

## **BROAD TOWN PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 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

**Officers:** Mrs L A Roberts

There were 8 members of the public present who raised the following issues:

#### **Appleford**

It was reported that the certificate of lawfulness in relation to Appleford which had been rejected in 2016 had gone through the enforcement process and that the decision has been appealed against. A business involving the movement of lorries is most unsuitable for the village. The residents have registered their opposition in relation to the application. The resident felt that the Parish Council should be made aware of this on-going matter and understand the concerns of residents living nearby.

It was confirmed by the Parish Clerk that the Parish Council are not notified of events such as this following any decisions on planning matters. Residents were dismayed that the use of the premises for lorries which was not supported by residents or the Parish Council had still not been resolved.

The Parish Council agreed that they would get in touch with Sean Williams the Planning Officer and Alan Brown the Enforcement Officer.

The resident stated that the community does not want the business in the village and that the appeal should be rejected. The residents referred to comments previously sent to Wiltshire Council.

The Parish Council agreed to write formally to Wiltshire Council reinforcing the case of the community and that opposition to the operation will continue. It was also suggested that an approach should be made to CPRE to advise them that the situation was ongoing and of great concern to the community and the impact the business was having on the nearby area of outstanding natural beauty.

#### **Village Hall Committee**

It was reported that the Village Hall Committee have for some time been trying to obtain quotes for the refurbishment of the toilets and kitchen. In nine months only one of the several contractors approached had provided a quotation. The Committee were concerned that because they only had one quote they would not meet the criteria for their application to the Community Fund. The Parish Clerk advised that if

they sent a supporting statement with the grant application detailing what they had tried to do to get quotations that would suffice the award criteria.

### **Request to have Rubbish Bags removed from Road**

The Parish Council were advised that six months ago Wiltshire Council had burnt off the unlawful 30mph signs painted onto the road into Broad Town. However, all the removed paint and debris which had been placed into bags was still at the side of the road. It was agreed that contact would be made to the Highways Department at Wiltshire Council to request that the bags are collected for safe disposal.

### **168/17 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Rendell.

### **169/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **170/17 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 having previously been circulated were signed by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Jordan as a correct record.

### **171/17 FINANCE**

#### **171/17.1 The bank balances were noted.**

Business Bank Instant	£8696.90
Treasurers Account	£69.94
Community Fund	£7251.81

#### **171/17.2 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

An updated spreadsheet showing income and expenditure against the precept for 2017/2018 was noted.

#### **171/17.3 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Hartley, seconded by Councillor Pearce and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve the accounts for payment to the Community Heart Beat Trust - £ 151.20, annual maintenance of the defibrillator, the Play Equipment Invoice, payable to Home Front Ltd - £1776.00 and White Horse Preservation Society (Community Fund Grant) - £ 1263.00.

### **172/17 QUOTATIONS FOR NEW GOAL POSTS**

Councillor Billis reported that as well as replacement goals some groundwork would be required to accommodate the new goals. It was agreed that quotations for this work should be sought. It was also agreed that an application to the Community Fund should be made for the cost of replacement goals and the required groundwork and that sponsorship from two councillors would be required to meet the

funding criteria. Councillor Billis would seek quotations for the groundwork and prepare the application for the Parish Council meeting in March.

## **173/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

**Application Number:** 18/01057/FUL - plans available to view here [18/01057/FUL](#)

**Application for** Full Planning

**Proposal:-** Proposed Rear Balcony & French Doors & Front Porch Revision to 17/06596/FUL. Plans available to view here [17/06596/FUL](#)

**At:** Garden Cottage, Horns Lane, Broad Town, Swindon, SN4 7RH

**Assigned Officer:** Richard Sewell

**Direct Line:** 01249 706689

**Comments to be received by:** 02 March 2018

It was unclear what revisions had been made to the original application. Members requested that clarification of the revisions was obtained before they could comment on the application.

## **174/17 ROSPA REPORT – REDHILLS PLAY AREA**

Members noted the report and identified that one of the warnings in the report referenced the corroded goal posts. Councillors Billis and Joyce had acted and removed the goal posts and replacements were being sought.

The swing was reported as having a broken wire leaving sharp ends. The exposed wire had been taped up. However, it was agreed that repair from a reputable contractor should be sought asap. If a repair could not be effected quickly it was agreed that the swing would be removed until it was repaired.

## **175/17 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

**The Big Gig** - Councillor Holland advised that a holding committee had been formed who would hold the assets until another enthusiastic group came forward to organise the event.

### **175/17.1 Best Kept Village Competition**

It was agreed that the timeframe for entries did not leave enough time to get the community organised to enter the competition. Coupled with the fact that a 'Sparkle for Markle' was being arranged in May by a group of residents from the village.

### **175/17.2 Clean Up Wiltshire**

The time-frame to take part was too narrow to galvanise support for the litter pick and it was agreed not to dilute the effort which will be made by the Village for the 'Sparkle for Markle' event in May.

### **175/17.3 Parish Lengthsmen**

It was suggested that the following requests are made to the Parish Lengthsmen.

- To remove an old tyre near to one of the village's footpaths.
- To weed spray the grass growing on the roadside and to attend to the hole near the gully on the main Broad Town Road, near to where the 'diversion ends' sign is currently situated.

Feedback from the previous visit had not been received and this would be followed up.

Unitary Councillor Mrs Groom reported that Bill Parks, Head of Highways would be visiting Broad Town to identify maintenance issues on the roads in Broad Town. Parish Councillors would be welcome to meet with Bill. It was reported that Thornhill has been identified as a maintenance issue and that Pye Lane was beginning to show signs of deterioration including pot-holes.

**175/17.4 Transparency Funding** - Councillor Joyce had obtained quotations for equipment however due to a misunderstanding by the Parish Clerk the application had not been submitted. The Parish Clerk apologised for the misunderstanding and agreed to contact WALC to see if a late application might still be considered.

**175/17.5 Brasenose College Land**

The Parish Council had been approached by Bidwells, acting on behalf of Brasenose College, to meet with them to discuss a strategy for the land they own in Broad Town. Members were unclear on what parcel of land they were referring to and this should be identified prior to any meeting.

It was agreed that the meeting should be arranged to take place at 5.30pm on Monday 12 March, in the Village Hall prior to the Parish Council Meeting.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Jordan suggested that following the acknowledgement of receipt by Wiltshire Council to the Parish Council's formal request to have Broad Town reclassified (the request was made due to the lack of infrastructure and population density). It would be important for that meeting to understand when the request for the reclassification would be confirmed.

**175/17.6 Speed Indicator Devices – SIDS** Councillor Billis confirmed that a meeting with Dave Thomas about SIDS for the village had been arranged for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Councillor Mrs Hartley confirmed that she would attend that meeting. Councillor Billis also reported that he would be attending the CATG meeting scheduled for 28 February 2018.,

The repairs to footpaths identified and submitted to CATG for funding had received approval. Councillors Billis will establish when the repairs are to take place and include details in the next newsletter.

**175/17.7 Community Heartbeat Trust Defibrillator** – The official launch of the defibrillator will be on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall. This will be followed by training on use of the defibrillator.

**175/17.8 Footpaths in the Village** - The survey work had stalled due to illness. However, Councillor Holland reported that the group had identified the top 10 areas for improvement. The survey work would continue, and an update would be made at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**175/17.9 Planning Appeal Marsh Farm – Proposal for a new Tesco Store and 300 homes.** It was agreed that the Parish Council should make an objection to this development and that the best approach would be to work with Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council to demonstrate to Wiltshire Council that both councils shared the same concerns about the development and to submit a joint rejection to the application.

**175/17.10 Email Database** – Councillor Pearce had forwarded to the Parish Clerk the email data which had been gathered at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2017. The Parish Clerk would email everyone on the list to seek their permission to continue to hold their email details and at the same time invite them to the next Annual Parish Meeting.

**176/17.11 Wi-Fi in the Village Hall** – It was agreed that the Village Hall would benefit from having Wi-Fi and that the Parish Council should approach the Village Hall Committee with the idea.

**Date of next Meeting: Monday 12 March 2018, 6.30pm in the Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

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