



**Minutes of the Meeting of Brickhill Parish Council held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 at St Mark's Church & Community Centre, Calder Rise, Bedford commencing at 8.30pm immediately following a public meeting with Bedfordshire Police.**

**Present:** Cllrs Fitzpatrick, Blakeman, Holloway, Charles Royden, Reeve, Johns, Seymour, Jarman-Webb, Rider, Bailes, Retout, Borough Councillors Moon and Corp, 3 members of the public and the Clerk (Mrs S Bottoms) were in attendance.

**Absent:** Cllrs Corinne Royden, Ward and Cross.

1.	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllrs Corinne Royden, Ward and Cross.	
2.	<b>Declarations of interest in items on the agenda</b> i) <u>To receive written requests for a dispensation:</u> None received. ii) <u>To consider any requests for a dispensation:</u> None received.	
3.	<b>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018:</b> The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.	
4.	<b>To note the resignation of Mark Bowler:</b> This was noted by the parish council with regret and the Clerk agreed to contact him to thank him for his work.	
5.	<b>Public Open Session (15 mins):</b> i) <u>St Thomas More School:</u> A resident attended to express concern about apparent conflicting reports about future numbers of pupils at the school. He requested that this topic be put on the January agenda. ii) <u>Parking Problems on Mallard Hill:</u> The area is becoming dangerous because of the number of vehicles, especially commercial vehicles some of which are very large, obscuring the junctions. Cllr Royden agreed investigate. iii) <u>Pelican Crossing – Kimbolton Road:</u> There was concern that this was not working properly. Cllrs Royden and Rider agreed to investigate. iv) <u>Avon Drive – Tyne Crescent:</u> no white line down the centre of the road. Cllrs Royden and Rider agreed to investigate.	<b>Clerk</b>  <b>Cllr Royden</b>  <b>Cllr Royden and Cllr Rider</b>

6. **Financial Matters: To consider and agree action:**

- i) To approve bank reconciliations and any accounts for payment: It was resolved to approve these (see below).

Clerk

<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
White Hart Press	BACS 85	£ 650.00	Newsletter Printing
British Telecom	DD	£ 112.26	Broadband
Bedford Borough Council	DD	£ 5,094.98	Salaries October
NPower	BACS 86	£ 6.52	Electricity for Fountain
Bedford Borough Council	BACS 87	£ 1,087.87	Waveney Green
Bedford Borough Council	1227	£ 54.00	Planning Application
Bedford Borough Council	1227	-£ 54.00	Pre Planning Advise
S Bottoms	BACS 90	£ 107.00	Refund - Pre Planning Advise
Associated Telecom Solutions	DD	£ 18.38	Associated Telecom Solutions
J Mbanje	1225	£ 30.00	Newsletter Delivery
A Ward	1226	£ 60.00	Newsletter Delivery
St Marks Church Community Centre	BACS 91	£ 212.33	Office Rent and Hall Hire
Solutions 4 Playgrounds	BCS 88	£ 240.00	Play Inspections
S Bottoms	BACS 89	£ 86.47	Annual Office Renewal etc
	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£ 7,705.81</b>	

	<p>ii) <u>To consider and agree action re: quotation for installing/removing the Christmas tree lights on the tree in Waveney Green:</u></p> <p><b>It was resolved</b> to accept the quote from Bedford Borough Council for £1,100 to install and remove the Christmas tree lights. This included the installation of an isolator switch to enable the lights to be switched on.</p>	
7.	<p><b><u>To receive an update on Woodlands Park and agree further action:</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Bailes said that it was with great sadness that the parish council reflect upon the second tragic and violent death in six weeks of a young man on this occasion in Leven Walk during the evening of 27 October. Its thoughts and prayers were with the family and friends of the young man, those injured, and also with local residents who have been deeply affected by this terrible incident.</p> <p>Woodlands Park and Brickhill remain profoundly affected by this emerging gang-related turf war.</p> <p>Cllrs Bailes and Jarman-Webb had met with Emma-Jo Muggridge and her colleagues at the recent community safety forum. Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to work together as effectively as with the Riseley local policing teams.</p> <p>The butterfly sculpture from Russet now has two pieces with Cllr Bailes awaiting collection in order to repair, they are approaching the limit of their usefulness if they are permitted to rot further. Street lighting is becoming an issue into the winter months, with criminals noting the non-working lighting in non-overlooked areas and targeting vehicles and homes on the periphery of the estate. Cllrs Bailes and Jarman-Webb remain concerned about the whole episode of consultation and implementation of the various double yellow line schemes across Woodlands Park. Cllr Bailes was thanked for his report.</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>To receive a report from the Borough Councillors:</u></b></p> <p>Written reports from the Brickhill and Great Barford Borough Councillors had been received, circulated and put on the website. Both sets of councillors were thanked for their reports. Cllr Moon reported that he had received requests to consider the installation of more yellow lines in Woodlands Park including to support and maintain access across the bridleway.</p> <p>Cllrs Moon would discuss this Cllr Bailes.</p>	Cllr Moon
9.	<p><b><u>To consider financially supporting the provision of additional parking for vehicles in Rookmead:</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Royden said that the volume of vehicles at properties in Rookmead resulted in some parking on the grass adjacent to the pond. Cllrs Royden and Rider had already agreed to use ward funding to install grasscrete but were seeking matched funding with the parish council. The total cost would be approximately £20,000.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Holloway and <b>it was resolved</b> to provide £10,000 towards the project, with £8,000 being taken from the Traffic Initiative Account and £2,000 from reserves.</p>	

10.	<b><u>To consider the purchase of further CCTV cameras and possible locations within Brickhill:</u></b> It was agreed that the Clerk should contact John McKinney at the borough council to investigate the cost of purchasing a mobile CCTV camera linked to the borough system.	Clerk
11.	<b><u>To note the Bedford Borough Council Draft Empty Homes Strategy Public Consultation and consider whether to respond:</u></b> <b>It was resolved</b> not to submit a parish council response.	
12.	<b><u>To approve revised Standing Orders:</u></b> The Clerk reported that NALC had submitted some revised standing orders in the light of a few changes that had been made. <b>It was resolved</b> to accept these and the Clerk would arrange to put these on the website.	Clerk
13.	<b><u>To agree dates for meetings in 2019-20:</u></b> 10th January, 7 <sup>th</sup> February, 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 4 <sup>th</sup> April, 6 <sup>th</sup> June, 4 <sup>th</sup> July, (1 <sup>st</sup> Aug planning Only), 5 <sup>th</sup> September, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October, 7 <sup>th</sup> November, (5 <sup>th</sup> December planning only). A decision will need made regarding the May meeting given that it is an election year. The Clerk agreed to check with the Community Office for a date for the Annual Parish Meeting.	Clerk
14.	<b><u>To review the list of outstanding matters and agree any further action:</u></b> This was reviewed. i) <u>Brickhill Community Centre – Car Park Lighting</u> : Following confirmation that planning approval was not needed, the Clerk had instructed Allan Peacock Street Lighting Ltd to make contact with the Centre Manager to arrange to start the works.	
15.	<b><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u></b> Thursday 10th January 2019 at 7:30pm at St Mark’s Church and Community Centre, Calder Rise, MK41 7UY.	

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10<sup>th</sup> January 2019