



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

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Mr C Leech (Chairman), Mrs J Haydon, Mr R Kettle, Mr A Middleton, Ms B Wight

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs K Barker (Clerk), 5 members of the public were present

1554 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Mr D Bratt

1554.1 Councillor co-option

The Chairman proposed that Mrs Joslyn Haydon be co-opted onto the Council as a Parish Councillor, seconded by Cllr Kettle. The co-option was agreed. Cllr Haydon signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office. A Pecuniary Interests form to be completed.

1554.2 Councillor vacancy

Nothing to report.

1555 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 were approved. Cllr Kettle proposed, seconded by the Chairman the approval of the minutes as a true record, all agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

1556 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Kettle – finance Point 1559.2

1557 **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

1558 **Reports**

1558.1 County Cllr Blake

County Cllr Blake was not present.

1558.2 District Cllr Blake

Work progresses towards the Single Unitary Authority and senior posts have now been appointed. Elections will take place next May for Councillors across the whole county. The expressway consultation is now on hold until the new year due to the general election. AVDC and BCC have objected to the expressway in its entirety.

1558.3 Parish Hall Committee

1558.3.1

Project 2020 – Parish Hall improvements

A grant for £35,000 has been awarded by ACRE. This will be paid into the Parish Hall Account. This means the Parish Hall now have:

AVNHB project grant	£110,000
VAHT project grant	£10,000
Bucks CC (Janet Blake)	£1,525
ACRE Village Hall fund	£35,000
Total	£156,525.

With £25,000 reserved in the Parish Hall accounts the total available is currently £181,525. This should be enough for the extension and fitting it out. The Committee would next like to raise enough money to replace the kitchen, refurbish the bar room and refurbish the old toilets.



- 1558.3.2 New signage for hall  
Nothing to report.
- 1558.3.3 Little Ashes Pre-School  
Nothing to report.
- 1558.3.4 MUGA netting - Aylesbury Vale New Homes Bonus grant endorsement/replacement quote of £4,150 plus VAT  
In anticipation of the grant application the Parish Council agreed to apply for a grant from the Aylesbury Vale New Homes Bonus fund towards the new nets. This was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Middleton and agreed by all.

1559 **Finance:**

1559.1 Bank balances and finance report:

<b>Barclays/Santander</b>	£
Community (Barclays)	39,103.67
Business Reserve (Barclays)	4,298.22
MUGA Sinking Fund	6,151.73
Parish Hall Budget	5,198.67
Business Reserve (Santander)	56,628.89
Business Bond (Santander)	85,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>196,381.18</b>

1559.2 Cllr Wight proposed, seconded by Cllr Middleton the approval of the following payments, all agreed:

Payment method	Payee	£
Bank Transfer	K Barker – salary	526.60
Bank Transfer	K Barker – expenses	28.22
Bank Transfer	Turney Landscapes – grass cutting	750.00
Bank Transfer	Marco Loxley – Youth Café	370.12
Bank Transfer	TJC Plant Group – Equipment hire log cabin	600.00
Bank Transfer	CPRE membership	36.00
Bank Transfer	B Osborne – payroll	64.50
Bank Transfer	E.on – electricity bill	559.64
Chq	HMRC – Clerks tax	20.20
Chq	Mark Coram – reimburse for pipes log cabin	219.02
Transfer	R Kettle – expenses	48.06
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,222.36</b>

1559.3 Other financial matters:

- 1559.3.1 On-line banking/payments  
Cllr Wight is still to register for online banking.  
**(Action Cllr Wight)**
- 1559.3.2 Santander Business Bond - maturity  
Pending due to traffic calming measures.
- 1559.3.3 Budget and precept – 2020/21  
A finance meeting to be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm in the Parish Hall meeting room. The Clerk to book the meeting room.  
**(Action Clerk)**

1560 **Public Participation**

Resident, Mr Turner said that a village bonfire will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm. The beacon has been removed temporarily and will be put back after the bonfire.



A resident spoke of their objection to the planning application 19/03623/FULL – 9 Heath Road. They are concerned that if the plans were to go ahead the building work would have a detrimental effect, particularly on the two listed buildings in the area which do not have any foundations.

1561 **Planning:**

1561.1 Planning Applications

1561.1.1 19/02458/APP – Link House, 5 Cuff Lane – wooden decorative pergola (retrospective). The Parish Council support the application. The Clerk to query why the application has been re-submitted when it was considered in September.

1561.1.2 19/03683/FULL – 17 Duck End – loft conversion including front and rear dormers. The Parish Council objects to the planning application. The loft conversion as proposed is over-large and would be a strident feature in the roof as a whole. It is considered that it would be over-dominant and incongruous, and that it would have a significantly adverse impact on the character and appearance of the street scene.

