

BRICKHILL

PARISH COUNCIL



2018/19 - 6

Minutes of the Meeting of Brickhill Parish Council held on Thursday 4th October 2018 at St Mark's Church & Community Centre, Calder Rise, Bedford commencing at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllrs Fitzpatrick, Blakeman, Cross, Holloway, Charles Royden, Ward, Jarman-Webb, Rider, Bailes, Retout, Borough Councillor Moon, one member of the public and the Clerk (Mrs S Bottoms) were in attendance.

Absent:

Cllrs Bowler, Reeve, Johns, Corinne Royden, Seymour

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| 1. | <u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Cllrs Bowler, Reeve, Johns, Corinne Royden and Seymour. | |
| 2. | <u>Declarations of interest in items on the agenda</u> 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. | <u>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th September 2018:</u> The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting. | |
| 4. | <u>Public Open Session (15 mins):</u> None. | |

5. **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).

| <u>Payee Name</u> | <u>Format</u> | <u>Amount Paid</u> | <u>Transaction Detail</u> |
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| Bedford Borough Council | DD | £ 5,069.78 | Salaries September |
| Bedford Borough Council | DD | £ 25.20 | Salary Provision |
| National Allotment Society | BACS 72 | £ 66.00 | Affiliation Fees |
| Premier Innovations Ltd | BACS 73 | £ 765.00 | Replacement window at Brickhill Community Centre |
| Brickhill Scouts | BACS 74 | £ 40.00 | Hire of Scout Hut |
| HCB Park Woodfine | BACS 76 | £ 1,849.00 | Lease for WG |
| Bamboo Data | BACS 77 | £ 90.00 | Renewal of Domain |
| Viking | BACS 78 | £ 76.13 | Stationery and ink |
| Gemini Lock & Safe Ltd | BACS 79 | £ 240.00 | Keys for allotments |
| Devine Flat Roofing | BACS 80 | £ 432.00 | Roof Repairs at the Centre |
| NPower | BACS 81 | £ 6.60 | Electricity for the Fountain |
| Associated Telecom Solutions | DD | £ 17.70 | Telephone charges |
| Wave | DD | £ 270.95 | Water Charges |
| Otis Ltd | BACS 75 | £ 566.37 | Otis Ltd |
| Mr Woodcock | BACS 82 | £ 56.00 | Plot and Key Deposit Refund |
| Bullfinch Ltd | BACS 83 | £ 432.00 | Battle's Over Beacon |
| St Marks Church Community Centre | BACS 84 | £ 212.33 | Office Rental and Room Hire |
| | Total Payments | £ 10,215.06 | |

6. **To receive an update by Cllr Bailes on Woodlands Park and agree further action:**

Major Incident – 16 September:

Cllr Bailes noted that it was with great sadness that the parish council reflect upon the tragic and violent death of this young man. Its thoughts and prayers were with the family and friends of the young man, as well as with local residents who have been deeply affected by this terrible incident.

Bedfordshire Police Public Meeting held on the 1st October:

This was a well attended meeting kindly hosted at Mowsbury Golf Club.

Superintendent Jim Lunn and Inspector Paul Ayling took questions from the floor and provided reassurance to residents. Supt. Lunn later confirmed that due to the ongoing fear that remains on Woodlands Park, he would ensure a visible police presence on the estate over the coming weeks. The meeting was also supported by Cllr Colleen Atkins, representing Neighbourhood Watch and attended by Cllrs Charles Royden and Stephen Moon. Cllrs Jarman-Webb and Bailes would like to thank all those that contributed to making the event a great success. Inspector Ayling was able to confirm during the public meeting that with immediate effect, Woodlands Park will be considered a part of Brickhill in terms of community policing. PC Charlie Crozier and PCSO Emma-Jo Muggridge will retain responsibility for the entirety of Brickhill.

Double yellow line progress:

There have been many complaints about the failure to paint the double yellow lines that were consulted on in May on the estate roads by the promised date of end of September.

This is made all the more galling to residents as the double yellow lines for Tyne Crescent/Ashmead Road which were consulted on after the estate yellow lines, were painted within 3 months. This is in stark comparison to the 21 months and two rounds of consultations for the estate lines. More alarming is the suggestion from highways at the borough council of its intention to unilaterally withdraw portions of the consulted lines agreed with the public.

A petition was started during the public meeting with Bedfordshire Police to demand that the lines be implemented exactly as consulted without further delay and is now beyond the threshold for submission to full council.

Cllr Bailes will retain the petition until 10 October to allow residents the opportunity to add their signature before submitting to full council.

Woodlands Park gates:

A further petition was raised for residents to request that a key for the changing room car park be kept locally. Cllrs Jarman-Webb and Bailes were happy to be custodians and to lock the car park overnight.

There is no legitimate use for the car park overnight, and locking would deny the use of the car park for recreational drug use of an evening. Those involved in such activities are also believed responsible for large amounts of take-away related litter discarded out of car windows around the estate entrance and in the vicinity of the car park itself. Local councillors regularly receive appeals for assistance from CCTV control where odd behaviour has been observed.

This petition also surpasses the threshold for full council submission.

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| | <p>Cllr Bailes will retain the petition until 10 October to allow residents the opportunity to add their signature before submitting to full council. Cllr Bailes proposed and it was resolved that the Clerk should write to Paul Pace and express support for local keyholding and overnight locking of the changing room car park.</p> <p>The former bus-gate at Westrope Way/Ashmead Road has been replaced with a combination lock. Local councillors have received the combination on the understanding that it is not shared with members of the public and that it is opened only in an emergency (such as the grenade incident of a few months ago). Cllr Bailes was thanked for giving this report on behalf of himself and Cllr Jarman-Webb.</p> | Clerk |
| 7. | <p><u>To receive a report from the Borough Councillors:</u></p> <p>A written report from the Great Barford Borough Councillors had been received and circulated. The Clerk would also arrange for a copy to go on the website. Cllr Moon said that all the lights in the adopted areas of Woodlands Park were working but unfortunately the same could not be said of those in the unadopted areas.</p> <p>Of particular concern was the lack of lighting on the bridleway. Cllr Bailes said that the lack of working lights on the periphery of the estate meant that vehicle interference could take place in these areas without the perpetrators being seen. Cllr Royden said he had only recently provided an update and had nothing further to add. Both sets of councillors were thanked.</p> | Clerk |
| 8. | <p><u>To consider the purchase of further CCTV cameras and possible locations within Brickhill:</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported correspondence received on this from the CCTV Manager at the borough council. She agreed to forward this to Cllr Charles Royden for clarification.</p> | Clerk |
| 9. | <p><u>To consider whether to hold Easter activity sessions in 2019 and agree action:</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the three sessions held last April, two with MK Dons and one (archery and climbing wall) were not well attended despite being widely advertised beyond the parish.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was resolved that the Clerk should ask MK Dons to see if they would be able to run two sessions, one for the 7-12 year age group and the second session for the 13-16 years age group. She would also follow up suggested organisations to see if one could run an arts and crafts style activity rather than a sports style activity.</p> | Clerk |
| 10. | <p><u>To agree to hold a Spring Tea in 2019 and agree action:</u></p> <p>It was resolved to hold this on Friday 5th April.</p> <p>The Clerk would check availability of the Church Hall and book the entertainment and food.</p> | Clerk |
| 11. | <p><u>To agree a date and location(s) for a litter pick:</u></p> <p>It was resolved that this would be held on Saturday 8th December 11am-1pm meeting at the shops in Brickhill Drive. The Clerk would arrange for publicity and would contact the borough council to see if it was possible to borrow its equipment.</p> | Clerk |

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| 12. | <p><u>To consider and agree a response to the Local Plan 2030 Consultation which ends on the 30th October:</u></p> <p>As the previous response submitted by the parish council will be taken into account, it was resolved that the parish council would not make any further response.</p> | |
| 13. | <p><u>To review the list of outstanding matters and agree any further action:</u></p> <p>This was reviewed.</p> <p>i) <u>Upgrade to the car park lighting at Brickhill Community Centre:</u></p> <p>The Clerk reported that she had received three quotations for the work; Peacocks £4,446, A Muskett Ltd £8,495 and Aylesbury Mains £7,489. The difference in price between the quotations was due to trenching costs. The Clerk had now received permission from the borough council for the works and also permission from BPHA to attach the power cables to the wall of its garages in order to link up to the existing Community Centre lights.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk should accept the quotation from Peacocks. She would also arrange to meet Peacocks on site to finalise the details and she would ask that the company make contact with the Centre Manager to find an appropriate time to do the works.</p> <p>ii) <u>Lease for the remaining strip of Waveney Green:</u></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that this had now been obtained. She was meeting in the next couple of weeks with the contractor who has already been appointed, to finalise the location of the new footpath joining Frances Groves Close to the existing footpaths on Waveney Green.</p> <p>Once that had been finalised, she would approach the borough council for permission.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 14. | <p><u>Date of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>Thursday 1st November 2018 at 7:30pm at St Mark's Church and Community Centre, Calder Rise, MK41 7UY.</p> | |

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1st November 2018