



MINUTES of the Meeting of Great Brickhill Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st September 2020 at 7.30pm by Zoom video conferencing

PRESENT: Cllrs Mr C Leech (Chairman), Mr K Boad, Mr D Bratt, Mr R Kettle,
Mr A Middleton, Ms B Wight

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs K Barker (Clerk), 2 members of the public were present
Agenda for members of the public circulated on the newsletter InfoLine

1715 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Mrs J Haydon

1716 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th August 2020 were approved. Cllr Bratt proposed, seconded by Cllr Middleton the approval of the minutes as a true record, all agreed by those present and to be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting in person.

1717 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Leech – finance Point 1720.2
Cllr Boad – planning Point 1722.1

1718 **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

1719 **Reports**

1719.1 Buckinghamshire Council

Cllr Scott Raven and Cllr Ben Everitt were not present.

1719.1.1 VALP/HS2/Expressway
There were no updates.

1719.2 Parish Hall Committee

1719.2.1 Project 2020 – Parish Hall improvements

Cllr Bratt shared some pictures of the hall improvement progress on screen. He gave an update of the progress; the front door has a keypad entry, new flooring, toilets refurbishment in progress, main hall repainting, emergency lighting, large projector screen in the main hall, new windows with electronic openers, new electrics and boiler, full size ovens and refitted kitchen, new bar area including new fridge and freezer and disabled access.

The work is due to be finished on 4th September apart from a few small items. The car park will be extended in a months time.

The Parish Council congratulated Cllr Bratt and agreed that the hall looks fantastic. They thanked Cllr Bratt and Paul Murray for their hard work on the project.

1719.2.2 Little Ashes Pre-School/Log Cabin and Forest School

Cllr Bratt confirmed that a document was submitted to the Planning Department to confirm how the planning conditions relating to the trees will be dealt with. He said that the Planning Department have still not responded to confirm that they will discharge the conditions and he will chase this up. The log cabin will need to be installed shortly. The Parish Council agreed to an amendment to the



positioning of the log cabin. Cllr Bratt said that he will obtain permission from the Planning Department for the change. He said that the log cabin will be secured with ground screws which will have no impact on the surrounding area and will allow the slope of the land to be taken into account.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr Bratt and Paul Murray for their hard work on the project.

1719.2.3

Youth Café

Marco Loxley said that it has been difficult to run during lockdown but he succeeded in online engagement with the youths. He said that he opened an online video conferencing session at the end of March, running every Friday. A host of activities were undertaken including film nights, monopoly and quizzes. Numbers attending have fluctuated but there has been as many as 41 attending and as few as 6 depending on the activity. He said that he would like to get back to using the Parish Hall and understands that the Youth Café will need to adjust their policies and procedures in accordance with the current circumstances. Marco Loxley said that he would like to continue to engage with young people in the community and asked for the support of the Parish Council for another 12 months. He said that a marketing/advertising campaign will be undertaken to attract new members. The Parish Council agreed to support the Youth Café for another 12 months and said that, as custodians of funding, they would like to know how many young people attending are from Great Brickhill. Marco was thanked for attending the meeting.

1720 **Finance:**

1720.1 Bank balances and finance report:
The Clerk supplied a finance report.

Barclays/Santander	£
Community (Barclays)	61,997.21
Business Reserve (Barclays)	4,303.03
MUGA Sinking Fund (Barclays)	5,667.27
Parish Hall Budget (Barclays)	13,595.99
Business Reserve (Santander)	46,337.35
Business Bond (Santander)	0.00
TOTAL	131,900.85

1720.2 The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Wight the approval of the following payments, all agreed.

Payment method	Payee	£
Bank Transfer	Clerk – salary	446.08
Bank Transfer	Clerk – expenses	40.50
Bank Transfer	Turney Landscapes – grass cutting	750.00
Bank Transfer	Youth Café	300.00
Bank Transfer	C Leech – zoom monthly charge	14.39
Bank Transfer	C Leech – Land Reg – title plan	6.00
Bank Transfer	C Leech – No dogs sign	26.34
Bank Transfer	G Leaver – Adverse Possession – Inv March 20	960.00
Bank Transfer	Aylesbury Mains – light repairs	35.40
Bank Transfer	Denne Engineering – fencing	72.91
Bank Transfer	Windoor – inv 3755	10,092.00
Bank Transfer	MGA – Inv 1043	22,981.11
	TOTAL	35,724.73



1720.3 Other financial matters:

- 1720.3.1 On-line banking/payments
Cllr Wight is still to register for online banking.
(Action Cllr Wight)
- 1720.3.2 VAT reclaim/Santander funds transfer
The Clerk confirmed that the VAT refund form has been sent to HMRC and she is awaiting the refund. The Santander bond has now been distributed between the Santander Reserve Account £35,000 and the Barclays Community Account £50,000. The Bond has now been closed.

