

# BRICKENDON LIBERTY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm at Fanshaws Room, Brickendon Lane, Brickendon Liberty

## ***Covid-19 Note – Meeting held via ZOOM due to the Covid-19 Pandemic***

**Present;** Cllr Tony Roberts (Chair), Cllr Julia Camp, Cllr Hannah O'Donnell, Cllr Philip Cosford, Cllr Alistair Whitaker

**In attendance;** 1 member of the public, Laura Brooks-Payne (Clerk)

**1. To receive apologies for absence and approve;** none

**2. To receive declaration of interest and dispensation;** Cllr Camp for item 9

**3. To approve minutes of the parish meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020;** Cllr Roberts reported that the new information board in Brambles Wood photo does not appear to be on the website. Cllr O'Donnell will investigate. Minutes unanimously approved.

## **STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED**

**4. Matters for future consideration and public participation;** it was discussed between Cllrs that the foliage alongside the station footpath was rather overgrown. Clerk will diary for March 2021 to look at grass strimming. Clerk to write to the general manager of the Golf club to ask them to cut back their hedges alongside the path.

## **STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED**

**5. To receive Fanshaw's Room Committee latest report;** Brenda Lambie reported that there had been very little use of the hall mainly because clubs are not currently meeting and as there was no Fete held this year, income for 2020 will be low.

The Clerk advised that all business premises need a QR code for track and trace purposes from today which is in hand, and that risk assessments and hand sanitisers are in place.

Brenda Lambie also advised that FRC were considering giving vouchers to the village children this Christmas instead of the usual outing. The Village Hall exterior has been repainted. Whist Drive has come to a natural end and will not be running any longer. Playground refurbishment news is to be included in the forthcoming newsletter.

**6. To receive a report on highways matters;** Cllr Camp reported that there are currently traffic lights outside Bourne Orchard, (Affinity Water) until tomorrow.

**7. To receive a report on incidents of local crime;**

Cllr Camp reported the following;

20/06 - Brickendon Burglary from Business, suspect identified, enquiries continue.

24/06 – Brickendon, Fraud, suspect arrested.

05/07 - White Stubbs Lane theft from car parked in nature reserve.

06/07 - White Stubbs Lane theft from vehicle

13/07 - Brickendon, Damage to car, domestic related.

14/08 - Cock Lane, Theft of four fence posts.

19/08 - White Stubbs Lane theft from vehicle, Catalytic convertor stolen.

**8. To receive any further information on the possible Neighbourhood Plan;** Cllr Roberts reported that no progress had been made although there will be time in the next couple of months to progress this.

**9. PLANNING – To receive a report and discuss recent applications;** Clerk had circulated the latest planning application report. Cllr Roberts advised that Barnes Hall Manor have been granted permission for the demolition of the existing dwelling and the construction of a new "colonial style" property. Cllrs were disappointed by this as the proposed design is not in keeping with general style of properties throughout the Parish.

An email was sent to East Herts Enforcement Officer Kim Bowers on 27/08/20 requesting an update on the appeal to the Secretary of State on the Land Adj to Long Leys Barn (PA 3/19/2099 Refused Dec 2019 E/18/0290/ENF) - her response on 02/09/20 advised that EH are still waiting for a 'start date' from the

Planning Inspectorate (PINS). The Planning Decision Appeal and the Enforcement Notice Appeal have been linked and will be determined together, which is usual practice in such matters and PINS will advise as soon as an Inspector has been assigned.

## **10. TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS**

**10.1 To report on progress on repairs to the un-adopted road on the village green;** Cllr Roberts reported that no progress has been made and asked the Clerk to write to the General Secretary to again request that the works be completed.

## **11. ENVIRONMENT**

**11.1 To update on the PC registering for ownership of Brickendon lane village verges;** No progress due to the pandemic.

**11.2 To update on progress relating to extending the path to the station;** Cllr Whitaker and Roberts will have time to look at this in the next couple of months.

**11.3 To discuss positioning of old EV11 post box;** Cllr Roberts has starting to work on this.

**11.4 To update on the renovation of the Telephone box;** It was reported that there may be an issue with the electrics, however, the general consensus was that the phone box was the best location for the new defib. Cllr O'Donnell will liaise with John Lambie to get the project underway.

**11.5 To update on unauthorised parking on the village green;** Cllr Camp advised that she has spoken to the local PC who has started to put notices on cars in the area. This seemed to have helped the problem but there still seems to be one repeat offender. Cllr Camp will ask her contact to communicate with the resident.

**11.6 To report on renovations to the playground equipment;** Clerk reported that the playground refurbishment is in progress. Flooring has now been delivered and will be installed in the next couple of weeks (weather permitting).

**11.7 To report on reparations of the village green post 2019 fireworks display & triangle area posts;** there has been no work carried out to date, but Cllrs will view the area when they next attend a planning visit.

**11.8 To discuss a date for the next Litter Pick;** Cllr Roberts advised that residents are keen to have another Litter Pick soon. Clerk will email Linda Haysey to ask if litter picks are currently allowed to take place due to the pandemic.

**12. To discuss website – regular updates and reviews;** Cllr Roberts reported that there are a few out of date events currently showing on the website. Cllr O'Donnell agreed to take on the role of keeping the site up to date and look at the content every couple of weeks to ensure it remains current.

## **13. FINANCE**

**13.1 To approve the financial statement and payment of accounts:** Clerk had circulated the latest accounts, these were unanimously approved.

**14. Confirmation of date of the next meeting on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm and dates for 2021 PC Meetings;** confirmed.

Meeting dates for 2021 - 28<sup>th</sup> January, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**15. To receive correspondence:** none

**16. To close the meeting:** Chair closed the meeting at 9pm.