



MINUTES of the Meeting of Great Brickhill Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Great Brickhill

PRESENT: Cllrs Mr C Leech (Chairman), Mr D Bratt, Mr R Kettle, Mrs K Leyland, Mr A Middleton,

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs K Barker (Clerk), 15 members of the public were present

- 1509 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Ms B Wight
1509.1 Councillor vacancy
The Clerk said that no applications have been received to date.
- 1510 **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2019 were approved. Cllr Bratt proposed, seconded by Cllr Leyland the approval of the minutes as a true record, all agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.
- 1511 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Leech – finance Point 1514.2
- 1512 **Matters arising**
There were no matters arising.
- 1513 **Reports**
- 1513.1 County Cllr Blake
County Cllr Blake was not present.
- 1513.2 District Cllr Blake
District Cllr Blake was not present.
- 1513.3 Parish Hall Committee
- 1513.3.1 Project 2020
Cllr Bratt said that the car park plans will be amended to allow for more parking. He said that residents in the nearby bungalows will be consulted. Cllr Bratt said that the planning application to extend the Parish Hall will need to be submitted in the Parish Councils name in order to save 50% of the cost. The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Middleton to agree to the cost of £462 to be paid by the Parish Council and deducted from the Parish Hall budget and for Cllr Bratt to pay for the application and claim for re-imburement from the Parish Council. **(Action Cllr Bratt)**
- 1513.3.2 New signage for hall
Nothing to report.
- 1513.3.3 Little Ashes Pre-School
Cllr Bratt said that the LAPS EGM was held and the school has decided to stay open. He said that a number of children have been signed up for the Autumn term. The projected cost of the Forest School is £36,000 with the purchase of a log cabin 8m x 6m. This could be used as a party room or for village organisations and societies and a potential venue for cubs/brownies. It could be located near to the MUGA, close to power and running water but the



swings would need to be moved. Cllr Bratt suggested that control of the log cabin should be held with the Parish Council. Cllr Bratt said that most of the funding is likely to come from grants and fund raising events and possibly some from the Parish Council. Further discussions to be held.

Cllr Bratt was thanked by the Parish Council for the fantastic work he has done to support LAPS. The Parish Council agreed that they support the project (possible financial support to be agreed at a later date). A resident has offered to undertake electrical work at no cost to LAPS. LAPS gave their thanks to the Parish Council for their support and the work of Cllr Bratt.

1514 **Finance:**

1514.1 Bank balances and finance report:

Barclays/Santander	£
Community (Barclays)	39,779.57
Business Reserve (Barclays)	4,293.94
MUGA Sinking Fund	4,439.15
Investment Business Premium (Barclays)	0.04
Business Reserve (Santander)	56,562.69
Business Bond (Santander)	85,000.00
TOTAL	190,075.39

1514.2 The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Bratt the approval of the following payments, all agreed:

Payment method	Payee	£
Bank Transfer	K Barker – salary	439.04
Bank Transfer	K Barker – expenses	31.02
Bank Transfer	Turney Landscapes – grass cutting	750.00
Bank Transfer	Aylesbury Mains – light repairs	34.20
Bank Transfer	Aylesbury Mains – light repairs	52.80
Cheque	Bucks Playing Fields Assoc – membership	20.00
Bank Transfer	Marco Loxley – Youth Café	312.68
Bank Transfer	Playsafety Limited – annual play area inspec	168.60
Bank Transfer	C Leech – expenses road repairs	64.00
	TOTAL	1,872.34
	August Payments	
Bank Transfer	K Barker – salary	439.04
Bank Transfer	K Barker – expenses	28.22
Bank Transfer	Turney Landscapes – grass cutting	750.00
Bank Transfer	Marco Loxley – Youth Café	345.00
	TOTAL	1,562.26

1514.3 Other financial matters:

- 1514.3.1 On-line banking/payments
Cllr Wight is still to register for online banking.
(Action Cllr Wight)
- 1514.3.2 Santander Business Bond - maturity
Pending due to traffic calming measures.



1515 Public Participation

An email was read out from the Headteacher of High Ash School regarding the speed and volume of traffic in the Village. The school are concerned about an increase in traffic through the village at school drop off and pick up times. They are working to promote considerate parking to ensure the safety of children particularly getting on and off school buses. They are trying to get the PCSO to do spot checks but it is hard to enforce any suggested measures. It may be worth considering parking restriction signs during peak times. The school do promote the use of parking at the Parish Hall and use of the walking bus and are keen to work with the Parish Council to improve the situation.

A resident suggested putting leaflets on vehicles on Rotten Row encouraging them to park in the Parish Hall. A resident reported that there are problems with the road width due to inconsiderate parking and they have been given a link to report it to the Police.

