



**MINUTES of the Meeting of Great Brickhill Parish Council**  
**held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm**  
**in the Parish Hall, Great Brickhill**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Mr C Leech (Chairman), Mr D Bratt, Mrs K Leyland, Mrs W New,  
District Cllr Mr N Blake

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs K Barker (Clerk), 2 members of the public were present

1428 **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Mr R Kettle, Mr A Middleton, Ms B Wight,  
County Cllr Mrs J Blake

1429 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were approved. Cllr Bratt proposed, seconded by the Chairman the approval of the minutes as a true record, all agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

1430 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Leech (Chairman) – finance Point 1433.2  
Cllr Bratt – finance Point 1433.2

1431 **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

1432 **Reports (County and District Cllrs, other organisations)**

1432.1 County Cllr Blake

County Cllr Blake was not present.

1432.2 District Cllr Blake

1432.2.1 Oxford/Cambridge expressway  
Nothing to report. See Point 1432.3

1432.2.2 Single Unitary Authority

District Cllr Blake said that a new interim authority has been put forward by Bucks County Council. He has resigned from the Conservative Group at Aylesbury Vale District Council but will continue representing the Great Brickhill and Newton Longville ward as an Independent Councillor. The reason he has taken this decision is the lack of support from the Conservative Group for the Parish Councils and residents who did not support the single unitary proposal that is now being furthered by the Secretary of State. If the Parish Councillors would like to make any further comment regarding the unitary authority they should write to James Brokenshire MP.

1432.3 NBPPC Meeting report

The Chairman said that he attended the NBPPC meeting in Winslow and gave a summary of the meeting:



VALP - this is still under the consideration of the external inspector, who thinks that the Vale should put an additional 2000 homes into the plan to be appended on to West and South West Milton Keynes. Sites mentioned were Salden Chase (yet to start) and Newton Leys (additional houses). There is a hope to have VALP adopted by mid 2019.

OCX- CAMKOX corridor - AECOM (large multi-national engineering consultancy company) have been engaged by central government to look at sites along the corridor for 1,000,000 new homes, in various new towns and villages. This shows the underlying motive behind the OCX, it is not just to link the two famous university towns with a fast route but form a strategic road and rail link around which huge housing growth can take place. In September 2019, Highways England should be putting forward their 3 favoured routes within the preferred corridor for the OCX. The interim unitary authority seems to have a bias towards the more southerly areas.

MK Council draft statement of Community Involvement - it is recommended that any parishes abutting Milton Keynes get involved in this consultation. The Parish Council can become a consultee in any major planning application that adjoins Great Brickhill. The Chairman said that he has registered.

1432.4 Parish Hall Committee

Cllr Bratt said that the Hall AGM has been held. There are some new committee members and the hall has made a profit in the last year. The Salvation Army clothes bank will be in situ shortly and it will take anything apart from duvets. An article will be placed in the newsletter. The MUGA and salt bin signs have now been delivered. Cllr Bratt said that he has applied for a grant for new windows in the main hall. The total cost is expected to be just over £8,000. They will hopefully be installed in May. A new flushing system will be installed in the men's toilets and push top taps will also be installed in all toilets. The two damaged solar panels need replacing. There are two spare panels ready to be installed and the cost for repair and hire of scaffolding will be £400 plus VAT. The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr New to accept the cost, all agreed.

1432.4.1 Hall Flooring  
Cllr Bratt said that the materials have been ordered. The work will be done at Easter.

1432.4.2 Hire of meeting room and portalo  
Cllr Bratt said that the Committee agreed to reduce the hall hire cost for Little Ashes Pre-School by withdrawing the use of the meeting room. The room is now available for hire in the mornings. Until the new toilet facilities are built a portalo will be required.

1432.4.3 Unsupervised youths outside Parish Hall  
Nothing to report.

1433 Finance:

1433.1 Bank balances:

Barclays/Santander	£
Community (Barclays)	33,214.31
Business Reserve (Barclays)	4,291.80
Business Premium (Barclays) MUGA Income	3,353.50
Investment Business Premium (Barclays)	0.04
Business Reserve (Santander)	56,480.86
Business Bond (Santander)	85,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>182,340.51</b>



1433.2 The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Bratt the approval of the following payments, all agreed:

Cheque Number	Payee	£
700724	K Barker – salary	400.64
700724	K Barker – expenses	28.22
700725	Turney Landscapes – grass cutting	750.00
700726	Promain – flooring materials for hall	867.38
700727	C Leech – reimburse materials and mileage	183.05
700728	D Bratt – reimburse for signs	80.70
700729	Marco Loxley – Youth Café	340.11
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,650.10</b>

1433.3 Other financial matters:

1433.3.1 Finance Report

The Clerk gave out a finance report showing income, expenditure and a bank reconciliation. Expenditure to end January was £36,032.99 and income was £36,269.42. The total balance in the bank accounts at the end of January was £182,290.51. There was one cheque that had not been presented, £90 for CPM play area inspections. The Parish Council agreed to transfer the balance remaining in the audit budget of £220 to the street lighting budget.

