

Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Winterbourne Monkton Church on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Jill Petchey (chair)
Cllr Mark Saunders, Cllr Gary Higgins
Cllr Andrew George-Perutz, Cllr Lyn Bennett-Nutt
Cllr Helen Ramsay
County Cllr Jane Davies
Mrs Janice Pattison (clerk)

1. Apologies for absence
Cllr Stephen Fulford,
2. Declaration of Interests
Cllr Bennet-Nutt and Cllr Petchey declared an interest in matters concerning School Lane Footpath
3. Questions from the public
There were no members of the public present
4. Minutes of meetings of 3rd January 2018
The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.
Proposed Cllr Petchey, Seconded Cllr Saunders
5. Matters Arising from meeting of 3rd January 2018 (not covered elsewhere in the minutes)
The clerk is still to write to Mr Gantlett regarding the gate on the Yatesbury Track. [Action Clerk](#)
Cllr Higgins continues work on the Emergency Plan. A draft is almost ready for circulation. [Action Cllr Higgins](#)
6. Reports
 - a. Finance
This month the Parish Council has paid for the defibrillators, the website hosting and domain renewal and the Data Protection Registration Fee as follows

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| 100363 | 4,560.00 | South West Ambulance Service (defibrillators) |
| 100364 | 220.00 | NetWise (website) |
| 100365 | 35.00 | Data Protection |

The Parish Council has received £1900 from Marlborough Area Board for the defibrillators

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

The amendments have been approved by Wiltshire Council planning with a number of conditions. There is £20,000 allowance towards start-up costs of the Community Building which may be used to improve the buildings thermal efficiency. There is also a grant for play equipment

Planning application 17/04666/REM

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

Work has not commenced on this development. It is understood that the delay is due to the requirement for provision of surface water drainage

c. Rivers

There has been nothing new to report

d. Footpaths

Discussion about registration of permissive paths and kissing gates will be deferred to next meeting

A hole has appeared in Church Lane Footpath outside number 204 Winterbourne Monkton. The hole is believed to be the opening of an old well. Wiltshire Council has made the path safe by erecting barriers but dispute their responsibility to repair the path. The footpath is an urban metalled path as the main (and only) pedestrian route between the 2 sections of Winterbourne Monkton.

e. Roads

Pot holes on the A4361 have been reported to Wiltshire Council. Wiltshire Council believes that the road safety surface at the junction of A4361 and Hain Lane was laid with the incorrect material. The contractors, Balfour Beatty, are being pursued to replace all such surfaces at their cost

Both villages have been cut off for two days due to snow drifting across the A4361 making drifts up to 2 metres deep. Local farmers cleared the roads alongside Wiltshire Councils snow ploughs and blowers

The provision of 'No HGV' signs for the entrance to Berwick Bassett had been investigated. A quote had been received from APT signs, a Wiltshire Council approved sign maker. It was decided to postpone the decision to the next financial year and follow up other possible suppliers.

There had been a presentation earlier in the day in Avebury regarding transport in the World Heritage Site which some councillors had attended. Cllrs Bennett-Nutt and Ramsay will join the Avebury Transport Group

f. Broadband

There were no further developments

Other Reports

g. Avebury World Heritage Site

Nothing since last meeting

h. Marlborough Area Board

Marlborough Area Board has approved a grant for the provision of the defibrillators. The next meeting is on March 13th

9. Provision of defibrillator

Funding of half the cost (without VAT) has been received from Marlborough Area Board. 3 defibrillators have been ordered. They will be fixed to two properties in Winterbourne Monkton (one on Church Lane and one on Hain Lane) and one at Manor Farm in Berwick Bassett. Letters will be written to the hosts offering them £40 each towards power costs. (Action clerk) The defibrillators need fastening to an external wall where an electric socket can be easily accessed

10. Formation of Committee for New Community Building

As yet there is no developer for the site. Some decisions are being required through the planning procedure which require broader consultation with prospective users of the Community Building. A committee of residents and councillors will be formed to look into areas such as heating systems. Suggested members include Simon Petchey, Dan Mace, Stella Hall and Penny Gold together with Cllrs Petchey and Saunders. Cllr Saunders will contact the residents. Action Cllr Saunders

11. Production of Questionnaire for Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Petchey presented a draft questionnaire for consideration by councillors. Some changes were suggested and will be implemented by Cllr Petchey. Action Cllr Petchey. The questionnaire will be distributed to every household in the 2 villages by councillors and collected by hand.

12. Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on April 4th. Subjects for discussion will be defibrillators and future parish projects, Introduction to Parish Plan and the anticipated Community Building

13. Confirmation of items for Press Release

The clerk will inform residents about the Annual Parish Meeting Action clerk

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday 4th April 2018 Annual Parish Meeting (Assembly) and 2nd May 2018 Annual Meeting of the Council followed by ordinary council meeting

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm