



**MINUTES of the Meeting of Great Brickhill Parish Council
held on Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 7.30pm
in the Parish Hall, Great Brickhill**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs K Barker (Clerk), 1 member of the public was present

1347 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Layland, Cllr Middleton, Cllr Wight, County Cllr Blake

1348 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2018 were approved. Cllr Bratt proposed, seconded by Cllr Kettle the approval of the minutes as a true record, all agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

1349 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Kettle – Finance Point 1352.2, Cllr Bratt – Finance Point 1352.2

1350 **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

1351 **Reports (County and District Cllrs, other organisations)**

1351.1 County Cllr Blake

County Cllr Blake was absent

1351.2 District Cllr Blake

District Cllr Blake spoke about the proposed Oxford – Milton Keynes- Cambridge expressway. A new large settlement may be incorporated in to the plans as this can be achieved in the Aylesbury Vale area.

1351.3 Parish Hall Committee

Cllr Bratt said that he has obtained three grants towards the new tables and chairs, two for £900 and one for £800 with a total of £2,600. The total purchase price is £3,290.76 plus VAT and the surplus of £691 will need to be paid by the Parish Council and allocated to the Parish Hall budget. The order will consist of 100 chairs and 16 tables plus a chair trolley and the cheque will need to be sent in order for the order to be processed. The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr New to authorise the order and cost, all agreed. The Clerk to send off the cheque and Cllr Bratt to confirm the order.
(Action Cllr Bratt/Clerk)

Cllr Bratt said that the hall now has a new cleaner as the previous cleaner left. A new Table Tennis table was purchased with a grant from Aylesbury Vale. MK Fire have recommended that smoke detectors and emergency lights are installed so that the hall is compliant with the relevant British Standards. Their quote is £3,500. Cllr Bratt said that this is just for information and the Committee are looking into it.



1352 **Finance:**

1352.1 Bank balances:

	£
Barclays/Santander	
Community (Barclays)	41,184.61
Business Reserve (Barclays)	4,287.52
Business Premium (Barclays) MUGA Income	3,074.51
Investment Business Premium (Barclays)	0.04
Business Reserve (Santander)	56,400.62
Business Bond (Santander)	85,000.00
TOTAL	189,947.30

1352.2 Cllr New proposed, seconded by Cllr Bratt the approval of the following payments, all agreed:

Cheque Number	Payee	£
700681	K Barker – salary August	500.80
700681	K Barker – expenses	33.22
700682	Turney Landscapes – grass cutting	750.00
700683	Smith of Derby – clock service	220.80
700684	D Bratt – reimburse for sign	31.14
700685	R Kettle – expenses (bricks)	202.68
700686	Trent Pottery Ltd – chairs/tables	3,948.91
700687	Marco Loxley – Youth Café	474.00
700688	RBL Poppy Appeal – silhouette	250.00
	TOTAL	6,411.55

1352.3 Other financial matters:

- 1352.3.1 Finance Report
The Clerk gave out a finance report showing income, expenditure and a bank reconciliation.
- 1352.3.2 Traffic Calming Feasibility Study – cheque withheld
The cheque to continue to be withheld. See Point 1355.1
- 1352.3.3 Grant £800 VAHT, £900 AVDC received
Noted by the Parish Council.
- 1352.3.4 MUGA income £310
Noted by the Parish Council.

1353 **Public Participation**

There were no comments from members of the public.

1354 **Planning:**

1354.1 Planning Applications

- 1354.1.1 18/02633/APP – Bryerley Springs Farm, Galley Lane – proposal for a new horse barn to stable young horses associated with riding school. The Parish Council object to the application as there was a recent planning application to convert a barn into a dwelling and therefore the Parish Council question the need for a new barn. There should be a condition that any rights to a change of use are withdrawn.
- 1354.1.2 18/02941/APP – Green Ridges, Upper Way – erection of side extension and enlargement of rear dormer. 18/02968/APP – Green Ridges, Upper Way – conversion of flat roof to pitched roof over



bedrooms and garage. The Parish Council support both planning applications.

1354.1.3 18/02994/APP – Land off A5 Watling Street – two ponds. The Parish Council support the application.

1354.1.4 18/02834/ACL – Westfield Farm, Mill Lane – application for a lawful development certificate for an existing development of change of use of stable block/barn to business use. The Chairman read out a letter from the applicant. The Parish Council support the application.

1354.2 Decisions:
1354.2.1

18/00633/APP – Green Ridges – proposed side extension. Retrospective conversion of flat roof to pitched, enlargement of dormers to rear. Refused. Noted by the Parish Council.

1354.3 Other Planning Matters

1354.3.1 Lavente Gate development
Cllrs noted that MK Council will be holding a Development Control Committee meeting on Thursday 6th September. The Chairman agreed to submit a further objection from the Parish Council.

(Action Chairman)

1354.3.2 Planning Responsibility – September
Cllr New to review new planning applications received in September.

1355 **Review of Projects**

1355.1 Traffic Calming Measures

1355.1.1 Feasibility Study
The Chairman said that a TfB Engineer has been out to assess the northern part of Lower Way and that he hopes he will receive feedback shortly. The cheque to continue to be withheld.

