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Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

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

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

1. Apologies for absence
There were no apologies for absence
2. Declaration of Interests
Cllrs Petchey and Bennet-Nutt declared an interest in planning application 18/09236/REM
3. Questions from the public
There were no members of the public present.
4. Minutes of meetings of 5th September 2018
The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.
5. Matters Arising from meeting of 5th September 2018 (not covered elsewhere in the minutes)
Cones have been gathered to place at the entrance to Berwick Bassett and will be placed in the next week
The Parking Permits for residents in Winterbourne Monkton over the Solstice period should be applied for all residents in 2019
A memorial tree for those who died in both World Wars in Both Villages will be planted in the grounds of Winterbourne Monkton Church on 11th November. It will be a cherry tree. It is possible that there are 2 names missing, 1 from Winterbourne Monkton and 1 from Berwick Bassett
Cllr Petchey has now signed the Memorandum of Understanding relating to the three defibrillators. This now ends the process for the initial leasing of these machines.
6. Reports
 - a. Finance
Cheques Paid Out

100371	40.00	Church Building Fund
100372	40.00	Link
100373	40.00	Upper Kennet News
100374	40.00	PCC – WW1 Memorial Tree

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A budget has been prepared for 2019/20 keeping most amounts the same allowing a small increase for required services. Already included are ongoing leasing charges for the defibrillators, website hosting and an amount for local spending. Also included are funds for ground maintenance for the payment of appropriately qualified and insured contractors for cutting verges near the A4361 should Wiltshire Council not cut these. It was agreed to postpone the finalisation of the budget until the next meeting. The request for precept must be made by the week after the next meeting which does not leave much time if any research is required. Cllrs will study the budget in preparation for the next meeting. Action Cllrs

b. Planning

Planning Applications;-

18/09236/REM Land to rear of Old School House, Winterbourne Monkton, Wiltshire, SN4 9NW

Erection of 3 bed dwelling (Reserved matters pursuant of 15/02818/OUT relating to appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) - Resubmission of 18/06903/REM 18/09382/FUL

A response will be submitted requesting that all existing conditions are retained, the hedges shown to be removed are retained and protected and the locations of the drains confirmed. Action Cllr Saunders

3 Manor Farm Cottages, Winterbourne Monkton, SN4 9NW

Construct single storey timber stables on a concrete base, small area of permeable hard standing for turnout purposes. Change of use to equestrian.

18/08142/FUL

The applicant confirmed that there was an error in the description and the stables would be 2 stables, tack and store room not 4 stables. The council will relay this to the planning department and request a condition that no business will be carried out at the premises. The land on which the stables is situated will be enclosed and will exclude the public footpath which will cross an adjoining paddock Action Cllr Saunders

The Rookery 177 Winterbourne Monkton Swindon Wiltshire SN4 9NW Erection of double garage with attached workshop.

A response has already been submitted that there were no objections from councillors

The inaugural meeting of the community building committee has yet to be held

c. Rivers

There has been nothing new to report. The flood resilience document will be appraised. Action clerk

d. Footpaths

The footpath now crossing the new paddock attached to 3 Manor Cottage now has a stile at either end. The Parish Council Kissing Gate is still to arrive with the clerk.

e. Roads

There has ben nothing new to report

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f. Broadband

Cllr George-Perutz has been approached by a company called FIIT who are offering a cheaper internet service than the current service used by some residents of Berwick Bassett to gain faster speeds than BT offer in the village

Other Reports

g. Avebury World Heritage Site

A report from the recent meeting is attached as an appendix

Cllr Petchey had been invited by Cllr Stephen Stacey, Chairman of Avebury Council to attend a meeting relating to the WHS Strategy and the Avebury Transport Group. Having reviewed the information sent by Cllr Stacey, Cllr Petchey put forward some suggestions for Berwick Basset and Winterbourne Monkton which were included in the paper produced for the meeting. She was able to draw on responses from the recent village survey as to what was important to our parishioners. Cllr Petchey put forward the following comments to be considered in the meeting.

“I was delighted with the addition of the cycle/footpath, however of greater importance to the village would be measures to reduce the dangerous speeding of many vehicles on the A4361 which I think has been missed in the past. Of particular concern to the villagers is dangerous overtaking between the four 90 degree blind bends from Avenue Farm to the south and Berwick Basset to the north. A restricted speed limit and double white lines are essential given the number of tricky exits from the villages. In addition, agricultural and other businesses exiting onto the road pose a very real danger particularly to school children crossing the road first thing in the morning under threat of the rush hour traffic. Obviously this is repeated in the evenings, but also poses a significant accident risk to villagers attempting to join the A4361 going north or south.

Traffic joins and leaves the A4361 onto Hain Lane at a dangerously oblique angle which has frequently resulted in damage by HGV's to adjacent properties and this problem needs to be addressed as well. Taking note of other sections in the Strategy we would very much hope that speed limits and other measures would start well before the northern most WHS boundary sign to ensure safety for our villagers as well as tourists at marginal additional cost.

Two other points need to be born in mind:-

- Our village precept is under £4,000 per annum which clearly makes it impossible for us to fund consultants such as Atkins to study this problem.
- we have recently completed a village survey in readiness for a Neighbourhood Plan and without exception the respondents have all expressed major concern about matters relating to the A4361 traffic.

The survey also showed very strong support for a Winterbourne Monkton/Berwick Bassett cycleway to Avebury.”

h. Marlborough Area Board

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Cllr George-Perutz reported that 2 grants are available for use for the new Community Building, A community Area Grant and a Youth Grant. The latter would fund a youth group or toddler group for the first year

9. Co-option to Councillor Vacancy for Winterbourne Monkton

Mr Neil Kirk was co-opted to the position unanimously

10. Consultation on Electoral Boundaries for Area Boards

It is proposed that the Marlborough Area Board be changed from a 4 seat to 3 seat. The area which was formerly West Selkley is being renamed Marlborough West. It will incorporate about half of Marlborough and lose Broad Hinton. The area previously had a completely village and rural electorate and now is mostly urban.

Broad Hinton is interesting in that its Parish Council is Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett, yet Winterbourne Bassett is proposed to stay in the MAB area and Broad Hinton move to Lyneham . This also means that the catchment primary for our children from this parish will move to another Area Board. Consultation on Children's Services in MAB regularly did not reach Broad Hinton School as it is not a Marlborough St Johns feeder school. This could mean that our area is one step nearer coming out of St Johns catchment . The consultation finished on Nov 5th .. The clerk has emailed County Councillor Jane Davies but had no reply. It's not clear who will represent the new area

The following links show the new boundaries, west seller data and the consultation

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/s151903/Marlborough%20Draft%20Proposal.pdf>

<http://data.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/doc/7000000000044029>

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/14518>.

11. Production of Questionnaire for Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Simon Petchey gave a short presentation on the analysis of the responses. The next step is to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. This could be expensive to produce in the way that Wiltshire Council will accept. The clerk will investigate whether other parishes the size of ours have produces neighbourhood plans and obtain templates. [Action Clerk](#)

It was agreed to form a subcommittee to proceed with the production of the plan. This will initially comprise Cllrs George-Perutz, Petchey and Higgins

15. Confirmation of items for press release

There will be no Upper Kennet News in January

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday 9th January 2019

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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Appendix A

Meeting of the World Heritage Site Steering Group

At Devizes on 18th October 2018.

Wiltshire Council is considering trying to obtain a Traffic Restriction Order for their part of the Ridgeway for the full year, rather than just the winter months as at present. This would be seriously contested by certain user groups and therefore the case for the ban would have to stand up in a court of law. This is being worked on by the Council and by the archaeologists who are concerned about the destruction of parts of the monument that constitute the World Heritage Site. There is a need for clear archaeological evidence of damage being done; this is available but needs to be in a form which Wiltshire Council can use to support their case. Meetings will take place between the relevant parties to ensure that this evidence is made available in the right form.

There was discussion about the Transport Strategy in the WHS Management Plan for Avebury which involves the future of the B4003, as well as alterations to reduce speeds on the A4. There is some overlap here with discussions which have taken place with the Parish Councils of the villages affected, and Cllr Petchey has been involved in these. The Steering Group expects a proposal to be put to it by the Transport Group before the next meeting in April 2019.

The Great West Way is about to be launched on 22nd November 2018. I have brought this to the attention of Ben Woodward at the New Inn.

Badger damage is getting worse on Windmill Hill but there is very little that can be done about it.

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19.10.18

When reading this report, it should be remembered that the remit for the WHS Steering Group is to help protect the WHS site and the monuments of Stonehenge and Avebury.

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