



Minutes of the Meeting of Brickhill Parish Council held on Thursday 6th June 2019 at St Mark's Church & Community Centre, Calder Rise, Bedford commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Fitzpatrick, Holloway, Green, Jarman-Webb, Bailes, Blakeman, Corinne Royden, Retout, Rider, Durham, Charles Royden, Reeve and Borough Councillor Martin-Moran-Bryant, 3 members of the public and the Clerk (Mrs S Bottoms) were in attendance.

Absent: Cllr Ward and Borough Councillor Moon.

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| 1. | <p><u>Apologies for Absence:</u></p> <p>Cllr Ward and Borough Councillor Moon.</p> | |
| 2. | <p><u>Declarations of interest in items on the agenda</u></p> <p>i) <u>To receive written requests for a dispensation:</u> None received.</p> <p>ii) <u>To consider any requests for a dispensation:</u> None received.</p> | |
| 3. | <p><u>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2019:</u></p> <p>The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.</p> | |
| 4. | <p><u>Public Open Session (15 mins):</u></p> <p>i) <u>Double Yellow Lines:</u> The resident affected by the proposed decision of the parish council under 6ii below attended the meeting. He explained his understanding of the current position and why he believed that the parish council should support a compromise removal of 10m which is the stretch alongside his dropped kerb.</p> | |

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

i) To approve bank reconciliations and any accounts for payment: Following discussion, **it was resolved** to accept these.

| <u>Payee Name</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Amount Paid</u> | <u>Transaction Detail</u> |
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| Brickhill Scouts Group | BACS 15 | £2,000.00 | Grant/Loan |
| White Hart Press | BACS 16 | £650.00 | Newsletter Printing |
| Highline Adventure | BACS 17 | £220.50 | Deposit Spider Mountain |
| Associated Telecom Solutions | DD | £19.75 | Telephone charges |
| Bedford Borough Council | DD | £3,775.64 | Salaries (May) |
| Otis Ltd | BACS 18 | £1,063.15 | Isolation of lift for works |
| Doreen Lambert Catering | BACS 19 | £864.00 | Spring Tea Catering |
| K Riches | BACS 20 | £135.00 | Internal Audit |
| St Marks Church Community Cent | BACS 21 | £212.33 | Office and hall hire |
| Kania | BACS 22 | £56.00 | Plot and key deposit refund |
| Jackson | BACS 23 | £50.00 | Plot deposit refund |
| Alicia Ward | BACS 24 | £90.00 | Newsletter Deliveries |
| Red N Security | 101234 | <u>£75.00</u> | Isolate Lift Alarm |
| | Total Payments | £9,211.37 | |

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| | <p>Cllrs Bailes and Jarman-Webb were thanked for their report.</p> <p>ii) <u>To consider the request of No. 116 Ashmead Road to shorten the yellow lines outside property:</u></p> <p>Following discussion, it was resolved that the Clerk should respond to Andrew Prigmore of Bedford Borough Council to say that the parish council do not support the request.</p> | |
| 7. | <p><u>To receive a report from the Borough Councillors:</u></p> <p>Reports from the Great Barford Councillors and Brickhill Councillors have been circulated and put on the website.</p> | Clerk |
| 8. | <p><u>To receive an update and agree any further action following the recent encampment on Fosters Brow:</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that she had written to the borough council with regards previous communication to it offering the support of the parish council to the land at Fosters Brow being included in any further injunctions being sought by the borough council. In reply, Lee Phanco of the borough council offered assurance that the Borough Council full appreciated the disruption that the encampments in Brickhill have caused to the local community.</p> <p>The borough council are currently considering applying for injunctions in respect of locations that have been repeatedly used for encampments and have resulted in anti-social behaviour and the Brickhill site will be considered as part of this process. However, in the last couple of weeks there has been a High Court decision rejecting the award of injunctions against 'persons unknown' in respect of encampments and the borough council is currently awaiting publication of the decision so that it can understand the implications. He said it is important to understand that injunctions do not necessarily prevent encampments, but do make it an offence for a person to camp on land being aware that an injunction is in place.</p> <p>On behalf of the Borough Council, Mr Phanco said that the support of the Parish is very much appreciated and he could also offer assurances that it will respond as quickly as the law allows to any further encampments. Cllr Charles Royden discussed the options of protective measures. It was acknowledged that these are not always successful at keeping travellers off the site and some are not very attractive. At best they can provide a deterrent.</p> <p>Cllr Retout said that he had met with Chief Inspector Rachael Glendenning to better understand the police response to the recent encampment. There was concern that the site was treated as secondary and not primary land. With the latter, there is a presumption that travellers will be moved on whereas with the former that is not the case. Cllr Charles Royden said that he will establish why the land at Fosters Brow is not treated as primary land when he meets with Chief Superintendent David Boyle.</p> <p>Cllr Royden will arrange, with urgency, to move the mobile camera to cover the area and will arrange for signage to be placed acknowledging this. There was concern that there was not clear advice given to the public as to which number to contact the police on. If there is an on-going crime, the number to phone is 999.</p> <p>With regards protection for the Scout Hut and the allotments, the Clerk had made contact with the CCTV Control Centre at Bedford Borough Council to investigate the possibility of CCTV coverage and to get some quotes. The Control Room had responded by saying that at the moment it is reviewing all the connections coming back to the control room. In due course it would respond with possible dates to investigate</p> | Cllr Charles Royden |

