



MINUTES of the Meeting of Great Brickhill Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Great Brickhill

PRESENT: Cllrs Mr C Leech (Chairman), Mr D Bratt, Mr R Kettle, Mr A Middleton, Ms B Wight,
District Cllr Mr N Blake

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

1570 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Mrs J Haydon

1570.1 Councillor vacancy
Nothing to report.

1571 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2019 were approved. Cllr Wight proposed, seconded by Cllr Kettle the approval of the minutes as a true record, all agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

1572 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Leech – finance Point 1575.2
Cllr Bratt – finance Point 1575.2

1573 **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

1574 **Reports**

1574.1 County Cllr Blake
County Cllr Blake was not present.

1574.2 District Cllr Blake

Work progresses towards the Single Unitary Authority. There will be 16 community hubs and 5 planning committees set up. The planning system is in turmoil at the moment. Decisions are being delayed as it is taking a long time to determine applications. It is hoped that the new planning committees will help to improve the situation.

1574.2.1 Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

The Chairman said he is concerned regarding modifications to VALP as suggested by The Inspector, whereby it has been suggested that AVDC looks at sites adjacent to Milton Keynes for housing growth as opposed to more westerly areas. Three areas have been suggested, Saldon Chase (and its extension) Shenley Park (Whaddon), and Eaton Leys/Gt Brickhill. It seems that there is a preference for Shenley Park by AVDC following a report by a consultancy company employed. This pre-dates Milton Keynes Council opposing Saldon Chase and therefore AVDC's planned housing growth is some 1,800 or so houses light. This brings the portion of Eaton Leys that is in Great Brickhill back into focus as a site to be considered. The Chairman said that as the Parish Council can only comment on the proposed soundness and legality of the modifications to the VALP is there anything that the Parish Council can comment on to attempt to keep Eaton Leys out of consideration. District Cllr Blake said that Eaton Leys is low on the list of suitable sites particularly due to inadequate access, whereas Shenley Park is a more suitable site for development particularly due to the connections to Milton Keynes.



The Chairman agreed to draft a letter to AVDC in objection to any further consideration of the Eaton Leys site. (**Action Chairman**)

1574.2.2 Expressway
 District Cllr Blake said that he did not have any further information. The Chairman said that he has signed up to receive emails from the 'no expressway' group and the Parish Council should support them.

1574.3 Youth Café
 Marco Loxley attended the meeting. He thanked the Parish Council for their continued support. The Youth Café has now been running for 11 years. One of the first members is now running a section of their own. There are just over 100 active accounts on the database and there is an average of 15 young people attending each week. Numbers have dropped and this may be due to the recent anti-social behaviour of youths outside the Parish Hall which was not related to the Youth Café. Most weeks the Youth Café is held in the Parish Hall but sometimes 'youth socials' are held elsewhere. The Youth Café took a trip to Snowdonia this year and 12 Young people from Great Brickhill attended, 2 people from the village will be going to Mexico next year with a total of 16 going in total. Marco said that he will look at the possibility of changing the Youth Café from a Friday to a Thursday as this may have a positive impact on attendance.

The Parish Council discussed the possibility of fundraising in other villages due to the demographics of those attending. Marco said that if the Parish Council want them to approach other Parish Councils to fund raise then they would be happy to do so. Further discussions to be held.

1574.4 Parish Hall Committee

1574.4.1 Project 2020 – Parish Hall improvements
 Cllr Bratt said that an open meeting was held in the Parish Hall to display the plans for the hall improvements as well as the new log cabin. There was some useful feedback.

The planning application for the hall extension has been approved. With grants and Parish Hall funds, there is enough money to go ahead. Some other grant application decisions are awaited in particular the FCC Communities Foundation formerly WREN for £80,000 for the internal refit. The Chairman signed two letters on behalf of the Parish Council, one confirming that the Parish Council will act as the contributing third party funder for any grant from the FCC Community Action Fund and the other to confirm the names of the members of the Parish Council and that Cllr Bratt is authorised to submit the grant application.

