

BRICKENDON LIBERTY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 28th November 2019 at 7.30pm at Fanshaws Room, Brickendon Lane, Brickendon Liberty

- 1. To receive apologies for absence and approve;** County Cllr Jonathan Kaye
- 2. To receive declaration of interest and dispensation:** none
- 3. To approve minutes of the parish meeting on Monday 30th September 2019;**

It was noted that the village green had a number of car wheel ruts on the surface following the firework display parking. This will need to be repaired early next spring. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the landlord of The Farmers Boy to ask if they would like to arrange themselves or the PC could arrange and recharge back.

It was noted that the recent litter pick was successful with 24 attendees and the next one will be held on 25th April 2020.

4. Matters for future consideration and public participation;

A resident reported that maintenance was needed on the tennis court surfaces. Cllr Whittaker will view and report back work needed within the next two weeks.

A resident reported that the footpath surface is uneven between Number 1 Fanshaws Lane and The Farmers Boy pub. Cllr Camp will contact Highways.

Resident John Lambie reported that a local resident had asked if the triangle of land on the edge of the village green was in fact part of designated village green land. Cllr Roberts explained that he had been looking into this issue and was in possession of what he believed to be the relevant documents and agreed to meet John to discuss.

Resident John Lambie reported that he had received a request from the new Vicar to hold an informal meet and greet session to be introduced to parishioners and organisations in the parish. This had been arranged. This will be held on Saturday 25th January at 2 – 3.30pm in Fanshaw's Room. For further information residents can contact John Lambie.

A resident explained that he lived at number 12 Brickendon Green and that it was his intention to install a permeable hardstanding in the front garden for use as a safe parking area. He had spoken to the EH planning department who had advised that it is likely to be allowed under permitted development. Nonetheless, the resident wished to advise the council of this and was thanked for the information. Cllr Roberts explained that whilst understanding of the reasons for wanting to do so and assuming it to be allowed under permitted development rights, the PC wasn't in favour of the proposal as it would set a precedent for others to do the same with the end result being rows of cars parked immediately in front of the houses which it considered would be visually detrimental.

5. To receive Fanshaw's Room Committee latest report; Linda reported that the fete was successful once again making a profit of £3800. Car Parking will be re-evaluated next year because it became problematic this year due to sheer weight of traffic. The thank you evening held for volunteers at the fete was well attended and much appreciated. It was noted that the children's Christmas parties are being held next week

commencing 3rd December, the Senior's Lunch is on 12th December. Dates for diaries for next year – Social evening 19th July 2020 and Fete 6th September 2020.

6. To receive a report on highways matters.

Cllr Camp reported that the hatching lines on the corner of the road opposite The Farmers Boy pub had been repainted. Clerk will send an email to Cllr Kaye thanking him for his help in getting this completed.

Cllr Camp has been made aware by several residents that The Farmers Boy advertising board seems to be placed further into the road of late causing an obstruction and loss of vision for motorists. Cllr Camp has previously spoken to the landlord of the pub whose thought was that as well as advertising the pub, it also slowed traffic. It was noted that it is now so far out into the highway that it is now dangerous. Cllr Camp will get in touch with her Police contact for advice. The Clerk will email landlord of the pub to ask for it to be moved.

7. To receive a report on incidents of local crime- Cllr Camp reported that she had recently attended the Police Barn Meeting for rural crime. This was well attended and an important event to help tackle local rural crime. At the meeting the safer neighbourhood team launched 'Echo'. This is a way of easily reporting or commenting on crime, and comments are monitored by the team. Text 66099 starting with the word EHRural or visit www.bit.ly/ehrrural-police. This information will also be added to the next newsletter. The Clerk reported that the website for crime statistics was currently down.

8. To update on progress for a modernised PC website and communication- Cllr O'Donnell reported that the new revamped and new look website was ready to be launched next week. This will be advertised in the newsletter. The new website will in time allow residents to subscribe for information, it will include a database of local businesses, will have local train times and links to main council pages and much more.

9. To receive a report on the Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Roberts explained that the PC needed to decide how much more resource it wanted to put into the development and whether to take it any further. Cllrs decided it sensible to meet to discuss the next steps and agreed on a date to meet of 9th January 2020.

10. PLANNING – To receive a report and discuss recent applications – Clerk had circulated the latest report prior to the meeting. Cllr Roberts briefly went through the latest applications of which Cllrs had also recently visited.

10.1 To update on planning issues surrounding Spring Meadow – Cllr Roberts has drafted a letter and will forward to the clerk to send to the leader and chief executive of East Herts Council.

10.2 To update on the issues relating to mobiles homes situated on land next to Long Leys – Cllr Roberts reported that the clerk had sent a comprehensive objection letter both in hard copy and by email to East Herts Planning Dept. No further information received to date. Cllr Roberts had also been in contact with IMI who hold restrictive covenants on the land concerned and could possibly overturn any approved permission for mobile homes.

11. TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

11.1 To report on progress on repairs to the un-adopted road on the village green – Cllr Roberts has voiced his disappointment to the general manager at the golf club that the work has still not been completed. The staff there are however in discussions on plans to complete the works.

12. ENVIRONMENT

12.1 To receive an update on the information board for Brambles wood – Cllr Roberts had instructed the company for the board to be constructed and is awaiting delivery.

12.2 To update on the PC registering for ownership of Brickendon lane village verge – Cllr Roberts reported that this was still in progress and would report back at the next meeting.

12.3 To update on progress relating to extending the path to the station – Cllr Whittaker explained the intention to lay a 4 ft wide path along the edge of the village green. It was noted that permission may be required by the landowner. Cllr Roberts and Whittaker had organised a site meeting to discuss further. The Clerk will write to the landowners to confirm their agreement or otherwise.

12.4 To discuss positioning of old EV11 post box – Cllr Roberts & Whitaker have organised a site meeting to discuss.

12.5 To update on the renovation of the Telephone box – Cllr O'Donnell and resident John Lambie are in process of obtaining quotes to enable the clerk to apply for a grant for the work to be carried out.

12.6 To update on unauthorised parking on the village green – The Clerk had ordered six signs to be erected in the area, delivery imminent.

13. FINANCE

13.1 To approve the financial statement and payment of accounts – The Clerk had circulated the up to date accounts prior to the meeting to all Cllrs. These had been viewed and were approved.

13.2 To approve the budget and Precept and sign the precept forms - The Clerk had circulated the draft budget and precept prior to the meeting to all Cllrs. Amendments had already been made and discussed and these were discussed further. It was agreed to ask East Herts Council for a precept of £16,500 which is an approx.3% increase on last year's figure and this was approved. The precept application was signed by Cllrs.

14. Confirmation of date of the next meeting on Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 7.30pm – date approved

15. To receive correspondence – none

16. To close the meeting – Meeting was closed by the Chair at 9.20pm.