1721 **Public Participation**

Resident, Paul Stearman said that he has ordered the lights for the log cabin, no charge to the Parish Council. He said that he will deliver them to the Chairman when received. The Parish Council thanked Mr Stearman for purchasing the lights.

Resident, Paul Stearman thanked both Cllrs Leech and Kettle for putting in the land drain in Jacks Lane. The Chairman said that he has asked Bucks Council for a kissing gate to be installed.

1722 **Planning:**

1722.1 Planning Applications

- 1722.1.1 20/02836/APP – 48 Pound Hill – part two storey, part single storey side extension. The Parish Council support the application. The house is not visible from the main road and is not in the conservation area and not listed. The plan appears to be well thought through and represents an enhancement to the existing structure. The Parish Council recommend imposing restrictions regarding the timings of work to avoid school start and finish times.
- 1722.1.2 20/02885/APP – 36 Pound Hill – erection of a balcony on top of the existing flat roof. The Parish Council has no objection to the application. The house is mostly concealed from the main road and the proposed balcony is at the rear of the property. The borders on each side are tall and mature so no overlooking is likely to result from the use of the balcony.

1722.2 Decisions:

- 1722.2.1 20/02144/APP - 6 Stoke Lane – single storey rear extension – Approved
- 1722.2.2 20/01629/APP – 2 Pound Hill - 2 Pound Hill – demolition of an existing single storey rear extension, erection of two storey rear extension and conversion of existing attached out-building including replacement roof finish. Approved
- 1722.2.3 20/01628/APP - 4 Pound Hill - demolition of existing single storey rear extension and replacement with two storey extension and new Oak framed entrance canopy to front elevation. Approved
- 1722.2.4 20/01085/APP - 3 Warners Close – single storey side and rear extensions. Approved



1722.3 Other Planning Matters

- 1722.3.1 Planning Responsibility – Sept/Oct
Cllr Middleton to review planning applications received.
- 1722.3.2 Cuff Lane development – boundary query
The Chairman said that Cllr Wight is looking into it but it appears that the property boundary is not where the owners have built the wall.
- 1722.3.3 Paper Mill Farm – erection of an agricultural building – no objection submitted. The Clerk said that this was received after the last meeting and that she was advised that the nature of the application, being an agricultural notification, it is different to a full planning application. Applications such as this are on a limited timeframe and, as such, the consultation period has shortened to 14 days. The Planning Department will need to respond as to whether the proposal constitutes permitted development and/or if prior approval is required.

1723 **Review of Projects**

- 1723.1 Traffic Calming Measures
The Chairman said that there is nothing to report and that he will contact TfB to see what is happening. **(Action Chairman)**

1724 **Village Improvements Committee**

The Chairman said that Cllr Kettle's trailer was stolen as well as the wheelbarrow. He proposed the purchase of a replacement wheelbarrow. The field drain has been done and the path is now usable. He said that he has requested the installation of a kissing gate. Some posts at Poors Acre have been replaced and he suggested that the bollards could be used, if necessary, to prevent further anti-social behaviour. It was agreed that the netting remains in place for the time being.

1725 **Village Matters**

- 1725.1 Unregistered land in Great Brickhill
The Chairman said that Horsepond has now been registered with land registry. The boundary line at the MUGA/ Tennis Courts needs to be corrected as previously discussed. The Chairman agreed to ask the Solicitor to action this. **(Action Chairman)**
- 1725.2 Public footpaths – progress (Pochards Lake to Cuff Lane)
Nothing to report.
- 1725.3 Speedwatch
Nothing to report.
- 1725.4 Misuse of Parish Land – Poors Acre
Cllr Kettle reported that there is concern that the anti-social behaviour exhibited at Poors Acre is now moving into the village. It was agreed for some notes to be drawn up for the newsletter.
- 1725.5 COVID-19
There is still some support needed in the village, the Support Group will continue. The reports from the leader of Bucks Council, Martin Tett, are still being received.

1726 **Play Areas**

Cllr Bratt confirmed that signs have been displayed regarding the current restrictions/regulations. The roundabout needs to be moved and a decision needs to be made where to put it. Cllr Bratt said that he has one antenna and another one needs to be obtained.



1727 **Correspondence:** Countryside Voice

1728 **Matters for the newsletter**
Hall opening, anti-social behaviour in the village

1729 **Date of next meeting –** Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 7.30pm

1730 **The meeting closed at 9.22pm**