Work will commence in June with closure dates for the hall expected to be from July to the beginning of September when the building works will move internally.

1574.4.2 Little Ashes Pre-School – Log Cabin and Forest School
 Cllr Bratt said that Aylesbury Vale has suggested that a pre-application be submitted for the log cabin. They may be able to consider it as permitted development. Little Ashes is running well and is fully staffed.

1575 **Finance:**

1575.1 Bank balances and finance report:

Barclays/Santander	£
Community (Barclays)	37,829.15
Business Reserve (Barclays)	4,298.22
MUGA Sinking Fund	6,163.73



Parish Hall Budget	4,458.65
Business Reserve (Santander)	56,645.72
Business Bond (Santander)	85,000.00
TOTAL	194,395.47

1575.2 Cllr Wight proposed, seconded by Cllr Kettle the approval of the following payments, all agreed:

Payment method	Payee	£
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	343.75
Bank Transfer	D Bratt – ink cartridges	20.37
Bank Transfer	C Leech – expenses mileage and asbestos kit	43.00
Bank Transfer	Turney Landscapes – hedge/tree trim cemetery	552.00
Bank Transfer	Smith of Derby – church clock	228.00
	TOTAL	2,404.38

1575.3 Other financial matters:

- 1575.3.1 On-line banking/payments
Cllr Wight is still to register for online banking.
(Action Cllr Wight)
- 1575.3.2 Santander Business Bond - maturity
Pending due to traffic calming measures.
- 1575.3.3 Community First Responder donation to equipment
Cllr Bratt said that grants may be available but the Parish Council would need to apply. Cllr Bratt agreed to contact Mr Burton-Gow to talk to him about applying for a grant. **(Action Cllr Bratt)**
- 1575.3.4 Budget and Precept – 2020/21
The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Wight to approve a budget of £36,568.00 and a precept of £35,010.00 for 2020/21, all agreed. The Clerk to return the precept request form to Aylesbury Vale District Council. **(Action Clerk)**

<u>Income</u>	2020/21
Precept	35,010.00
Bank Int/MUGA Income	Var
Bucks CC Mowing rebate	1,558.00
TOTAL	36,568.00

<u>Regular Expenditure</u>	2020/21
Grass Cutting	9,000.00
Street Lights Elec/Maint	3,000.00
Clerks Salary (inc tax)	5,798.00
Clerks Office expenses	500.00
Audit Fees	500.00
Insurance	1,000.00
Subscriptions	350.00



Newsletter	550.00
Churchyard	400.00
Clock Maintenance	200.00
Dog Bins emptying	1,100.00
Payroll Service	350.00
Expenses (Cllrs)	150.00
Play Area Inspections	550.00
Play Area maintenance	400.00
MUGA	1,200.00
Youth Café	4,000.00
Hall Hire	0.00
Gen Village Exp (inc elec fees)	3,000.00
Legal contingency	2,000.00
Parish Hall fund	2,520.00
Tennis Club grant resurfacing	0.00
TOTAL	36,568.00

Projects expenditure - reserves

	<u>2020/21</u>
Traffic Calming measures	70,000.00
Parish Hall extension	26,000.00
Parish Hall Project reserve	30,000.00
Forest School/Log Cabin	25,000.00
Maintenance - general	4,888.00
Misc	0.00
TOTAL	155,888.00

1576 **Public Participation**

There were no comments from members of the public.

1577 **Planning:**

1577.1 Planning Applications

1577.1.1 19/03952/APP – Park Farm, Home Farm Lane – conversion, extension, repair and part demolition of existing barns to create one residential unit. The Parish Council support the development of dilapidated heritage buildings.

