

BROAD TOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018 in the Village Hall

Present: Councillor J E Jordan - Chairman
Councillor S J Billis
Councillor S G Hartley
Councillor M A Holland
Councillor B Joyce
Councillor R Pearce
Councillor C J Rendell

Officers: Mrs L A Roberts – Parish Clerk

There were 4 members of the public present.

160/17 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

161/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Billis declared an interest in agenda item 7. The White Horse Preservation Society as a member of the group. He took part in the discussion but did not vote.

162/17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th December 2017 having previously been circulated were signed by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs J Jordan as a correct record.

163/17 FINANCE

The bank balances were noted.

Treasurers Account	69.94
Business Bank Instant	8696.55
Community Fund	7251.81

164/17 BUDGET 2018/2019

Members discussed at length and scrutinised the proposed budget for 2018/19 to ensure the Parish Council was giving value for money to the community. It was agreed that an increase in the precept was unavoidable if the Parish Council were to realistically meet the needs of the community in addressing speeding traffic, continue with the improvements and maintenance of Redhills Play Area and support remedial work which might be necessary as a result of the findings of the Footpath Working Group.

Deliberated over the increase and were careful in setting the precept which has meant an increase.

It was proposed by the Chairman Councillor Mrs Jordan seconded by Councillor Billis and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to agree a precept of £8490.00 for 2018/2019.

This represents an increase on a Band D property of £3.16 from £28.72 a year to £31.88

165/17 Playing Field

Councillor Joyce confirmed that there is a sign which advises No Dogs Allowed in the Play Area. However he proposed that three signs should be placed on the three pedestrian access routes to the play area. It was agreed to purchase a further two signs. Councillor Joyce also advised that there were Clean up after your Dog signs in place.

Councillor Joyce reported that there was a section of footpath where there is no fencing and this would need to be replaced in order to completely fence off the play area. It was suggested that a call-out to local tradesman and volunteers is made to assist with the repairs.

166/17 White Horse Preservation Society – Application to the Community Fund

At the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 October 2017 it was '**RESOLVED** to award a grant of £1263.00, being 50% of the amount applied for from the Community Fund (in accordance with the Grant Funding Criteria)'.

With a suggestion that the Group should apply to the Wroughton Science Museum Fund for the remaining 50%.

Councillor Billis advised that the group did apply to the Wroughton Science Museum Fund for match funding as requested. However, the process proved to be a very protracted one.

The process involved completing a survey before getting access to an application form. Once they received the application form there was an assessment. This assessment resulted in a list of queries and suggestions for policies the group should have in place. In an attempt to answer the queries and source the correct policies the group ran out of time. However, the group would apply again once invitations were invited as the information was now to hand.

The group were now requesting release of the funding promised by the Parish Council from the Community Fund in time for the planned refurbishment works due to take place in March. It would be the understanding that they would apply for match funding again. In the circumstances it was agreed that the volunteer support the group attracted constitutes 'in kind' match funding.

It was proposed by Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillors Mrs Hartley and

RESOLVED to release the grant funding to the group on the basis that they have match funding 'in kind' from their volunteers and they would re-apply to the Science Museum for funding.

167/17 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

- Councillor Billis reported a lack of communication from CATG. The Parish Clerk agreed to follow this up. Councillor Billis will attend the next meeting of CATG due to take place on 28 February 2018.
- It was noted that the request for paving, which went through Councillor Alison Bucknell (Wiltshire Council) had been agreed to be done.
- It was agreed that a Policy Working Group would be formed, consisting of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Jordan, Councillor Joyce and Councillor Pearce.
- Councillor Pearce reported that a Broad Hinton working party had ventured down the footpath to Horns Lane to find it physically blocked. This had already been noted by the Footpath Working Group and would be rectified.
- The next Area Board meetings scheduled are 10 January 2018 and 21 March 2018.
- Councillor Hartley advised that the defibrillator would be arriving on 9 January 2018. A training event would be organised for those representing community groups and any member of the community interested in learning how to use the defibrillator.
- Transparency Code funding available closing date 12 February. Speak to Katie Fielding. Call for volunteers in the community web designers providers.

The next meeting is scheduled on Monday 12th February 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Next Meeting Monday 12 February 2018, 6.30pm in the Village Hall