



**MINUTES of the Meeting of Great Brickhill Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm  
in the Parish Hall, Great Brickhill**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Mr C Leech (Chairman), Mr D Bratt, Mrs J Haydon, Mr A Middleton, Ms B Wight,  
District Cllr Mr N Blake

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

1602 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Mr R Kettle, County Cllr Mrs J Blake

1602.1 Councillor vacancy

A possible applicant attended the meeting to observe.

1603 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were approved. The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Middleton the approval of the minutes as a true record, all agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

1604 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Leech – finance Point 1607.2

1605 **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

1606 **Reports**

1606.1 County Cllr Blake

County Cllr Blake was not present.

1606.2 District Cllr Blake

1606.2.1 Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan  
Nothing to report.

1606.2.2 Expressway

The Chairman said that the Expressway Action Group will be holding a meeting in the Parish Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

1606.2.3 Single Unitary Authority

District Cllr Blake said that there will not be many job losses at County level and there will be 4 area planning committees. Elections will take place in May.

1606.3 Parish Hall Committee

1606.3.1 Project 2020 – Parish Hall improvements

Cllr Bratt said that three further grants have been submitted and he hopes that at least one will be successful. Quotations from builders are awaited. £10,000 has been received in the Hall Account from VAHT towards the improvements.

1606.3.2 Little Ashes Pre-School – Log Cabin and Forest School

Cllr Bratt said that an AVDC Officer will be visiting to ascertain the best siting for the log cabin. He said that he hopes that the log cabin will go through as permitted development. A meeting will also be held with the area representative for lottery funding regarding possible funding for Little Ashes.



1607 **Finance:**

1607.1 Bank balances and finance report:

The Clerk to transfer unspent budgets to street lighting as this budget has been exceeded. **(Action Clerk)**

<b>Barclays/Santander</b>	<b>£</b>
Community (Barclays)	32,163.06
Business Reserve (Barclays)	4,300.36
MUGA Sinking Fund	6,231.80
Parish Hall Budget	13,741.76
Business Reserve (Santander)	56,678.86
Business Bond (Santander)	85,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>198,115.84</b>

1607.2 Cllr Wight proposed, seconded by the Chairman the approval of the following payments, all agreed:

Payment method	Payee	£
Bank Transfer	Clerk – salary	439.04
Bank Transfer	Clerk – expenses	28.22
Bank Transfer	Turney Landscapes – grass cutting	750.00
Bank Transfer	Youth Café	TBC
Bank Transfer	Chairman – expenses land drain	227.98
Bank Transfer	Oracle – asbestos removal	660.00
Cheque	A P Gotzheim – hedgecutting	410.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,515.64</b>

1607.3 Other financial matters:

1607.3.1 On-line banking/payments  
Cllr Wight is still to register for online banking. **(Action Cllr Wight)**

1607.3.2 Santander Business Bond - maturity  
Pending due to traffic calming measures.

1607.3.3 Community First Responder donation to equipment - grant  
The grant application to be submitted during February.

1607.3.4 VAHT – grant £10,000 received  
Noted by the Parish Council.

1608 **Public Participation**

A resident said that the Cricket Club has been discussing the outfield. There have been two hot and dry summers and the grass has therefore suffered through lack of water. The English Cricket Board are encouraging clubs to use water not supplied through the mains water supply so the club are looking at the possibility of initiating bore holes and an irrigation system so that the cricket square and the outfield can be watered adequately. Also under consideration are underground storage tanks and water harvesting. The Club will keep the Parish Council informed.

1609 **Planning:**

1609.1 Planning Applications

1609.1.1 19/04065/ACL – Bryerley Springs Farm, Galley Lane – existing development of building for use as stables on ground floor and two flats at first floor level. The Parish Council has no objection to the application. They would prefer that the application was made in advance and not after the event (retrospective).