**(Action Clerk)**

1433.3.2 MUGA income £144

Noted by the Parish Council.

1434 **Public Participation**

A resident said he would like to congratulate the Parish Hall Committee for the efficient running of the hall.

1435 **Planning:**

1435.1 Planning Applications

1435.1.1 Amendment to description

17/03988/APP – Park Farm, Home Lane

Conversion, extension, repair and part-demolition of existing barns with erection of new double garage and shed with associated lean-to wood store and erection of pavilion (with access from Home Farm Lane) (Amended description of development and location plan)

The Parish Council support the application.

1435.2 Decisions:

1435.2.1

18/04110/ACL – St Margarets Farm, Little Brickhill – application for a lawful development certificate for an existing commercial horse livery. Certificate issued. Noted by the Parish Council.

1435.2.2

18/04032/APP – 11A Lower Way – proposed front hallway extension with external canopy, side steps to lower ground floor level including new part boundary wall and external brick store. Approved. Noted by the Parish Council.

1435.2.3

18/02988/APP – Alders Farm Trout Fishery, Ivy Lane – two storey rear extension. Refused. Noted by the Parish Council.

1435.3 Appeal:

1435.3.1

18/00767/APP – Manor Hill Cottage, Galley Lane  
Noted by the Parish Council.



1435.4 Other Planning Matters

1435.4.1 Lavente Gate development  
Nothing to report. Remove from the agenda.

1435.4.2 Planning Responsibility – February  
Cllr New to review planning applications received in February.

1436 **Review of Projects**

1436.1 Traffic Calming Measures  
The Chairman said that he met with Tfb to go through the details of the designs.

1437 **Village Improvements Committee**

The Chairman said that the saplings have been planted in the Spinney. See Point 1438.4  
The Chairman said that the hedge from John Horncapps Lane to Manor Hill will be cut shortly.  
See Point 1438.6

1438 **Village Matters:**

1438.1 Unregistered land in Great Brickhill  
Nothing to report.

1438.2 Public footpaths – progress (Pochards Lake to Cuff Lane)  
Cllr Leyland said that this has not progressed any further but she will ask the landowner whether they will consider a permissive footpath from Pools Acre to the stream at Cuff Lane.  
**(Action Cllr Leyland)**

1438.3 Cemetery wall damage  
The Chairman said that he will check whether the ivy clearance work has been done.  
**(Action Chairman)**

1438.4 Spinney (trees/collapsed bank)  
The Chairman said that VIC has planted the saplings but more will be needed, following the removal of the dead trees and repair of the collapsed bank.

1438.5 Parking – Cuff Lane  
The Chairman said that he met with Simon Bailey from Tfb. Simon will ask the Local Area Technicians for any ideas to improve the parking situation. It was suggested that village signs could be improved to ensure that visitors to the village are directed to appropriate parking areas eg Parish Hall, Tennis Club, Cricket Club. Cllrs queried whether this would be a good option as they would not want to clutter the village with more signs. Cllr New agreed to look into local Walking Groups with a view to contacting them about appropriate parking when visiting the village.  
**(Action Cllr New)**

1438.6 Overhanging hedging from John Horncapps Lane to Manor Hill  
The Chairman said that he approached the land owner and they are happy for VIC to cut back the holly and laurel. They have offered a small donation towards the cost of the work.

1438.7 Green End – planting of trees  
The Chairman referred to a letter from a resident asking if they can plant 1 to 3 specimen trees on the grassed area in Green End for posterity and visual enjoyment for generations to come. Cllrs agreed that they would meet with the resident to discuss the exact area as well as agree the suggestion with other residents in the vicinity. Cllr New proposed, seconded by Cllr Leyland to agree to spend £200 on the project if it were to go ahead, all agreed.



- 1438.8 **Local Council Devolution Agreement**  
The Clerk reported receipt of the agreement. The Chairman to sign the agreement for the Clerk to return. **(Action Chairman/Clerk)**
- 1438.9 **Laurel hedge – Parish Hall car park**  
The Chairman said that the laurel hedge in the hall car park needs cutting a well as the hedge in the lower half of the graveyard. The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Bratt to authorise the work at circa £200, all agreed. A resident agreed to make contact with a Contractor.
- 1438.10 **Litter Pick**  
Cllrs agreed the date for the litter pick as Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019.
- 1439 **Play Areas:**  
Cllr Bratt said that he is still to order the antenna and will check the equipment 'bungs' and change the closure speed of the gate. **(Action Cllr Bratt)**
- 1440 **Parish Council Administration**  
1440.1 **Asset Register/Risk Assessment/Standing Orders/Financial Regulations – review**  
The Clerk to email the documents to all Cllrs for review. **(Action Clerk)**
- 1441 **Correspondence**  
Clerks and Councils Direct, Glasdon Brochures
- 1442 **Matters for the newsletter**  
Driving past school buses/careless driving, litter pick date, dog fouling on cricket pitch
- 1443 **Date of next meeting – Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm**
- 1444 **The meeting closed at 9.10pm**