner.

The Parish Council agreed they were favourably disposed to the proposal for a new sports ground and the application for NHB money towards it but there are issues to be resolved before the Parish Council can endorse the project. The Chairman agreed to meet with the land owner to discuss the possibility of the Parish Council leasing the land.

1154 **Finance:**

1154.1 Cllr Bratt proposed, seconded by Cllr Middleton the approval of the following payments, all agreed:

| Cheque Number | Payee | £ |
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| 700585 | Geoffrey Lever Solicitors – Land Registry Fee | 80.00 |
| 700586 | e.on – electricity bill | 394.51 |
| 700587 | CPM – play area inspections | 90.00 |
| 700588 | Smith of Derby – church clock maintenance | 214.80 |
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| | TOTAL | 779.31 |

1155 **Date of next meeting – Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 5th September 7.30pm**

1156 **The meeting closed at 8.45pm**

Minute of Public debate

Resident, Mr Turner, spoke about the development of the new sports field. He said that the Cricket Club believe that they may be eligible to apply for New Homes Bonus money towards the project and that this would need to be applied for through the Parish Council. The club already has planning permission and the English Cricket Board has earmarked substantial funds towards the project.