- 1609.1.2 19/02343/AOP – The Three Locks Farm, Partridge Hill – erection of agricultural workers dwelling. The Parish Council has no objection to the application. The Parish Council would like to see the applicants respect the Heritage comments where appropriate.
- 1609.1.3 20/00258/APP – 11 Green End – first floor side and rear extension, garage conversion and porch (amendment to approval 18/00430/APP). The Parish Council support the application with no comment.
- 1609.1.4 20/00219/APP – 38 Rotten Row – single storey garage conversion with roof space and dormer windows. The Parish Council support the application.
- 1609.1.5 20/00215/APP – 2 Warners Close – erection of lower ground floor side garage with roof terrace above and the erection of a lower ground rear extension. Removal of a ground level glazed roof serving an underground space and the erection of a ground level roof decking with walk on rooflights. Addition of timber cladding to existing brickwork, replacement of balustrading to existing front terrace, replacement of existing windows and new external works including the introduction of front railings. The Parish Council support the application as it is a considerate proposal.
- 1609.1.6 19/04411/APP – 52 Pound Hill – first floor side extension and new render and cladding. The Parish Council support the application. Although the proposed extension will raise the overall height of the single storey portion of the property to the same ridge as the rest of the property, the resulting building will still be in keeping with other, similar properties in the vicinity.
- 1609.1.7 Minor amendment – 19/03066/APP – Great Brickhill Manor, Church Lane – creation of a new porch and private access road to the front, demolition of an existing garage and erection of a new timber framed garage building to the south west. The Parish Council support the application.
- 1609.2 Decisions:
- 1609.2.1 19/04309/APP – 17 Duck End – proposed loft conversion including front and rear dormers. Refused
- 1609.3 Other Planning Matters
- 1609.3.1 Planning Responsibility – Feb/Mar  
Cllr Middleton to review planning applications received.
- 1609.3.2 Appeal – 17/03988/APP – Park Farm, Home Farm Lane  
Noted by the Parish Council.
- 1610 **Review of Projects**
- 1610.1 Traffic Calming Measures
- The Chairman said that the Rumble Strips and Dragons Teeth seem to have made no impact on traffic speeds coming into the village. 85 percentile speeds from data collected by the two MVAS show speeds almost identical to those prior to the road marking taking place. Physical barriers are the only real way to get people to slow down and this is something that needs to be pursued. He said that he will supply the data to Tfb. Tfb have carried out a site visit and checked on the quality of dragon's teeth. Unfortunately lining works do generally lose their 'newness' quickly due to



traffic and mud. However, the finishing of the lining is not great with a particularly uneven finished surface causing dirt to be held on the surface and be more prominent affecting on the brightness of the dragon's teeth. Therefore, the contractor has been asked to revisit and reapply the surface for better finishing. The date for this work will be advised in due course.

Tfb have been liaising with the RSA team. They have proposed a red surface treatment along Lower Way with the removal of the central line. The RSA team have requested consideration of: Option 1 – apply a carriageway solid edge marking, Option 2 – introduce priority working with build-out and apply red surface, Option 3 – apply red surface and retain central lines. Tfb need to consider all options and if it is not feasible to implement option 1 and 2, the RSA team are happy to sign off the proposal in Option 3.

**1611 Village Improvements Committee**

The Chairman confirmed that VIC has commenced work on installing the land drain. It was resolved that Cllr Kettle purchase some additional aggregate at a cost of £50.

**(Action Cllr Kettle)**

**1612 Village Matters:**

**1612.1 Unregistered land in Great Brickhill**

The Chairman said that the fee for the official conveyance plans for the strip of land by Horsepond is £550. He will ask for the footpath in Green End to be included and if this can be incorporated in the quote.

**(Action Chairman)**

**1612.2 Public footpaths – progress (Pochards Lake to Cuff Lane)**

The Chairman to contact Kathryn Layland to obtain any documents she may have.

**(Action Chairman)**

**1612.3 War Memorial – steps breaking up**

Nothing to report.

**1612.4 Allotment rubbish**

The Chairman confirmed that the asbestos has been removed. He said that he has spoken to the Allotment Association Chairman who is happy to draw up a user agreement to be signed by all allotment holders. Remove from the agenda.

**1612.5 Speedwatch**

The Chairman said that training dates are to be agreed.

**1612.6 Devolved Services**

The Parish Council agreed to take no further action regarding the query about the amount of grass maintained. Remove from the agenda.

**1612.6.1 Devolution Agreement – for signature**

The Chairman and Cllr Wight signed the agreement. The Clerk to return the signed copy.

**(Action Clerk)**

**1612.7 VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

The Parish Council agreed to centrally coordinate an event on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May and include local organisations/groups. Cllrs Wight and Middleton agreed to take it forward.

**(Action Cllrs Wight/Middleton)**

**1612.8 Road off Pound Hill**

Cllr Wight reported that the road located just before the school has no markings and children frequently run across it as it does not look like a road. It needs entrance markings/lines indicating a kerb or a sign erected to make this clear. Cllr Wight said that she will look into it further.

**(Action Cllr Wight)**



1613 **Play Areas**

Cllr Bratt said that he will assess any maintenance that needs undertaking.

**(Action Cllr Bratt)**

1614 **Correspondence:** Clerks and Councils Direct, CPRE Magazine

1615 **Matters for the newsletter**

VE Day, Expressway, Litter Pick 21<sup>st</sup> March

1616 **Date of next meeting** – Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm

1617 **The meeting closed at 9.15pm**