1577.2 Decisions:

1577.2.1 19/03350/APP – Parish Hall, Rotten Row – single storey side extension to provide ancillary storage facilities together with improvements to sanitary accommodations. Approved

1577.2.2 19/03067/APP – Great Brickhill Manor, Church Lane – replacement of an existing shed structure, including new proposed metal railings and gate to replace existing metal railings and timber gate. Approved

1577.2.3 19/02698/APP – Bryerley Springs Farm, Galley Lane – extension to existing hay barn. Approved



1577.3 Other Planning Matters

1577.3.1 Planning Responsibility – Dec/Jan
Cllr Middleton to review planning applications received.

1577.3.2 46 Pound Hill
A member of the public said that they have concerns with regard to the planning application and they have discussed this with the applicant of 46 Pound Hill. Their concerns include the long period of construction, delivery of equipment and materials causing damage and disruption to the area as well as potential damage to the small roadway, the impact on the school and increased traffic on Pound Hill post construction. They said it is not just up to AVDC to consider the implications of this development but also under the remit of the Parish Council. They asked the Parish Council to write to AVDC asking them to give consideration to the school and construction vehicle movements, delivery of building supplies onto the site as well as off the site, the construction of the proposed building and use of the small roadway. The Chairman said that the Parish Council had sent a letter confirming their reasons for their support of the application and although the issues raised by the member of the public were not necessarily planning issues which would affect the Parish Councils decision, the Parish Council would write to AVDC and request that restrictions are placed on the times for deliveries due to the proximity of the school and that AVDC make it a condition that the roadway is reinstated if damaged and no mud be carried off site onto the shared driveway (onto the public highway is not acceptable). This was agreed by the Parish Council. Cllr Wight agreed to write a response. **(Action Cllr Wight)**

1578 **Review of Projects**

1578.1 Traffic Calming Measures
The Chairman said that the implementation of the traffic calming measures has started.

1579 **Village Improvements Committee**

The Chairman confirmed that leaves had been cleared in the Three Trees.
A request to plant two beech trees on the grassed area in Green End was received by a resident. The Parish Council agreed to the proposal in principle. The Chairman agreed to contact the resident. **(Action Chairman)**

1580 **Village Matters:**

1580.1 Unregistered land in Great Brickhill
The Chairman is waiting to hear from the Solicitor.

1580.2 Public footpaths – progress (Pochards Lake to Cuff Lane)
The Chairman to contact Kathryn Layland to obtain any documents she may have. **(Action Chairman)**

1580.3 Spinney (trees/bank)
Nothing to report. Remove from the agenda.

1580.4 Parking on Green End
Cllr Wight said that parents have been sent a letter regarding parking from the Head Teacher of the school. Remove from the agenda.

1580.5 War Memorial – steps breaking up
Nothing to report.



1580.6 Allotment rubbish

The Chairman said that he had the materials tested by a specialist laboratory and it was confirmed that it is asbestos. The area is cordoned off. The Parish Council need to arrange for its removal. The Chairman said that he will obtain some quotes.

(Action Chairman)

1580.7 Speedwatch

The Chairman said that training will be undertaken in February 2020.

1580.8 Devolved Services

The Chairman said that he responded to Bucks CC that the Parish Council cannot understand why they want to make changes since they will still be cutting grass immediately adjacent to those areas they are proposing to cease cutting. The original assumption was that they would not be cutting any of the grass on their land in the village, but not cutting these minuscule pieces does not make sense. One of the pieces they have outlined at Green End, it would be easier to cut it, rather than leaving a strip of grass on that area uncut. The Parish Council have to get a contractor to make a special visit to cut them, so it will cost a lot more money than the derisory amount they are offering as compensation. A reply is awaited.

1581 **Play Areas**

Nothing to report.

1582 **Correspondence:** Clerks and Councils Direct, War Memorial Bulletin

1583 **Matters for the newsletter**

Walking bus, Parish Hall extension and planning permission

1584 **Date of next meeting – Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30pm**

1585 **The meeting closed at 9.35pm**