

# BRICKHILL

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## PARISH COUNCIL



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**Minutes of the Meeting of Brickhill Parish Council held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at St Mark's Church & Community Centre, Calder Rise, Bedford commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Fitzpatrick, Johns, Seymour, Holloway, Ward, Rider, Reeve, Jarman-Webb, Bailes, Cross, Blakeman, Retout, Borough Councillor Moon, the Clerk (Mrs S Bottoms) were in attendance.

**Absent:** Cllrs Corrine Royden and Charles Royden.

1.	<b><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></b> Cllrs Corrine Royden and Charles Royden.	
2.	<b><u>Declarations of interest in items on the agenda</u></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><u>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019:</u></b> The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.	
4.	<b><u>Attendance by PC Charlie Crozier to discuss local policing:</u></b> Unfortunately, PC Crozier did not attend.	
5.	<b><u>Public Open Session (15 mins):</u></b> None.	

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**Financial Matters:** To consider and agree action on the following:

i) To approve bank reconciliations and any accounts for payment:

<u>Payee Name</u>		<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
Bedford Borough Council	BACS 127	£1,087.87	WG Litter and Grass
Autism Bedfordshire	BACS 128	£400.00	Grant
Bedford Borough Council	DD	£3,985.61	Salaries March
NPower	BACS 129	£39.21	Electricity for the fountain
S Bottoms	BACS 130	£152.98	Equipment for Com Payback
Viking	BACS 131	£80.18	Stationery
Associated Telecom Solutions	DD	£19.38	Telephone Charges
St Marks Church Community Centre	BACS 132	£220.33	Office Rent/Room Feb
St Marks Church Community Centre	BACS 133	£228.33	Office hire and room March
YMCA	BACS 134	£342.60	Easter Activities
Otis Ltd	BACS 135	£586.76	Lift Service
S Bottoms	BACS 136	£734.97	Refund for laptop, software
Shaun Reilly	BACS 137	£1,055.00	Works to Allotment and WG
J Lees	1232	<u>£90.00</u>	Music for Spring Tea
	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£9,023.22</b>	

ii) To note that Cllr Cathrine Ward has audited the accounts for 2018-19: The Clerk reported that Cllr Ward has inspected the accounts and was satisfied that all was in order.

iii) To consider the purchase of 20 Smartwater kits for reselling: Following discussion, **it was resolved** to purchase these within a budget of £150.

Clerk



9.	<p><b><u>To consider the application 19/00593/MAO Land at Graze Hill, Ravensden. (Adjoining Parish). Outline application for the erection of up to 200 dwellings with all matters reserved except access and agree any action:</u></b></p> <p>Parish councillors expressed the following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although the proposal that 60 out of the proposed 200 would be for social housing, there was concern that the number of properties had doubled from that consulted on during the 2035 plan (latterly the 2030 plan) “up to 200 dwellings”. The proposal relies on the NPPF for the 200 dwellings not on local planning. There should be a challenge to the reliance on national rules. There was concern that given the adjacent farmland, there could be further housing in the future.</li> <li>• The removal of the SUDS had been confirmed by Frazer Hickling as being the result of modelling and calculation. Woodlands Park residents remained concerned given the relief plans of the site show clearly how vulnerable properties at the ends of Egremont, Meadfoot, Saltcote and Pomeroy would be to flooding should the limits of the Brook be tested.</li> <li>• The roundabout and estate access road (particularly at night time) will have an overbearing impact on residents unless the schemes are carefully and sympathetically designed). The gradient of the access road will mean that it will need gritting. It may be that the borough council do not want to take on further roads requiring gritting.</li> <li>• There is a concern about the lack of community facilities on the site. The schools are between 2km and 3km away by foot. The recommended maximum walking distance should be 2km. The suggestion that the facilities are within easy reach are based on distance as the crow flies. The Transport Assessment estimates 76% of households will drive, 5% by cycle and 2% on foot. Each household is expected to have a minimum of one car which will mean at least 200 car journeys twice per day which will add to the existing congestion on Kimbolton Road.</li> <li>• There is a need to manage pedestrian/cycle access from Graze Hill across Woodlands Park to the community facilities in Brickhill and beyond.</li> </ul> <p>Following discussion, <b>it was resolved that</b> the parish council should object to the application. The Clerk would circulate a draft response to parish councillors in order to give them time to add more detail to the response ahead of the Clerk sending it to the borough council ahead of the deadline for responses.</p> <p>ClIr Bailes reported that a meeting to collate local residents' views is taking place on the 12<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm at Mowsbury Golf Club with the aim of working closely with the architects/developers to ensure that the existing Woodlands Park development and the proposed Graze Hill development remains compatible.</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>To report on the work done by Community Payback on Waveney Green:</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the team has undertaken work on Waveney Green on the 20<sup>th</sup> March and the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.</p> <p>The team has done an excellent job of refurbishing the various benches on the green as well as giving the memorial garden a thorough tidy up.</p> <p>The Clerk met with the supervisor and the group on both days to welcome them and thank them for the standard of their work.</p>	

11.	<b><u>To consider the complaint from Highfield House and agree any action:</u></b> It was resolved that there was little that the parish council could do until there was a future CGR. It was further resolved that the Clerk would write back to the resident regarding the legal position and direct them to the relevant people at the borough council. She would also send a copy to Ravensden Parish Council.	Clerk
12.	<b><u>To review the Code of Conduct:</u></b> No changes had been made to the previous year. It was resolved to agree this. The Clerk would put the new version on the website.	Clerk
13.	<b><u>To review the Standing Orders:</u></b> No changes had been made to the previous year. It was resolved to agree these. The Clerk would put the new version on the website.	Clerk
14.	<b><u>To review the Treasury Management Strategy:</u></b> The Clerk reported that the only changes had been with regards the dates in the document. The Clerk would put this on the website.	Clerk
15.	<b><u>To note that the Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Large Hall at St Mark's:</u></b> This was noted. It will be published on the website, noticeboards and via social media.	Clerk
16.	<b><u>To note the start of the examination of the Bedford Local Plan 2030 on 29<sup>th</sup> May:</u></b> it was resolved to request an opportunity to speak.	Clerk
17.	<b><u>To consider a response to the consultation on public spaces order by Bedford Borough Council:</u></b> Following discussion, it was resolved that parish councillors should respond individually to the consultation on the PSPO restricting cycling in the town centre of Bedford but that the parish council as a body supported the PSPO on the control of dogs.	Clerk
18.	<b><u>To review the list of outstanding matters and agree any further action:</u></b> i) <b><u>Competitions at GOTG 19:</u></b> Cllr Seymour reported that the group intending to consider this had unfortunately been unable to meet and so it was unlikely that it would be possible to organise any this year.	
19.	<b><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u></b> Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7:30pm (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council) at St Mark's Church and Community Centre, Calder Rise, MK41 7UY. Cllr Fitzpatrick noted that Cllr Johns, Seymour and Cross were not standing for re-election. He thanked them on behalf of Brickhill Parish Council for their contribution during their time on the parish council and wished them well for the future.	

.....Approved by Chairman  
8<sup>th</sup> May 2019