

BRICKHILL

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Brickhill Parish Council held on Thursday 5th April 2012 at St Mark's Church & Community Centre, Calder Rise, Bedford commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Fitzpatrick, Blakeman, Ovenell, Waterhouse, Crofts, Wilkins, Corinne Royden, Rider and the Clerk were in attendance.

Absent: Cllrs Chambers, Josephs, Darbon and Charles Royden

		<u>Action</u>
1	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Charles Royden & Darbon-work commitments and Cllr Chambers & Josephs- away It was resolved: to accept the apologies for absence.</p>	
2	<p><u>Declarations of acceptance of interest in items on the agenda</u> Cllr Waterhouse declared a personal interest in matters pertaining to Items 6 and 8. Cllr Fitzpatrick declared a personal interest in matters pertaining to Item 6. And Cllr Rider declared a personal interest in matters pertaining to Item 9 (ii)</p>	
3	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> It was resolved: to approve minutes for Thursday 1st March as a true record of the meeting.</p>	Clerk
4	<p><u>Public Open Session</u> 3 members of the public were in attendance.</p> <p>A resident addressed the Council to ask whether an alternative solution can be found re the parking problems at Brickhill Drive shops rather than removing the current waiting restrictions. Cllr Fitzpatrick confirmed that this issue would be discussed under the next item. In addition the resident also informed the Parish Council about an alleged recent incident re the sale of alcohol to underage customers by Tesco and the length of time it has taken the store to report this to the relevant authorities.</p> <p>Another resident addressed the council to raise concern over the ongoing damage to verges caused by students from St. Thomas More school by cycling on these areas. The resident suggested further guidance may need to be provided to the students about safe cycling and would appreciate Cllr Blakemans involvement. In addition the resident highlighted the lack of signage to indicate to motorists that a school exists in the area (off Tyne Crescent).</p>	
5	<p><u>To note the following items of correspondence and respond if necessary:</u></p> <p>i) Parking issues at Brickhill Drive shops and traffic issues affecting Starling Way Cllr Fitzpatrick provided an update about the current parking issues at Brickhill Drive shops and notified all present of a letter received on 4th April from a number of the shop owners. The letter asked for support from the Parish Council to remove the current 45 minute waiting restrictions in place in the car park. Cllr Fitzpatrick clarified that the car park and any enforcements are managed by Bedford Borough Council, it is not under the Parish Council's direct control. The current restrictions were put in place to prevent previous issues where cars were parked and left for a substantial amount of time, therefore limiting spaces available. After some discussion Councillors present did not</p>	

	<p>support the request, however all agreed the need to seek an alternative solution. A suggestion was made about the possibility for shop owners and tenants to be provided with parking permits, however more detail would need to be sought re potential numbers required. Cllr Fitzpatrick suggested that there may be potential to expand the current car park and proposed that the Clerk submit a request to Bedford Borough Council to investigate providing extra parking (if feasible). All agreed.</p> <p>Starling way- a couple of issues have been brought to the Parish Council's attention re recent near accidents caused by traffic and congestion.</p> <p>It was resolved: The Clerk will write to Bedford Borough Council to request investigation into possible provision of additional parking. It was also agreed to contact Borough Council to raise concerns re Starling Way and ask them to investigate possible ways to try and make the road safer.</p> <p>ii) Changes to PCSO role</p> <p>Information was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting to report that PCSO Roberto Bonforte had now resigned from his post. Following enquiries from the Clerk and Brian Marsh (Community Safety Forum) a response had been received from Bedfordshire Police to confirm the resignation. Beds Police also stated that they will not be putting a replacement PCSO into Brickhill. Instead, it will be absorbed by the other members of the team. Parish Councillors voiced concerns about this decision and valued having an individual PCSO for the parish and felt the loss of this role will have a detrimental effect. Cllr Blakeman proposed that the Parish Council write to Bedfordshire Police to raise concerns about this decision- all agreed.</p> <p>It was resolved: the Clerk will write to the Chief Constable of Beds Police expressing the above concerns over the non replacement of the PCSO for the Brickhill area.</p> <p>iii) Brickhill Wanderers FC reaching the cup final</p> <p>The following correspondence was received and circulated to all prior to the meeting- 'Brickhill Wanderers U21s A team have reached the adult county cup final after beating off adult teams from across Luton, Dunstable, Houghton, Leighton and Bedford. This is the first time that Brickhill Wanderers have reached a senior cup final. It is also the first time in over 100 years of the county cup's existence that an U21 team has reached the adult county cup final. The final is on Sunday 15th April at AFC Kempston Rovers, 11am kick off'. It was resolved: The Parish Council asked the Clerk to contact the club to extend congratulations to the team on this achievement and wish them the best of luck in the final.</p>	Clerk
6	<p>To receive an update and agree any recommendations for the following:</p> <p>i) Waveney Green</p> <p>An update was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Grass contractor and litter picker for the Green started on 1st April. The Clerk sought approval for the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Flower beds next to the play area be maintained rather than replanted this year now that they have been cleared of weeds by the Borough Council. 2) Approval for the Clerk to proceed with the quote that gives the best value and service for any tree maintenance works identified in the recently completed tree survey. 3) To approve ROSPA undertake the play area annual inspections. <p>It was resolved: All recommendations were agreed although a maximum budget of £2000 was set to allow for any necessary tree maintenance works. The Clerk was also asked to provide positive feedback to the contractor following repair works to sections of path on Waveney Green.</p>	Clerk

iv) To receive a financial report for the period ended 31 st March 2012 and to approve any accounts for payment			
Chq No	Payee	Details	£
404	Open Spaces Society	membership renewal	40.00
405	Bedford Borough Council	Payroll Services	300.00
406	LT illuminations ltd	bunting for GOG event	142.50
407	White Hart Press	Newsletter print costs	645.00
408	Bedford Borough Council	Waveney Green recharge costs	4,112.50
409	Mrs E M Spavins	Newsletter delivery costs	36.00
410	Mrs D Alder	Newsletter delivery costs	18.00
411	Mrs D Charman	Newsletter delivery costs	18.00
412	J Barrow	Newsletter delivery costs	24.00
413	G Clinch	Newsletter delivery costs	27.00
414	BRCC	Play area inspection training	108.00
415	BATPC	new councillor induction training	20.00
416	Go-displays	display board and header	159.60
417	Chris Horne Gardens Ltd	allotment grass cutting	180.00
418	White Hart Press	6x A2 plans printed for Annual Parish Meeting	50.40
419	Growing Beds	bulk delivery of compost	480.00
420	Mr B Morwood	tree survey on Waveney Green	400.00
421	N Kartalija	Return of plot and key deposit	56.00
422	Bedford Borough Council	Election cost recharge (replacement cheque)	225.34
423	P Chester & Sons	servicing of ventilation fans at community Centre	396.00
424	Colemans	stationary order	107.07
425	Bedford Security Service	10x keys cut for allotment	59.40
426	Shaun Reilly	maintenance at allotments	252.00
427	G Moore Skip Hire	provision of skip hire for clearance at allotment	243.72
428	F Johnstone	staff expenses claim	23.81
429	SLCC	Branch conference and training	18.00
		Total	7814.38
It was resolved: to approve the accounts for payment as shown above.			
10	<p>To receive a report from Borough Councillors Charles Royden and Wendy Rider A copy of the report was circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, giving an update of issues - A copy of this report will be kept in the minute file and can be found on the website.</p> <p>Cllr Blakeman raised concerns about the visible increase of litter in the area, is the Borough Council still employing a litter picker? – Cllr Rider will investigate.</p>		Clerk
	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd May 2012, 7:30pm at St Mark's Church Community Centre, Calder Rise, MK41 7UY</p>		

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Approved by Chairman
3rd May 2012