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| | <p>further.</p> <p>Cllr Durham agreed that he would discuss with his employer if its security coverage could be extended to cover this area and would also seek to establish if any of the CCTV footage collected by the company had ever been used successfully in a prosecution.</p> | <p>Cllr Durham Clerk</p> |
| 9. | <p><u>19/00593/MAO Land at Graze Hill, Ravensden.</u></p> <p>Outline planning application for residential development of up to 200 dwellings and an extension to the Country Park with all matters reserved except for access. Following discussion, it was resolved to submit no further comments.</p> <p>Following discussion with Borough Councillor Martin-Moran-Bryant, Cllr Bailes confirmed that he would be happy to have informal discussions with Ravensden Parish Council to in order that both parish councils can attempt to agree what any planning gains could be used for. Cllr Fitzpatrick would also want to be involved in any such discussions.</p> <p>Borough Councillor Martin-Moran-Bryant agreed to liaise with Ravensden Parish Council.</p> | <p>Cllr Bailes Cllr Fitzpatrick Cllr Martin-Moran-Bryant</p> |
| 10. | <p><u>To consider contributing to the cost of average speed cameras on Brickhill Drive and agree action:</u></p> <p>Cllr Charles Royden said that the cost of purchasing a pair of average speed cameras would be approximately £70,000. The parish council could offer to make a contribution. He suggested that a possible location would be on the stretch of Brickhill Drive from approximately Eagle Gardens down the hill with the second camera to be located at a position to be decided as the most suitable by the borough highways experts.</p> <p>This stretch was considered a suitable location because of number of serious accidents which had occurred as well as data collected showing excessive speed.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was resolved to initiate a dialogue with the borough council by offering to provide funding of up to a maximum of £60,000 towards the cost of up to two pairs of average speed cameras in Brickhill. Further funds would be contributed by the Brickhill Borough Councillors from their ward funds.</p> <p>The Clerk agreed to communicate this to Andrew Prigmore.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |
| 11. | <p><u>The parish council resolves that it meets the conditions required to exercise the General Power of Competence:</u></p> <p>This was resolved.</p> | |
| 12. | <p><u>To note the Gathering of the Green is on Saturday 6th July and agree any action needed:</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that everything was progressing well with the organisation of the event. She would need volunteers to support on the day.</p> | |
| 13. | <p><u>To review outstanding matters and agree any further action:</u> This was reviewed.</p> <p>i) <u>Lift Pit at the Brickhill Community Centre:</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that there had been issues with the company failing to turn up to do the work. Costs had been incurred with</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |

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| | <p>regards the lift servicing company and the lift alarm engineer both of whom turned up to do the work needed before the lift pit work could be undertaken.</p> <p>The Clerk is in contact with the company to establish the reason for their failure to turn up to carry out the work. She may now need to consider finding another company to do the work.</p> | |
| <p>14.</p> | <p><u>Staffing Matters:</u></p> <p>Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), press and public were excluded from this item of the agenda. The Clerk reported that there had been a meeting of the Finance and Employment Advisory Group ahead of this meeting.</p> <p>Its proposal was to employ HR at the Borough Council to deal with this matter on behalf of the parish council to ensure that correct procedures were followed and that the best outcome was achieved for both the parish council and the employee.</p> <p>It was resolved to accept the recommendation of the group.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>15.</p> | <p><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>Thursday 4th July 2019, at 7.30pm at St Mark’s Church and Community Centre, Calder Rise.</p> | |

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4th July 2019