

## **Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Winterbourne Monkton Church on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Bill Buxton (chair)  
Cllr Stephen Fulford, Cllr Tony Iles, Cllr Jill Petchey  
Cllr Simon Mellor, Cllr Nick Burnet, Cllr Lyn Bennett-Nutt  
Mrs Janice Pattison (clerk)  
Mr Tim Pearce, Mrs Charlotte Powell, Mr Andrew Burrows

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declared pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

3. Questions from the public

Mr Burrows advised the meeting that he had been told that the telephone Junction box on the entrance to Berwick Bassett was connected to the Avebury exchange although all the houses were connected to Broad Hinton exchange. The Avebury exchange has been upgraded and Winterbourne Monkton appears to have an increase in Broadband speeds as a result. It was recommended that the houses in Berwick Bassett could take their telephone reception through the Avebury Junction Box in order to accelerate any improvement in Broadband speed to Berwick Bassett households. It was acknowledged that properties would then be required to change their telephone numbers. Marlborough Area Development Trust has implemented wireless and satellite systems in some areas that have increased wireless internet speeds. Cllr Iles will investigate both possibilities.

**Action Cllr Iles**

Mrs Powell reported that the safety railings on the entrance to Berwick Bassett village before the bridge have been seriously damaged to an unsafe state. This will be reported for action to Wiltshire Council. **Action Cllr Fulford**

Mr Pearce advised the meeting that the Parish Council website was now live [bbwmpc.org](http://bbwmpc.org). Mr Pearce invited comments from Councillors. The councillors expressed their gratitude to Mr Pearce for his help in the implementation.

4. Minutes of meetings of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016

6. b 16/00057/FUL Christmas House. Cllr Petchey recommended the removal the reference to the referral to Wiltshire Council Rights of Way Officer in regards to the public footpaths as this was not a condition of the planning application but a comment in the Officers Report. Cllr Mellor advised that all documents pertaining to any planning application would be available to anyone who wished to view them on the Wiltshire Council website in perpetuity so it was unnecessary to refer to them in Parish Council minutes. With the removal of this part of the minutes the minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting

5. Matters Arising from meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016

10. Emergency Planning. It was agreed to bring the latest template to the next regular parish council meeting for completion

6. Reports

a. Finance

Cheques had been signed as agreed. The clerk reported that no cheques had been issued since the last meeting, other than those there agreed

100335    £200.00    Mr Tim Pearce for expenses for the Village Party for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations

100336    £669.00    Netwise Training for Website Implementation and 12 months support

The precept had been received

There was an excess carried over from 2015/16 slightly in excess of £200.

It was agreed to apply for online banking for reference only. Payments would still require 2 signatures. Impending payments include Insurance, WALC membership and the Planning Training Course

The documents were being prepared for Internal Audit. The External Auditor had required that the Annual Governance Statement could not be signed by councillors prior to the Internal Audit so a single item meeting will need to be convened in June after the Internal Audit and before the required date of submission to External Auditor on June 26<sup>th</sup> 2016. The Internal Auditor is Mr Bob Pawsey

b. Planning

Planning application 15/02818/OUT

Land at rear of Old School House, Winterbourne Monkton SN4 9NW

Erection of 3 bed dwelling with all matters reserved except for means of access

The appeal has been granted

16/00151/FUL (14/02910/FUL)

Manor Farm Winterbourne Monkton, Wiltshire SN4 9NW

Demolition of agricultural buildings, conversion of Long Barn to form 3 no. dwellinghouses, conversion of cartshed to form single dwellinghouse, erection of 8 dwellings. Erection of community building (D1) erection of employment building (B1 & B8) extension to private way, car parking and associated landscaping . Revised application

The amendments were agreed by Wiltshire Council. It was considered that the plan may be amended again when the site had been acquired by a developer. The section 106 agreement including the community centre may also alter

There were no new planning applications

Cllrs Petchey and Fulford had attended a planning course entitled 'Negotiating a Successful Outcome In Planning'.

c. Rivers

The water table is now very high

d. Footpaths

The footpath towards Berwick Bassett just beyond Christmas House is extremely muddy and difficult to pass. Cllr Iles will repair as a project for apprentices.

**Action Cllr Iles**

e. Roads

There are an increasing number of potholes in both villages. The meeting was informed that the term pothole had been redefined as a hole of 40mm depth or greater

Other Reports

g. Avebury World Heritage Site

Cllr Buxton had attended a meeting held in April. He reported that the Management Plan, which was presented and discussed with this Parish Council in 2015, has now been endorsed by all parties concerned with it. There will be no archaeological dig in The Avenue this year. Avebury have applied to move the 30mph limit further towards Winterbourne Monkton

h. Marlborough Area Board

Cllr Iles will attend the upcoming meeting.

7. Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting

Projects had been suggested for Parish Council expenditure. These included a defibrillator, advisory speed notice, kissing gates and footpath improvement. The latter was the preferred option, see Item 8.

8. Proposed Footpath by Middle Farm

It had been proposed at the Annual Parish Meeting that a surfaced footpath be constructed between the entrance to Middle Farm and the top of Church Lane so that pedestrians walking between the lay-by and Church Lane did not need to walk on the A4361 in wet weather. Cllr Buxton had visited Mr Longstreet from Middle Farm. Mr Longstreet verified that he was the owner of the land across which the footpath would be constructed. Mr Longstreet had advised Cllr Buxton that, whilst he had no objection to pedestrians crossing the grass, he would not allow the construction of a surfaced path.

9. Byway and Bridleway ownership

Following discussions with landowners in Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett the ownership of that the land where Byway 1 and Bridleway 2 join which is in a state of disrepair has been clarified. It was recommended that the part of the BOAT not currently surfaced should be surfaced in the manner to the remainder of the Byway. The access to the Bridleway and the 3<sup>rd</sup> side of the area used for recreational use should be blocked off. The landowners have offered their cooperation. The Parish Council will now liaise with Wiltshire Council to progress the matter. The clerk will contact Mrs Henshaw who first brought the matter to the attention of the council in order to ascertain discussions already held.

**Action clerk.**

10. Preparation for Solstice

The National Trust is no longer planning on applying for a closure to the Ridgeway. Mr Simon Rowe at Wiltshire Council has advised that cones will be placed along the A4361 from Avebury to the North crossroads (Mill Lane). They will also be placed on Church Lane, Hain Lane and Mill Lane from the Beeches to Windmill House. Cllr Buxton has contacted Mr Gantlett, Mr White and Mr Longstreet to recommend they protect access to their land. Mrs Powell reminded the meeting of the gypsies who had made camp in Berwick Bassett on the byway to Whyr Farm in 2015 exhibiting intimidating behaviour.

11. Confirmation of items for Press Release

It was agreed to inform residents about the Parish Council website. Action clerk

12. Date of next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup> 2016

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm