



BRICKENDON LIBERTY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 27th January 2022 at 7.30pm at Fanshaws Room, Brickendon Lane, Brickendon Liberty.

PRESENT: Cllr Tony Roberts (Chair), Cllr Julia Camp, Cllr Hannah O'Donnell, Cllr Philip Cosford

IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Brooks-Payne (Clerk), 4 members of the Public

1. To receive apologies for absence and approve: Cllr Whitaker (Covid), Cllr Jonathan Kaye

2. To approve minutes of Parish Council meeting on Thursday 25th November 2021:

In addition to unanimously approving the minutes, Cllr Roberts advised fellow Cllrs that the Parish Council have responded to East Herts Council regarding the consultation on the possible Boundary Changes.

2a To receive Declarations of interest: Cllr Camp for planning application at Jepps farm, 3/21/2937/FUL

Standing orders suspended for public participation

3. Comments from members of the public:

Janine from Brickendon Grange Golf Club introduced herself. Janine advised the PC that the Golf Club are very aware they are part of the community and came to introduce herself being the Golf Club's marketing Executive. Janine advised that the residents of Brickendon Liberty have been offered social membership at the Golf Club for just £10 a year (usually £100), to attend the events that are held at the Golf Club. This is not the membership to play golf. Residents were advised to contact Janine if they are interested. Cllr O'Donnell will add this to the website and detail will go into the newsletter. Janine also asked if an advertising banner could be erected on the corner of the village green three weeks prior to an event of a Wedding Fayre. Cllrs agreed to this.

A resident advised that there has been an appearance of large tree trunks deposited on the corner of the land outside number 31 Brickendon Green, which makes passing by very difficult for vehicles and walkers. Cllrs will investigate this further.

Standing orders reinstated from here

4. Fanshaw's Room Committee

4.1 To receive the latest minutes:

Linda reported from the last meeting on 2nd December 2021; The fete in September made a profit of £3798. Additional parking for the fete may be needed next year because attendance

numbers were so high. New organisers for the fete will also be required next year due to the current organisers stepping down. A new floor has been laid in the village hall kitchen. New Wooden fire exit doors will be fitted in due course. Plans have been discussed for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations including a giant TV screen, live music, a hog roast and picnic. Discussions and organisation for this event are ongoing.

5. To receive a report on incidents of local crime:

Cllr Camp reported that the Parish has a new PCSO, Glen Stanway, who works alongside PCSO Sally Brooks. There were no reported crime for the area of Brickendon since August 2021.

6. To receive an update on consultation re; neighbourhood plan:

Cllr Roberts reported that no further meetings have taken place. Before the next PC meeting the Cllrs hope to have a meeting.

7. To update on registering The Farmers Boy pub as a community asset:

Cllr Roberts has met with the landlord of the Farmers Boy, who has furnished Cllr Roberts all the details that the PC needs in order to complete the online application, which he will now action.

8. To update on defibrillator training for residents & new Defib installations:

Cllr Roberts reported that two defibrillator sessions had been organised, one of which was held last night with an attendance of 8 people, and very well received. There is another session being held on Sunday 27th February 2022 at 10am, which has been advertised on noticeboards, in the newsletter, on the local whats app group and will be advertised in the Farmers Boy.

The two new Defibrillators, pads and cabinets were delivered today, these are intended to be located in Wormley West End and at the Woodman and Olive Pub. Cllr Roberts is meeting with the landlord of the pub next week to discuss this. Discussion is ongoing as to exact locations for the Defibrillator in or around Monks green.

9. PLANNING

9.1 To receive the latest planning report & discuss applications:

Cllrs discussed the new applications since the last meeting. Cllrs will organise to visit the newest application and will arrange a date to do so.

9.2 To discuss recent applications, any new planning enforcements & progress on any which are outstanding:

Cllr Roberts advised that a development of further stabling has been brought to his attention, with no planning permission sought. He will send the Clerk details in order that it can be reported to the East Herts Planning Department.

By way of an update on the outstanding enforcement issue regarding the retrospective planning permission sought for two mobile homes on Fanshaws Lane, Cllr Roberts explained that a planning appeal meeting was held in October 2021 at which a number of issues were unresolved. The inspector has now obtained the information she needs in order to make a decision on the case. The PC is awaiting the decision, which may take a further 3 months.

Cllr Roberts reported The Chairman of Much Hadham Council is seeking support from other parish councils to put pressure on planning departments to deal with enforcement issues. It was agreed that the PC will reply in support of the actions.

10. TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

10.1 To discuss and report on any issues arising;

Cllr Camp reported that the incorrect Wormley West End Sign has been replaced with a new sign with the correct wording.

There will be a road closure for BT open reach on Woodhouse Lane on 3rd February 2022.

11. ENVIRONMENT

11.1 To update on the PC registering for ownership of Brickendon lane village verges:

Cllr Roberts reported no further update on this. The Clerk will follow this up with Cllr Kaye.

11.2 To update on progress relating to extending the path to the station:

Cllr Roberts has received 2 quotes after approaching 5 companies. It was discussed that tradesmen are currently extremely busy due to various reasons relating to the pandemic and quotations are very hard to come by. The Clerk advised that in the current circumstances, if Cllrs agree to one of the two quotations, this is acceptable. Additionally, the PC need to push ahead with the work, ideally in the Spring which is drawing closer. Cllr Roberts will circulate the quotes to Cllrs.

11.3 To update on the unauthorised parking on the village green & speeding mitigation measures:

Cllr Roberts advised that since the last meeting the parking has not been problematic.

Cllrs arranged to visit Little Berkhamsted to get an idea of how 20's plenty is working. Cllr Camp has contacted the Department that deals with the Speeding Traffic vehicle and will push forward with this.

11.4 To update on refurbishment of playground equipment:

The clerk had obtained a quotation for equipment after sending a brief of requirements. Cllrs and Clerk felt that these had too much of an 'urban' feel and were not appropriate for the village green. The Clerk felt that the supplier had not fully understood the brief. It was discussed further and agreed that the refurbishment of the playground mainly required; removing the 2 swing structure and replacing this with a new timber structure with 3 swings, 2 'ride-ons' aimed at 3-5 year olds, two new picnic tables and the existed bench seat to be refurbished. The Clerk will research companies and prices in more depth.

11.5 To further discuss installing Electric car charger points in the Parish:

Cllr Roberts reported that he had been in communication with the East Herts Environmental Sustainability department who are looking to obtain a grant on the Parishes behalf, to instal an electric charging point in the Fanshaws car park, should the Cllrs agree to this. If the installation goes ahead, Cllr Roberts explained that the PC would run and maintain the equipment, the user would pay for the use of the charging point and hence the PC would then receive payments from the user. Cllrs agreed that this was a worthwhile project going forward, not least because by 2035 all cars in the UK must be fully electric. Cllr Roberts will take this further.

11.6 To update refurbishment/replacement of Village Signs:

Cllr Roberts has received a quote for all the 3 signs in the Parish, after discussion over quotations received at the last meeting. The signs are circa £2000 each plus £500 per sign for instal. Cllr Roberts proposed that the signs are purchased from the company but alternative arrangements are sought to instal the signs. Cllrs agreed that the installation cost seemed very high. Cllr Roberts will order the signs.

11.7 To discuss planting of Jubilee Trees received from Easts Herts Council:

Cllr Roberts is now in possession of two cherry trees. It was agreed that Cllrs will visit the site to look at where they would be best sited.

11.FINANCE

12.1 To approve the financial statement and payment of accounts:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the accounts. Cllrs unanimously approved the accounts.

12.2 To update on renewal of BT contract:

The Clerk explained that she has renewed the contract with BT for 24 months. The new contract will be using faster technology (fibre) as opposed to copper. A new router has been received free of charge and the new contract starts from 5th February 2022.

12.3 To discuss organising an event for the Queens Jubilee:

Discussed in item 4.1

12.To update on Christmas Hamper Gifts:

It was discussed that this had been very well received. Cllrs thanked Cllr O'Donnell for organising this. Several phone calls and letters have been received from residents to thank the PC and FRC for the hampers.

15. Matters for future consideration:

Cllr Roberts asked for the spring litter pick (Date to be confirmed 24th April 2022) and 'maintaining the existing path to the station' to be added to the next agenda.

16. Confirmation of the date of the next meeting on Thursday 24th March 2022 at 7.30pm: Confirmed

17. To close the meeting: Chair closed the meeting at 9.25pm

Laura Brooks-Payne
Parish Clerk
28th January 2022