

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

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Winterbourne Monkton Church on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Jill Petchey (chair)  
Cllr Stephen Fulford, Cllr Mark Saunders, Cllr Gary Higgins  
Cllr Andrew George-Perutz, Cllr Lyn Bennett-Nutt  
Mrs Janice Pattison (clerk)  
4 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

There were none

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declared pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

3. Questions from the public

A resident raised the issue of the noise generated by traffic crossing the decaying road surface at the junction of Hain Lain and A4361. A meeting is being held on 15<sup>th</sup> November between Martin Cook of Wiltshire Council and Cllrs Petchey and Bennett-Nutt. The resident said that he would like to attend. He would also like an investigation into whether the shape of the junction may be changed to discourage large vehicles from turning at the junction

Damage has been caused to Cherry Tree Lodge by large vehicles delivering to Procam. Procam has been asked to change their postcode but their lease expires in 18 months after which they will be relocating to East Farm. Investigating damage is a private matter and should be reported to the Police. CCTV is to be installed at the junction by the residents. The ownership of the land behind the white line by Cherry Tree Lodge will be investigated by residents

The residents requested that the storm drain at the end of Hain Lain be cleared

It was brought to the council's attention that another offer had been made for The New Inn. The purchaser, a Mr Barnacle from Marlborough, has held a meeting with some local residents. He has said that he hopes to open the bar within 9 months of purchase of the premises initially to be open Thursday to Sunday with the remainder to follow depending on local support. He may open part of the bar area as a small restaurant with a simple menu of locally sourced food. Mr Barnacle had made enquiry to residents about changing the planning restrictions. Mr Barnacle was referred to Mr Wilmott at Wiltshire Council planning. It was noted that an offer had been made by another purchaser for the full asking price with some repairs completed but this had been turned down. It is believed that the current owner is now in receivership

4. Minutes of meetings of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.  
Proposed Cllr Petchey, Seconded Cllr Fulford

5. Matters Arising from meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> September (not covered elsewhere in the minutes)

Aster housing has advised that there is no electricity in the garages at The Beeches and would need to consider whether the installation of a defibrillator there might damage the garages. Mr David White has agreed to have a defibrillator installed in the barn at his farm.

Mr New has removed the pile of debris from the site in School Lane but has deposited it in the layby on the far side of A4361. He has permission from Wiltshire Council. Concern was expressed that other people may use the same layby to dump rubbish

Cllr Higgins has started work on the Emergency Plan. It was considered that rather than use the entire template from Wiltshire Council that focussing on specific emergencies such as flooding and power outage may be preferable.

[Action Cllr Higgins](#)

6. Reports

a. Finance

Cheques have been issued as agreed last meeting Citizens Advice Bureau, Church Building Fund and Upper Kennet News at £40 each

A budget was presented based on a 1 to 2 % increase on the usual bills like insurance, 1% increase Clerk salary and all other areas remaining the same with the £1000 parish project money remaining. It was agreed to add an amount of £400 in preparation for defibrillator replacement at the end of the lease term. This makes the precept £4475. Proposed Cllr Petchey, seconded Cllr Lyn Bennett-Nutt

It was agreed to purchase a laptop for sole council use. A budgeted amount was included in the current year for £400. It was agreed to remove the ringfence from the remaining £300 and merge it with the main account used to offset any increases in website hosting.

The Berwick Bassett noticeboard is broken. The door is off its hinges so the door fits OK normally but falls off if not held up when the door is opened (which means notices have to be fixed with one hand and in the daylight as you can't hold a torch). The board is out of warranty and Tony Iles felt that it wouldn't be worth repairing. Costs vary from around £200 for one similar to that there now and upwards for a hardwood board. Cllr George Perutz plans to repair the board

New councillor signatories for bank accounts will be obtained at the next meeting

b. Planning

[16/00151/FUL](#) Manor Farm Winterbourne Monkton Swindon Wiltshire SN4 9NW

Demolition of agricultural buildings, conversion of Long Barn to form 3 no. dwelling houses, conversion of cart shed to form single dwelling house and erection of 8 dwellings. Erection of community building (D1), erection of employment building (B1 & B8), extension to private way, car parking and associated landscaping (revision to planning permission 14/02910/FUL).

Amendment

A decision on this amendment has been postponed by Wiltshire Council

Planning application 17/04666/REM

Land to the Rear of Old School House Winterbourne Monkton Wiltshire SN4 9NW

Reserved Matters Application seeking approval for all reserved matters, including Appearance, Landscaping, Layout & Scale, on application 15/02818/OUT (Erection of 3 bed dwelling)

This application had been approved with a number of conditions. No development can commence until the arrangements for disposal of surface water have been approved. The debris which was on the site has moved to the layby with Wiltshire Council's permission. Concern was expressed that this may encourage more dumping

c. Rivers

The owners of Christmas House and Owl Cottage have strimmed the bourne bottom downstream of their properties. Councillors attention was drawn to the Environment Agency publication "Living on the Edge" which outlines the responsibilities of riparian landowners including planting requirements and required method of disposal of materials from the bottom of the bourne. It was acknowledged that it is 10 years (July) since properties were flooded by bourne overflowing

d. Footpaths

Cllr George-Perutz produced some sample 'dog poo' notices. Councillors selected some and Cllr George-Perutz will print and laminate. [Action Cllr George-Perutz](#). Cllr Fulford has investigated the possibility of registering the circular path in the Manor Farm field between pub and church as an historic footpath and also the verge outside Middle Farm. It is unlikely that the circular path could be considered. Cllr Fulford is working with the Land Registry to determine ownership of land beside A4361. [Action Cllr Fulford](#)

e. Roads

Cllr Bennett-Nutt has been unable to meet with the Wiltshire Council Highways Officer due to the officer's illness. A meeting will be rearranged for 15<sup>th</sup> November. Issues to be raised include potholes, flushing out drains and soakaway. Turning of large vehicles on main village road entrance Cllrs Petchey and Bennett-Nutt will meet prior to the meeting. [Action Cllr Bennett-Nutt](#)  
Cllr Fulford will attend the next CATG meeting

f. Broadband

Cllr George-Perutz attended a meeting with Claire Perry in Devizes on 28<sup>th</sup> September. It is still the aim to have 2mb broadband to 95% of households by end of 2017. There is an aim to have 2MB broadband to all households but there is no date for this

Other Reports

g. Avebury World Heritage Site

Bill Buxton attended a meeting. Report attached

h. Marlborough Area Board

Cllr Saunders attended the last meeting which was well attended. A report on grants awarded was given, including the £12,000 allocated for the Home Run App for Marlborough Schools which as yet is only partially implemented

i. Police

There have been further incidents involving hare coursers in the area. 4 x 4's continue to use the byway by Westfields and then continue through the village.

8. Co-option of Councillor for Berwick Bassett

The candidate has asked to defer this decision to the next meeting

9. Provision of defibrillator

The cost for this scheme is £1,899 plus VAT = £2,160 (VAT can be reclaimed)  
Additional units would be £1,000 plus VAT.

The total for 3 machines would therefore be £4,660 incl VAT

Marlborough Area Board is not accepting further applications in this financial year. An alternative source of funding is the 'Health and Wellbeing' fund. An application has been completed for submission

Residents will be consulted.

10. Speed restriction on the A4361

The possibility of changing the speed limit on A4361 will be discussed with the Highways Officers at the meeting with Cllr Bennet-Nutt. [Action Cllr Bennet-Nutt](#)

10. Confirmation of items for Press Release

The clerk will ask residents for suggestions of location of defibrillators in an article for Upper Kennet News. [Action clerk](#)

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm