

Minutes of the Meeting of Brickhill Parish Council held in St Marks Church and Community Centre on Thursday 3rd March 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present:

Cllrs Fitzpatrick, Green, Holloway, Ward, Rani, Grant, Blakeman, Rider, Jarman-Webb, Charles Royden, Corinne Royden, Borough Cllr Martin-Moran-Bryant, 1 member of the public and the Clerk (Mrs S Bottoms) were in attendance.

Absent: Cllrs Johns, Lamswood, Barlow, Brazier and Borough Cllr S Moon.

Summary of the meeting: -

Table 1 – The Minutes

Item	Description	Action
1.	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Johns, Lamswood, Barlow, Brazier and Borough Cllr S Moon.	
2.	Declarations of interest in items on the agenda: i) To receive written requests for a dispensation: None received. ii) To consider any requests for a dispensation: None received.	
3.	To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd February 2022: The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.	
4.	Public Open Session: None.	

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5.	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>i) To agree the bank reconciliations and any accounts for payment:</p> <p>These are listed in the table below. It was resolved to agree the bank reconciliations and the accounts for payment.</p> <p>ii) To agree the appointment of John Caves as internal auditor for 21-22:</p> <p>It was resolved to agree to this.</p> <p>iii) To agree the asset register:</p> <p>With the addition of the Mowsbury Walk Play Area to be shown with a value of £1, it was resolved to agree this.</p> <p>iv) To agree the risk assessment:</p> <p>It was resolved to agree this.</p>	Clerk
6.	<p>To receive reports from the Borough Councillors:</p> <p>Cllr C Royden reported that a copy of the report by the Brickhill Borough Councillors had been circulated and the Clerk had put a copy on the website.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Martin-Moran-Bryant reported that the height barrier at the entrance to the changing rooms off Ashmead Road remains on the ground and she is chasing the Borough Council to get this reinstated as soon as possible.</p> <p>Cllr Blakeman said he was pleased to see that the bus station was undergoing a deep clean. Cllr C Royden said that the Borough were not satisfied with what had been done and a further deep clean was to take place.</p> <p>Cllr Blakeman was disappointed that Stagecoach/Bedford Borough Council had not updated the timetables covering Brickhill nor the electronic indicators. Cllr Royden said he will raise this with Stagecoach.</p>	Cllr C Royden
7.	<p>To receive any update following the East West Rail meeting held on 2nd March 2022:</p>	

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	<p>Cllr Barlow had attended the meeting and had circulated a detailed written report to his fellow parish councillors.</p> <p>It was his view that the meeting was disappointing in general mainly because EWR still had not provided information on their environmental, carbon or cost calculations from the 2021 consultation. EWR continue to appear to evade the important questions and refuse to meet the public directly.</p> <p>Topics were discussed for future meetings with a number of questions and topics being requested including evidence of how EWR had quantified that Route E was the least environmentally damaging and the route with least carbon impact and that EWR be transparent about the increase in costs from the 2021 consultation stage.</p> <p>Cllr Barlow was thanked for his report.</p>	
8.	<p>To receive an update on the Brickhill Neighbourhood Development Plan:</p> <p>Cllr Fitzpatrick reported that a small group had met over the last few months including Cllrs Blakeman, Grant and Green plus one resident.</p> <p>It was hoped to produce a draft planning policy document in April. There is currently no housing requirement by Bedford Borough Council within Brickhill. But should any development take place, it would need to reflect those policies contained in the NDP.</p> <p>The focus of the policies in the NDP is likely to be on the open spaces within the parish. North Brickhill Country Park and Waveney Green are already designated. Three further areas have been identified: the pond on Brickhill Drive, the green area adjacent to the scout hut and the strip on Falcon Avenue.</p> <p>It was noted that the North Brickhill Country Park does not include the area on Woodlands with the two ponds nor the meadow north of Crispin Drive and Egremont Mews nor the area on Ashmead Road which has been recently planted with trees.</p> <p>The NDP group is suggesting to the parish council that these areas are incorporated in the North Brickhill Country Park as part of the Local Plan 2040.</p>	

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	<p>The aim of the NDP will be to ensure environmentally friendly development with a focus also on protecting the local heritage and preserving the shops.</p> <p>The group is working with the consultant, David Chetwyn to produce the draft planning policy document. At this stage it is not clear what is happening regarding NDP funding until the grant scheme opens up again.</p>	
9.	<p>To identify any county wide issues to be raised through the Bedfordshire Association of Town and Parish Council County Committee:</p> <p>Cllr Grant said that he represents Brickhill Parish Council on this committee. He asked if parish councillors could identify any county wide issues which could be brought to the attention of this committee.</p> <p>Suggestions at the meeting included flood risk and river defences, the building on green as opposed to brown field sites, EWR and air traffic changes. Indeed, environmental issues in general.</p> <p>Parish Councillors to contact Cllr Grant directly with any further issues.</p>	
10.	<p>Correspondence: List circulated separately</p>	
11.	<p>Review of outstanding matters:</p> <p>This was reviewed.</p>	
12.	<p>Date of the Next Meeting:</p> <p>Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7.30pm at St Marks Church and Community Centre, Calder Rise. This is dependent on any COVID restrictions in existence at that time.</p>	

Approved by

Chairman
7th April 2022

Table 2 Reconciliations for Approval (see item above)

Payee	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Details
ICO	DD	£ 35.00	Data Register
D Britton	BACS 126	£ 121.36	Salary WG February
S Bottoms	BACS 127	£ 1,846.01	Salary February
Bedfordshire Pension Fund	BACS 128	£ 820.73	Pensions February
HMRC	BACS 129	£ 809.09	PAYE February
Associated Telecom Solutions	DD	£ 13.80	Telephone charges
NPower	BACS 131	£ 7.76	Electricity for Fountain
St Marks Church Community Centre	BACS 132	£ 188.33	Office Hire February
St Marks Church Community Centre	BACS 133	£ 16.80	Hall Hire February
St Marks Church Community Centre	BACS 134	£ 8.40	Small Hall Hire February
	Total Payments	£ 3,867.28	