1561.1.3 19/03623/FULL – 9 Heath Road – construction of 4 dwellings and new vehicle access. The Parish Council held a site meeting. The Parish Council objects strongly to the planning application. The proposed development would have a very significant and unacceptable impact on the heritage assets of Great Brickhill. The plot lies within the conservation area of the village and is adjacent to listed buildings. It would be contrary to both local and national planning policies - GP53 of AVDLP and chapter 16 of NPPF. The proposed access to the site would cut through an historic grass bank which lies to the front of the listed cottages 7 and 9 Heath Road. Given the topography of the site, the access would need to be very steep, and involve the building of retaining walls which would dramatically and adversely affect the setting of the listed buildings, The access would be constrained and with very poor visibility onto Heath Road, at a narrow part of the lane and very close to a driveway opposite the junction with Cuff Lane. The proposal represents an overdevelopment of the site and involves the loss of historic hedges and open green space which are an essential part of the conservation area of Great Brickhill. If the planning officer is minded to allow this planning application, the Parish Council would wish to be present at any meeting of the Development Control Committee considering the matter.

1561.2 Decisions:

1561.2.1 19/01315/APP – 48 Green End – garage loft conversion with new dormer and erection of timber shed. Refused

1561.3 Other Planning Matters

1561.3.1 Monthly planning status report  
The Clerk said that as the planning department have a backlog, she is drawing up a new report to chart the status of all planning applications and will circulate this before the next meeting.  
**(Action Clerk)**

1561.3.2 Planning Responsibility – Nov/Dec  
Cllr Leech to review planning applications received.

1561.3.3 Policy conference: next steps for the Cambridge – Milton Keynes - Oxford Arc - 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020



Cllr Kettle proposed, seconded by Cllr Middleton for Cllr Leech to attend the conference at a cost of £85.00 plus VAT agreed by all. Cllr Wight to book the place. **(Action Cllr Wight)**

1561.3.4

**46 Pound Hill**

The Chairman said he had been contacted by the planning consultant for 46 Pound Hill asking that as the Parish Council supported the planning application, would they consider supplying reasons for their support. The Chairman said that he had replied that this is not something the Parish Council would normally do but it will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council agreed to confirm their reasons for supporting the application and the Clerk was asked to send the comments to the Case Officer:

- The Parish Council consider the house location is within the curtilage of Great Brickhill village
- The location is in a private well screened area of the current garden with minimum impact on neighbours for which there would be no loss of amenity
- The development does not represent an over development of the site
- The new dwelling would be a good addition to Great Brickhill housing stock in an area of the village containing similar sized houses
- The current driveway and access would not be unduly impacted by the addition of one more house using it. **(Action Clerk)**

**1562 Review of Projects**

**1562.1 Traffic Calming Measures**

The Clerk confirmed that the purchase order was amended and re-submitted. No response has been received as yet.

**1563 Village Improvements Committee**

The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Kettle, to accept the quote from Turney Landscapes for the cutting back of the shrubs and vegetation and removal of cuttings in the alley way leading to the cemetery at a cost of £460, agreed by all. The Chairman to confirm the work with Turney Landscapes. **(Action Chairman)**

**1564 Village Matters:**

**1564.1 Unregistered land in Great Brickhill**

The Chairman to contact the Solicitor. **(Action Chairman)**

**1564.2 Public footpaths – progress (Pochards Lake to Cuff Lane)**

Nothing to report.

**1564.3 Spinney (trees/bank)**

The grass seed is growing and the fence has been re-instated with a wooden gate to keep the rabbits out of the area. The replanting of the trees will be done before Christmas.

**1564.4 Parking on Green End**

This is an ongoing problem. A resident has sent a picture of a car parked on the white line on the entrance to a property and they said this is a regular occurrence by different cars.

**1564.5 War Memorial – steps breaking up**

Mr Beange is to undertake the work.



1564.6 Allotment rubbish

The Chairman said he will purchase an asbestos testing kit. He will undertake a test on the materials in the allotments and send it off to be tested. **(Action Chairman)**

1564.7 Speedwatch

The Chairman said that he took a walk around the village with the speedwatch Coordinator to discuss suitable locations. They include: Ivy Lane, opposite Holts Green, Lower Way immediately before the Old Duncombe Arms, top of Manor Hill by John Horncapps Lane and Lower Way/junction with Rotten Row. Training of the volunteers will be undertaken shortly. The information logged has specific rules as to how it can be handled and the Police will require a paper record.

1564.8 Devolved Services

The Clerk said that Bucks CC still insist that the amount of grass maintained is 74m<sup>2</sup> and they supplied a map showing the area. The Parish Council agreed that the map is wrong and the Chairman agreed to provide a new map for the Clerk to send to Bucks CC. Bucks CC cannot arrange for the transfer of ownership as requested.

**(Action Chairman/Clerk)**

1564.9 Dog Bin emptying service – Service Agreement

The Clerk read out a letter from AVDC regarding an extension to the emptying service from January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. The Parish Council agreed to the extension.

1565 **Play Areas**

It was reported that both ladybird antennas are missing. Cllr Bratt to be informed.

1566 **Correspondence:** London Luton Airport Letter

1567 **Matters for the newsletter**

Volunteers for speedwatch, Councillor vacancy, Spinney

1568 **Date of next meeting – Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm**

1569 **The meeting closed at 9.40pm**