

Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Winterbourne Monkton Church on Wednesday 10th May 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Jill Petchey (chair)
Cllr Stephen Fulford, Cllr Mark Saunders
Cllr Lyn Bennett-Nutt
Mrs Janice Pattison (clerk)

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
There were no members of the public present
4. Minutes of meeting of 8th March 2017
The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meetings.
Proposed Cllr Petchey, Seconded Cllr Fulford
5. Matters Arising from meeting of 8th March (not covered elsewhere in the minutes)
It was agreed to defer discussion on long term activities until the next meeting
6. Reports
 - a. Finance
The precept of £4,052 has been received.
Payments are due for rent of church in March (£15) and Insurance (£157.78)

The Marlborough Branch of HSBC has now closed. It was agreed not to change bank and to use the Devizes branch of HSBC instead. It was also agreed that all councillors would be bank signatories
 - b. Planning
 - 17/01670/FUL Owl Cottage 192 Winterbourne Monkton
Single story side extension
Approved with conditions
 - 17/02248/FUL Annexe, 190 Winterbourne Monkton
Change of use removing the restriction of use to allow for self-catering holiday lets.
All councillors were supportive and there were no objections from notices placed on the Notice Boards. Cllr Petchey has therefore responded with no objections.
 - 17/03471/FUL Holly Cottage 178 Winterbourne Monkton
Proposed rear extension.

Cllr Petchey declared an interest in that the applicant was currently employed at her property
The plans were reviewed. Cllr Petchey had discussed the plan with neighbours who had no objections although the impact on the property at 179 was acknowledged
Cllrs unanimously agreed to return a report of 'no objections'.
Cllr Saunders will do this in his capacity as planning officer

The New Inn A skip arrived and the fly tipping has been cleared up together with some other building rubbish. Thanks were offered to neighbours for encouraging the owner to clear it up. It is hoped that a purchaser has been found for the New Inn.

c. Rivers

It has been reported that this winter has been one of the driest on record. There have been no flooding incidents

d. Footpaths

It was agreed to invite Mr Tim Lewis to the next meeting to talk about the registration of permissive paths

e. Roads

Wiltshire Council have advised that the railings at Berwick Bassett will be repaired shortly

The verges have got high. It is believed that a resident has asked his own gardener to cut the verge at the main Winterbourne Monkton road exit.

It was agreed to offer to pay for this and discuss with the residents the possibility of the gardener cutting the triangle at Berwick Bassett and around the bus stops as required. Action Cllr Bennett-Nutt

It had previously been proposed that the area around the standing stones in the layby by Middle Farm be left to meadow and seeded to develop such. The area has recently been cut, presumed by a local resident. It was agreed that the area should be cut and not left to wild flowers

f. Broadband

It was agreed to postpone discussion on broadband to the next meeting

Other Reports

g. Avebury World Heritage Site

A report had been circulated by Mr Buxton who had offered to continue as the Parish Council representative in this regard

h. Marlborough Area Board

There was nothing to report

i. Police

The Police are now issuing a monthly report which will be circulated to all councillors. The Police Officer for our area is now PCSO Lucy Stonestreet

7. Matters Arising from Annual Parish Meeting

Residents attending the meeting had been interested in the provision of defibrillators in the villages and also in continuing the Kissing Gate project installing kissing gates instead of stiles on main footpaths.

It was agreed that costs would be obtained for installing a defibrillator. The clerk will identify suppliers and sources of funding. Cllr Bennett-Nutt will liaise with Avebury Council about the installation of their new defibrillator

Suggested locations include by notice boards and also private properties such as Highwaymans or the Old Post Office in WM

8. Summer Solstice Arrangements

These will be the same as last year with No Parking cones placed along the A4361 and some areas in the villages. The Ridgeway will not be closed. There will be temporary traffic orders preventing parking in lay-bys.

9. Village Tidy Day

Mr Buxton has agreed to co-ordinate the Winterbourne Monkton Group and Cllr Fulford will co-ordinate the Berwick Bassett Group. The clerk has obtained the Clean Up kit with litter pickers from the Area Board. The clerk will investigate the provision of another litter bin

10. Confirmation of items for Press Release

It was agreed to include information about the new councillors

11. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed to move meetings to the first Wednesday of the month so the next meeting will be Wednesday July 5th

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm