

BRICKENDON LIBERTY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 28th January 2021 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

In attendance; Laura Brooks-Payne (Clerk)

1. To receive apologies for absence and approve: District Cllr Jonathan Kaye, Cllr Alistair Whitaker

2. To receive declaration of interest and dispensation: none

3. To approve minutes of the parish meeting on Thursday 26th November 2020:

Cllr Roberts reported that he will be meeting Alison Blakey in due course at the tennis court to discuss work that needs to be undertaken.

The potential playground refurb will be added to the next agenda.

It was noted that in December Cllr O'Donnell organised and delivered Christmas parcels to the elderly and vulnerable residents in the parish and the gifts were very well received.

It was agreed to carry out the next Litter Pick on 18th April. Brenda Lambie will advertise this in the newsletter.

Minutes were unanimously approved.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

4. Matters for future consideration and public participation:

A resident had contacted the clerk in relation to speeding vehicles (lorries) in the village. Cllr Roberts had also received phone calls from other residents with similar concerns. The Clerk advised that she had had similar complaints in another parish and in fact the perceived travelling speed can seem much higher as a pedestrian. The lorries are travelling from Nicholls Farm in Pembridge Lane to the new housing estate currently being built at Sele Farm. Cllr Roberts reported that none of the vehicles that he had observed in the last week were breaking the speed limit. It was noted that in fact the vehicles are entitled to drive along the road which is the quickest route to and from both locations. Cllr Roberts will have a conversation with the owner of Nicholls Farm to ascertain if anything can be done and report back to the concerned residents.

Cllr Camp asked if the PC should pay our respects to the family on the recent passing of Martin Todd. It was discussed and agreed to send some flowers to Martin's widow. Clerk will arrange.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

5. To receive Fanshaw's Room Committee latest report: Brenda reported that the village hall remains closed due to the ongoing pandemic. Checks are ongoing to ensure the hall is in good order. Christmas parcels were delivered to the children in the parish in December.

6. To receive a report on highways matters: Cllr Camp reported that she had not heard back from the relevant authority as to whether the PC could move the village green barrier and would chase this.

There are Roadworks from 9-12th March on Woodbridge Lane and Pembridge Lane. Brenda Lambie will add details as to where to find this information to the village newsletter and details are already on the PC website on current roadworks.

7. To receive a report on incidents of local crime: Cllr Camp will contact Neil Majors for recent crime figures. Cllr O'Donnell will add some detail to the website to advise residents to be aware of increased dog napping in the area.

8. To receive any further information on the possible Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Roberts reported that he has recently been in conversation with a company, My Neighbourhood Plan, to ascertain whether or not it is of benefit to the PC to have a Neighbourhood Plan. Discussions are ongoing.

9. PLANNING – To receive a report and discuss recent applications: Clerk had circulated the latest planning summary. The PC had made comments on all relevant recent applications.

10. TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

10.1 To report on progress on repairs to the un-adopted road on the village green: Cllr Roberts reported that the Golf Club had made repairs to the road surface and potholes, as agreed. The PC will discuss at the next meeting as to whether the PC will contribute to a longer-term maintenance solution for the road.

11. ENVIRONMENT

11.1 To update on the PC registering for ownership of Brickendon lane village verges: Cllr Roberts has not progressed this any further but will endeavour to do so.

11.2 To update on progress relating to extending the path to the station: Cllr Roberts has not progressed this any further. Cllr Whitaker not in attendance.

11.3 To update on progress on the old EV11 post box: Cllr Roberts reported that the post box frontage is now on display at the village hall with an associated information plaque.

11.4 To update on the renovation of the Telephone box: Cllr O'Donnell reported that an electrician has agreed to look at the issue when the pandemic restrictions allow.

11.5 To update on unauthorised parking on the village green: Cllr Camp reported that the issue is not as apparent recently and cars seem to be parking at Fanshaws Hall car park instead. It was discussed that if Herts County Council do not allow the barrier to be moved outwards, the PC will consider a physical barrier as an alternative.

12. FINANCE

12.1 To approve the financial statement and payment of accounts: Clerk had circulated the latest accounts. Accounts were unanimously approved.

13. Confirmation of date of the next meeting on Thursday 25th March 2021 at 7.30pm: approved.

14. To receive correspondence: none

15. To close the meeting: Chair closed the meeting at 9pm

Laura Brooks-Payne
Clerk
29th January 2021