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Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

Minutes

Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 7.30pm at
Winterbourne Monkton Church

Cllr Jill Petchey (chair), Cllr Stephen Fulford
Cllr Lyn Bennett-Nutt, Cllr Ramsay, Cllr Mark Saunders, Cllr Gary Higgins
Cllr Andrew George-Perutz
County Cllr Jane Davies

1. Introduction and Welcome

Cllr Petchey welcomed residents of the villages and thanked everyone for coming. She introduced councillors and County Councillor

2. Apologies

Ms P. Gold

4. Minutes of Previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 5th April 2017

The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting

5. Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

Any matters arising will be covered elsewhere in the minutes

6. Chairman's Report – Cllr Jill Petchey

A report had been circulated to all households. There were no questions about the report.

The date of the village clean up was given as May 19th

6. Financial Summary – clerk

This year the Parish Council has spent more than is usual. The bank accounts held £4,800 at the start of the year and will end with £3,200. The council received £4,052 in precept. The major expenditure has been on the 3 defibrillators at a cost of £4560 although some of this is VAT that can be reclaimed. This amount was achieved with 2 years of 'Parish Project' monies £2,000 and savings in other areas. The defibrillator amount includes 3 years maintenance and rental. An amount has been included in the budget for next and subsequent years to build funds for their renewal in 3 years time. The £1,000 per annum Parish Project amount remains in the budget for other local projects to be decided.

The clerk was asked why the £1000 per annum Parish Project money was included in the budget. Residents were reminded that attendees at a previous Parish Meeting had asked for a sum of money to be included in the annual budget so that the Parish Council had money to be spent in a visual way to the benefit of the community rather than purely on administration

7. County Councillor Jane Davies to talk about Wiltshire Council Issues

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Cllr Davies advised the meeting that local Government was receiving significantly less funds. Over the next 4 years there will be a 49 million pounds deficit. Wiltshire Council needs to save money by only performing statutory duties

More decision making will be delegated to the Area Boards and in subsequent years they will have control over larger sums of money. Roads and other transport issues will be delegated to Community Area Transport Group. They will have the power to match fund local projects. Parish Councils must pay 25% of all transport projects in their area. Cllr Davies confirmed that the A4361 between Avebury and Swindon is being resurfaced in parts but not in Winterbourne Monkton or Berwick Bassett. Parish Stewards are currently only filling potholes. These are temporary repairs until large machinery can complete the work.

Cllr Davies advised that a number of officers from Wiltshire Council had been transferred to work in Salisbury because of the administration needed in the clean up following the nerve agent incident

Jane Davies's areas of responsibilities on Wiltshire Council involve adults and children with Special Educational Needs

In answer to questions Cllr Davies said that should the A4361 be surfaced in Winterbourne Monkton then the rumble strips could be taken out if required. Speed limit reductions rules are set by Central Government not Wiltshire Council. A resident asked if the road to Windmill House could be resurfaced. He was advised that the road from the A4361 is a private road and the responsibility of the landowner, thought to be East Farm. Only the junction with A4361 is the responsibility of Wiltshire Council. It was noted that when the snow drifts were cleared from the A4361 the road junction to Windmill Hill was blocked more severely by the snow and took some days to clear

Cllr Davies complimented Parish Councillors on their recent work and persistence which had resulted in getting work done for example in the bollards outside Cherry Tree Lodge

8. Installation of Defibrillators

The defibrillators have been ordered and paid for and will be installed in approximately 6 weeks time. Training will be available, potentially on an annual basis. Training is not essential in order to use the defibrillators as their use is self explanatory. The defibrillators will be installed at Rathgael House and near the church in Winterbourne Monkton and at Manor Farm in Berwick Bassett

9. Update on new Community Facilities

The Manor Farm development in Winterbourne Monkton will create 12 new houses including 3 'affordable' homes. The affordable housing is not required to be built until 4 homes are built and occupied. A community building is to be erected on what was the ménage by the stables. It is not required to be built until 8 homes are built and occupied. The building will be 19 by 6 metres and have a kitchen and toilets. There will be 18 car parking spaces in a locked 'grasscreted' car park. The Parish Council will have responsibility for administration of the hall. There is £20,000 for management support which may be used prior to construction in order to create a more energy efficient building. A sub committee of councillors and residents will be formed to ensure best use is made of the monies and that the finished facility most closely fits the needs of the community. There is also an amount of £28,000 for

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provision of outside public space, for example a play park. There is no longer a requirement on the developers to have a building or employment in the development. Councillors are aware that Chemega have renewed their lease for a further 5 years. Cllr Davies will put Cllr Saunders in touch with the management of Kennet Valley Hall and other people who have relevant experience in community facilities management including David Throup and Shelley Parker. Grants may also be available from Marlborough Area Board

10. Suggestions or Parish Projects

Residents were supportive of the continuation of replacement of stiles with kissing gates on main footpaths in both villages; Grants may be available from Marlborough Area Board

11. Introduction to Parish Plan

Cllr Petchey advised residents that the questionnaire would be delivered to households and stressed the importance of completing the questionnaire in order to have their views known and considered

12. Informal discussion

The Grit Bin at Berwick Bassett triangle had been knocked over by an HGV vehicle. Such vehicles continue to enter Berwick Bassett due to vehicles from Tonic following GPS devices as it has the same postcode. It was also asked if the bridge railings could be repainted, Cllr Bennet-Nutt replied that a replacement grit bin would be sought, it was planned to erect 'No HGV' notices or similar action in order to deter HGVs from entering the village and the railings would be added to Parish list of jobs for the Parish Steward and all would be hopefully concluded over the summer months
A resident enquired about rumours that The New Inn had been sold to a new owner. Cllr Petchey advised that the Parish Council were not aware of a sale

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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