



BRICKENDON LIBERTY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 24th March 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, Cllr Alastair Whittaker

IN ATTENDANCE: Laura Brooks-Payne (Clerk), 6 members of the Public

- 1. To receive apologies for absence and approve:** none
- 2. To approve minutes of Parish Council meeting on Thursday 27th January 2022:** Unanimously approved

Standing orders suspended for public participation

3. Comments from members of the public:

A resident advised that the stainless steel bin liner in the waste bin opposite Number 8 Brickendon Green, may need replacing. Also reported was that the plaques at the base of some of the trees on the village green are fading and need refurbishment. Cllrs will investigate both issues further.

A resident advised that the verge is very damaged opposite Sweetings, and regularly floods. Cllrs agreed that the area is rather unsightly and possibly dangerous, having large holes, and will visit the area to ascertain what can be carried out to solve the problem.

It was noted that members of the petanque group are organising a defibrillator training session.

Support for the current Ukraine crisis was discussed at length. A resident, Lawrence, explained that he has been moved by the media coverage on the crisis and asked whether the PC and wider community could do anything to help. Lawrence attended a meeting regarding the crisis at the Rectory in Little Berkhamsted last weekend. The local Hartfordonehundred group of which Brickendon is part of, have just formed a Ukrainian Crisis group and will be working with the Diocese of St.Albans to start the process to help to provide support for refugees.

Cllr O'Donnell will add details of the group to the website for residents to get in touch should they wish to. It was noted that a Whats App group has been set up for the members of the new group. Lawrence is happy for residents to get in touch with him if they can provide further information or can help in any way.

Standing orders reinstated from here

4. Fanshaw's Room Committee

4.1 To receive the latest minutes:

Linda Ashley read out the latest minutes.

It was noted that;

A grant for £2667 (Omicron Covid Grant) had been received.

Brenda Lambie is still looking for a carpenter to replace the village hall fire exit doors.

Bookings for the village hall are steadily increasing.

Preparations for the September Fete are underway with stalls already being booked and a band confirmed. The Farmers Boy Pub will be under new management at that time so a bar tent will need to be organised.

The organisation for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration to be held in June is continuing.

The Farmers Boy Pub will be closed from the end of April and alternative arrangements will need to be sought to house the tennis court key.

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

The Clerk reported the latest figures. According to the Crime Statistics website for the area the following crimes had taken place in January 2022 (within a mile radius of each postcode stated);

SG13 8PB -Burglary(1)-Well Row, Violence & Sex Offences(2)-White Stubbs Lane, Vehicle crime(1)-Well Row.

SG13 8QJ – no offences reported

EN10 7QA - Antisocial Behaviour(2) – White Stubbs Lane & Spring Walk, Drugs(1)-Spring Walk, Violence & Sex Offences(1)-Woodhouse Lane

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

Cllrs have not yet met to discuss this item; a meeting will be organised in due course.

7. To update on registering The Farmers Boy pub as a Community Asset:

Cllr Roberts reported that the relevant forms have been completed and the PC have already received confirmation that the building is now registered under the scheme.

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

Cllr Roberts reported that two training sessions were held recently. Unfortunately however, they were not particularly well attended but very informative for those in attendance.

A site has been located for the new defibrillator at The Woodman & Olive pub. Cllr O'Donnell is organising the installation. The second new defibrillator will be located in the Mangrove Lane vicinity. Cllr Camp will progress discussions with residents as to a suitable location.

9. PLANNING

9.1 To receive the latest planning report & discuss applications:

The Clerk had circulated the latest planning report prior to the meeting. Cllr Roberts briefly went through outstanding applications. It was noted that there has been only one new application which is a revision to a previous application.

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

The Clerk is awaiting information regarding three enforcements and will get in touch with East Herts to enquire on updates.

10. TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

10.1 To discuss and report on any issues arising:

No issues reported since the last meeting

11. ENVIRONMENT

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

Clerk will liaise with Cllr Kaye for an update.

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

Cllr Roberts will send new quotes received to Cllrs for their consideration.

11.3 To update on speeding mitigation measures:

Cllrs had recently visited Little Berkhamsted's 20's plenty signage and from an observation point of view, Cllrs did not feel this scheme seemed to be very effective.

Cllr Camp will look further into the drive safe campaign. An advert will be added to the newsletter this month to ask for volunteers to carry out speed surveys.

11.4 To update on refurbishment of playground equipment:

The Cllrs and Clerk visited the playground to discuss and agree new pieces of equipment needed. This was discussed at length, and it was agreed that two 'springers' (toddler ride-ons), 2 additional wooden picnic benches and a replacement swing set would be purchased.

The clerk had researched 5 playground equipment suppliers since the meeting, having obtained quotations from all suppliers. This information had already been circulated to Cllrs who agreed that currently, Playdale Playgrounds were the PC's preferred supplier. The Clerk will contact the company to arrange an on-site meeting to obtain a more accurate quote to include installation costs and additional items required.

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

Cllr Roberts explained that he had met with the East Herts sustainability representative on site who agreed that the PC have adequate space for two electric charging points adjacent to the car park on the village green. A sustainability Officer for Herts County Council will also be looking at possible EV points along Fanshaws Lane. Cllr Roberts to progress.

11.6 To update refurbishment/replacement of Village Signs:

Cllr Roberts reported that an order has been placed for 3 new signs, previously discussed and approved, which will be delivered in the next few weeks.

11.7 To update on the planting of Jubilee Trees received from Easts Herts Council:

Cllr Roberts advised that the trees will be planted in the triangle of land near to the back entrance of the golf club. Cllr Whittaker will trim the scrubland tomorrow, in preparation for the planting.

12. FINANCE

12.1 To approve the financial statement and payment of accounts: The Clerk circulated accounts prior to the meeting, these were signed and unanimously approved.

13. To discuss support for the Ukrainian crisis: Discussed in Agenda item 3.

14. To discuss organisation for the Queens Jubilee celebrations: Discussed in Agenda item 4.

15. Matters for future consideration: None

16. Confirmation of the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council (APM) and the Annual Meeting of the Council (AMC) on Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7.30pm; Confirmed

17. To close the meeting: Chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Laura Brooks-Payne
Parish Clerk
29th March 2022

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