1355.1.2 NHB funding
Nothing further to report.

1356 **Village Improvements Committee**

1356.1 Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs

The Chairman said that the rechargeable batteries run down quickly and need changing regularly. He said that he will look in to the cost of a solar panel to charge the batteries.

(Action Chairman)

1356.2 Foxhole Management Plan

The area has been rotavated and needs re-seeding with wildflower meadow mix at circa £200. Cllr Bratt proposed, seconded by Cllr Kettle to authorise the purchase and cost of the wildflower seed mix, all agreed.

1357 **Village Matters:**

1357.1 Unregistered land in Great Brickhill

The Chairman said that he has asked the Solicitor to go ahead with the claim of ownership of the small strip of access road at Horsepond.

1357.2 Public footpaths – progress (Pochards Lake to Cuff Lane)

Nothing to report.

1357.3 School Parking

Cllr New said that the school term starts on Thursday 6th September. A logo for the walking bus will be drawn up.



1357.4 Cemetery wall damage

The Clerk was asked to contact Turney Landscapes to ask when the removal of the ivy will be dealt with. **(Action Clerk)**

The Clerk to also ask Turney Landscapes whether they would be prepared to spray some of the footpaths in the village to clear the weeds to take account of any weeks during the summer they did not cut the grass due to the hot weather, assuming this is the case. **(Action Clerk)**

1357.5 Boundary with Soulbury

The Parish Council noted the response from Bucks County Council regarding the Community Governance Review:

'The border between Great Brickhill and Soulbury, was considered by General Purposes Committee last week. Given that there was no consensus (one resident supported the change, whilst one did not and one did not respond) and equally that there was no agreement between the two Parish Councils, the committee did not bring the recommendation to alter the boundary forward. There will however now be a further round of consultation and the Parish Council and any other interested parties are welcome to make any further comments between now and the 26th October. Final recommendations will then be made by the committee ahead of consideration by full Council in December.'

The Chairman agreed to liaise with Cllr Middleton to devise an action plan. Cllrs agreed that the Parish Council needs to find out what support there is to a boundary change from residents in Ivy Lane and Stockgrove. **(Action Chairman)**

1357.6 Best Kept Village Competition

The Clerk reported that the Village scored highly and were awarded a certificate of merit with a score of 91 out of 100 and was close to the winning score of 93. The judges comments were read out which complimented the village on its neat and tidy appearance outside the Red Lion Pub, bus shelter and the war memorial, the excellent recreation ground, fantastic pavilion with hanging baskets, excellent play area and nature conservation area at Poors Acre. Great Brickhill has excellent facilities and is clearly well maintained by the community. The parish news, a monthly editorial, shows even more commitment and was appreciated by the judging team.

1357.7 Bus Shelter repair – Cross End

The work has been done and the Contractor will submit his invoice to the Clerk.

1357.8 Drains – Cuff Lane

Cllr New agreed to undertake a survey of the drains in the village. **(Action Cllr New)**

1357.9 Graveyard – grass cuttings

The Clerk said that Turney Landscapes said the problem had been caused by the very wet weather at that time.

1357.10 Rotten Row – off road parking

Cllrs agreed not to draw up a policy at this time.

1357.11 Devolved Services Contract

The Clerk was asked to re-circulate the email from Bucks CC for consideration by the Parish Council at the next meeting. **(Action Clerk)**

1357.12 Tree in Spinney

The Chairman said that the large tree in the Spinney has recently lost a branch. The tree needs to be assessed. The Clerk was asked to contact Turney Landscapes and



ask whether they would charge to come and take a look at the tree and provide a report as to what needs to be done. Cllr Bratt agreed to look at other Contractors
(Action Clerk)

1357.13 Three Trees Lectern – replacement

The Chairman said that the lectern is showing signs of wear. Cllrs agreed to look at replacing it and the Chairman said he will obtain a quote. **(Action Chairman)**

1357.14 Silent Soldier campaign - £250 for silhouette

Cllr New proposed, seconded by Cllr Bratt to purchase a silent soldier silhouette at a cost of £250 and with the words Great Brickhill on the plaque. The Clerk to complete and send the order form with a cheque. **(Action Clerk)**

1358 **Play Areas:**

1358.1 CPM Play Area Inspection Reports

The reports were noted and remedial action has been taken.

1358.2 New dog signs and antenna

Cllr Bratt said that the new dog signs are now in place and the antenna is yet to be ordered.

1359 **Correspondence**

Countryside Voice, Creative Play leaflets, Local Council Review, CPRE Newsletter, HAGS play area leaflet

1360 **Matters for the newsletter**

Traffic calming, Bus Shelter repair, Best Kept Village Competition, Lectern replacement, drains survey

1361 **Date of next meeting – Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 2nd October 2018 at 7.30pm**

1362 **The meeting closed at 9.30pm**