A resident asked whether it would be possible to have MVAS on Lower Way. The Chairman said that he has a spare fixing bracket but it would need to be placed in a safe place in order for the battery to be accessed safely. He said that he will look into it. **(Action Chairman)**

A resident suggested that the Police attend the village with the speed camera. The Chairman said he will put in the request. **(Action Chairman)**

Residents expressed their concern that with the planned road closures for the work on the bypass, Great Brickhill will become a cut through. They asked what they could do to help with the problem. The Chairman suggested that a speedwatch group be set up. This was suggested some time ago but there was a lack of support for it. The Local Area Forum have a mobile speed camera which the village can use. A number of volunteers will be required and training will need to be undertaken. A number of residents put their names forward. The Chairman to find out what the process is in order to take the initiative forward.

(Action Chairman)

1516 Planning:

1516.1 Planning Applications

1516.1.1 19/02343/AOP – The Three Locks Farm, Partridge Hill – erection of agricultural workers dwelling. The Parish Council support the application as long as the application remains a 1.5 storey house with 2 bedrooms in accordance with the outline plan.

1516.2 Decisions:

1516.2.1 19/01561/APP – 40 Rotten Row – relocate proposed double detached garage and stop up existing access (amendment to planning approval Ref 18/01598/APP). Approved. Noted by the Parish Council.

1516.3 Other Planning Matters

1516.3.1 Oxford/Cambridge expressway – update
The Chairman said that a public consultation will take place in the Autumn. An event will need to be held in the village to ensure residents are aware of the plans.

1516.3.2 Planning Responsibility – July/Aug
Cllr Middleton to review planning applications received.

1517 Review of Projects

1517.1 Traffic Calming Measures

The Chairman said that the first stage is close to implementation. Traffic calming measures to include rumble strips down Galley Lane, dragons teeth road markings on Ivy Lane, 30mph road roundels and a virtual footpath. Stage 2 will look at build outs.



1518 **Village Improvements Committee**

1518.1 Rental of garage

Cllr Kettle said that if the Parish Council want to rent a garage they should contact the Council. The Chairman said that he has been offered the rental of a garage at a low cost and will look into it. **(Action Chairman)**

1519 **Village Matters:**

1519.1 Unregistered land in Great Brickhill – update

The Chairman said that he has some documents to sign to register Horsepond.

1519.2 Public footpaths – progress (Pochards Lake to Cuff Lane)

Nothing to report.

1519.3 Spinney (trees/bank)

The Chairman said that a meeting was held at the Spinney to discuss the removal of trees. Cllr Leyland said that she does not support the removal of the Silver Birch trees and has had communications from residents to this effect. She suggested more effective communication by the Cricket Club explaining why they wish to remove the trees. A representative from the Cricket Club said that the reason for the suggested removal of the two Silver Birch trees is that the bigger the trees get the more of a problem they will become. Their removal will provide more parking space and allow for adequate maintenance of the area. They would be replaced with smaller trees. The reason behind the proposal by the Cricket Club to remove the two Silver Birch trees was understood and supported by the Parish Council and that this will be at the expense of the Cricket Club. An article to be written for the newsletter.

1519.4 Best Kept Village Competition

Nothing to report.

1519.5 Galley Lane/Mill Lane signs – ‘no littering’

The Chairman said that he will speak to Tfb about sign options. **(Action Chairman)**

1519.6 Old Red Lion – register as Community Asset

Cllr Bratt said that the pub has now been leased. Remove from the agenda.

1519.7 School Bus/parking on Green End

Nothing to report.

1519.8 John Horncapps Lane – encroaching vegetation

The area has been tidied by VIC. Remove from the agenda.

1519.9 War Memorial – steps breaking up

Cllr Kettle has looked at the area and the damage is at the edge of the steps and the wall. He suggested putting bollards there to protect it from vehicles. The Chairman agreed to contact the Church Warden. **(Action Chairman)**

1519.10 Allotment rubbish

The Parish Council noted an email from a resident regarding rubbish left on the allotments including alleged asbestos feeding troughs and associated materials. They had obtained a quote of £1,365 for the removal of the waste. The Clerk said that she reported the waste to AVDC but they said that it is the Parish Councils responsibility. It was reported that tyres have also been left by the school when they rented an allotment. Cllr Kettle to ask the Allotment Association if they have any written rules and regulations and what the procedure is for dealing with the removal of waste. The Clerk to look in the files to see whether an old agreement exists. The Parish Council agreed, in the meantime, to put up some fencing to separate the area of rubbish and obtain another quote for the removal of the waste with a view to removing it in the next financial year. **(Action Chairman/Cllr Kettle/Clerk)**



- 1520 **Play Areas**
Nothing to report.
- 1521 **Matters for the newsletter**
Removal of trees, Councillor vacancy
- 1522 **Date of next meeting – Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 6th August at 7.30pm**
(Planning and Finance only)
- 1523 **The meeting closed at 9.50pm**