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Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Ashdown, Winterbourne Monkton on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

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

1. Apologies for absence
Cllr Andrew George-Perutz
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 7th November 2018
The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.
5. Matters Arising from meeting of 7th November 2018 (not covered elsewhere in the minutes)
All matters arising are covered elsewhere in the minutes
6. Reports
 - a. Finance
There have been no new cheques since the last meeting
Church Rental needs to be calculated and paid to be banked by end of financial year. Action Clerk
The budget presented at the last meeting was accepted by all councillors. A precept of £4.500 will be requested. Action Clerk
 - b. Planning
18/11467/DOC
Land to rear of Old School House, Winterbourne Monkton, Wiltshire, SN4 9NW
.Discharge of condition 5,6, and 7 of planning permission 15/02818/OUT
Advisory only. This is not a consultation for the Parish Council. Materials decisions will be made by Wiltshire Council Planning

18/11456/VAR
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).

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There are some minor amendments including the movement of the community building. There may be some changes required to the section 106 agreement. Cllr Saunders will verify with Wiltshire Council. Action Cllr Saunders
It was noted that houses are already being offered for sale. Work is expected to commence in January 2019 and the first homes to be completed in summer 2019

18/10301/FUL

East Farm Swindon Road Winterbourne Monkton SN4 9NW

Change of use of agricultural building to B8 (storage), with associated modifications to doors and windows, and construction of new apron and provision of vehicular parking.

A response has already been submitted. Attention was drawn to the additional activities now taking place at the farm viz private swimming lessons and dog grooming. B8 (storage) permission also incorporates warehouse and distribution which would be unacceptable due to the increased volume of traffic exiting on to the A4361 opposite the entrance to the new housing development. Councillors requested that limits to storage use should be made to vehicle storage only

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 has been appraised and circulated. It will be incorporated into the emergency plan which itself will be limited in scope to cover emergency contact numbers for all foreseeable emergencies that can then be held by each councillor. Action Cllr Higgins

d. Footpaths

There had been a request from a resident of Broad Hinton regarding a gate which been padlocked across a Bridleway on the bend on the North side of Berwick Bassett. This is currently being investigated. Action Cllr George-Perutz

A list of landowners or tenants in Berwick Bassett is being compiled. Action Cllr Ramsey

A hole has been cut in the fencing at the side of the stile in the new paddock at Manor Cottage. It is noted that legal access to footpaths is for human pedestrians. Dogs must be either kept on a lead or in close control and not allowed to venture off the path.

The Parish Council Kissing Gate is still to arrive with the clerk.

e. Roads

Cones were placed at the entrance to Berwick Bassett but these have been removed. They will be replaced with a notice advising No Waiting. Action Cllr Bennett-Nutt

The process for applying for Resident Parking Permits over the solstice period will be investigated. Action Cllr Bennett-Nutt

Following reporting of the broken and empty grit bin at the entrance to Berwick Bassett, this has now been replaced with a new and full bin.

A report of subsidence on A4361 which may cause damage to the water main is being investigated. It has been reported to Wiltshire Council and Thames Water (Refer also to item 9 regarding A4361)

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f. Broadband

There has been nothing to report

Other Reports

g. Avebury World Heritage Site

There has been no meeting. It was suggested that the Parish Council should be represented by a member of the council

h. Police

Community Messenging are now sending out weekly crime reports of the local area. which are being circulated to councillors

9. Traffic issues on A4361 and Village Roads

A fatal accident involving 2 cars occurred on the south side of the North Cross Roads on A4361 at Winterbourne Monkton on 30th November 2018. The location was incorrectly reported both by police and local media. Cllr Petchey wrote to Wiltshire Council, Cllr Jane Davies and the Gazette and Herald newspaper expressing concern that even the Police had no idea where they were. Her letter to the paper was published. Subsequently a reporter came to gain further information regarding the safety of the A4361 to do a piece which appeared on the front page of the Gazette and Herald.

Cllr George-Perutz and the Clerk attended the CATG meeting in December and were advised to put something forward at the next meeting in March. However, Wiltshire Council are restricted by national guidelines limiting speed restrictions and further double white lines so would probably not proceed, although it would seem that Swindon Council have managed to reduce the speed at Wroughton and erect flashing speed signs further along the A4361.

A separate meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th January at 7.30pm to formulate a plan for the CATG meeting. The CATG meeting is on March 14th at 10am but reports need to be submitted 3 weeks in advance

10. Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The clerk has investigated plans already approved. None are from Parishes of the size of this one. The next stage is to register the Neighbourhood which will be the basis for the Plan. The 2 villages are currently registered separately. Councillors agreed that the neighbourhood should cover the entirety of the Parish Council area covering both villages together. An application will be made. [Action Clerk](#)

11. Confirmation of items for press release

Refuse and recycling bins should not be left in the road for more than the time required.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday 6th March 2019

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm