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Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Willow Cottage, Winterbourne Monkton on Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Jill Petchey (chair)
Cllr Andrew George-Perutz, Cllr Neil Kirk
Cllr Lyn Bennett-Nutt, Cllr Helen Ramsay
Mrs Janice Pattison (clerk)

1. Apologies for absence
Cllr Mark Saunders, Cllr Gary Higgins
2. Declaration of Interests
There were no declarations of interest
3. Questions from the public
There were no members of the public present.
4. Minutes of meetings of 9th January 2019
The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.
5. Matters Arising from meeting of 9th January 2019 (not covered elsewhere in the minutes)
All matters arising are covered elsewhere in the minutes
6. Reports
 - a. Finance
Cheques were issued as follows

100375	£70.00	Church Rental
100376	£250.00	Netwise (Website Hosting and Management)
100377	£ 40.00	Data Protection Annual Fee

There is approximately £5,000 in the bank. There has been budget underspend this year but some of this money is allocated to accumulation for defibrillator replacement, A4361 improvements and Community Centre

Cllr Petchey will confirm that Jane Parker will again carry out the internal audit
 - b. 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).
There are some minor amendments including the movement of the community building. Any changes required to the section 106 agreement have yet to be

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confirmed. At the time of the meeting there had been no decision on the amendments by Wiltshire Council. .

It was noted that houses are already being offered for sale. Some drainage works have commenced

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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.

Planning permission has been granted. Changes in traffic generated will be monitored by councillors. It was noted that the dog grooming business had moved from the farm to Normead

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

Whilst 8 houses need to be built before work commences on the Community Building and this will take some time, it is desirable to ensure that some of the section 106 monies are spent on improving the sustainability of the building, for example reducing heating and maintenance costs

Councillors were reminded that the building is a gift to the community from the now deceased Mrs Gantlett senior. It comes with funding to support running costs for the first 5 years but the Parish Council will need to manage the premises to ensure that income pays for the running costs

c. Rivers

There has been nothing new to report.

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. The landowner has been contacted. The gate is locked because of hare coursing activity. There is a gap beside the gate that should be wide enough to walk or ride a horse through, this will be cut back to ensure passing is possible, the clerk will contact the resident to advise

A pedestrian gate has been installed into the field behind Christmas house. This is easier to use than the stile. The field gate has been locked. It was noted that there is no access to this gate from the public footpath and access is permitted by the owner, however an application to divert the footpath should be made if the intention is to divert pedestrian traffic to the new gate away from the property.

Mrs Henshaw from Cherhill has been in contact with this council again regarding the bridleway from Windmill Hill to Berwick Bassett. She invited Cllr Petchey to a meeting with herself and Wiltshire Footpaths Officers but at very short notice.

This council has continued to monitor progress in the resurfacing of this byway which is waiting for materials being made available and Wiltshire Council having funding to repair. In the meantime off road drivers continue to use the road further destroying it

Motorcyclists are now regularly using Church Lane Footpath to travel from the bridleway by Westfields through to the main village road travelling at speed. .

Installation of pedestrian barriers was considered but these are difficult to

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negotiate for wheelchairs. Signage will be investigated (and the NO HGV signage at Berwick Bassett revisited). Action Councillor Kirk

Cllr Ramsay has continued investigations into the viability of the footpath/cycleway to Avebury. She has met with Jan Tomlin of Avebury National Trust who owns some of the land across which the path will pass is supportive. The owner of the other 2 fields is less supportive. They would prefer the path to be on the verge rather than inside the field but this is not considered safe. There may be room for further negotiation for example the council paying for a footpath redirection so that the existing muddy path nearer the Bourne is closed. Action Cllr Ramsay

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

(Refer also to item 9 regarding A4361)

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 and Emergency

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

There are reports that there is a spate of fake £20 being used in the area. There are several reports of Police finding bags of fake £20 notes in cars in the area.

Defibrillator Training has been arranged for 7.30pm on the 7th May 2019 at The New Inn Winterbourne Monkton. This is the second training session of four. Our Lease allows one training session per year.

Cllr Neil Kirk has been approved as a first responder for this area

9. Traffic issues on A4361 and Village Roads

An application has been submitted to CATG and accepted. This is for 50mph speed limit throughout the extent of both villages and for double white lines extended along the A4361 across the main road junctions and bus stop in Winterbourne Monkton. Cllr George-Perutz has discussed with Steve Hinds (Wiltshire Highways) whether an investigation is viable. Many applications fail before they go to CATG because the speed checking is not appropriate. Mr Hinds was more positive about the application for this area.

Cllr Ramsay has produced a report listing the changes to housing, egresses to the main road, business changes etc in the last 10 years showing that the application complies with national guidelines for speed reductions

Cllrs Petchey and George-Perutz and the clerk will attend the CATG meeting on March 14th to present the application. A short meeting will be held on March 13th at 7.30pm to prepare the presentation

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10. Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The clerk contacted Wiltshire Council to register the area to be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan. They requested a questionnaire to be completed to show serious intent and explain why the plan was being developed. This has been done and returned. The area has still not been registered and this process will continue.
Action clerk

11. Annual Parish Meeting

The date was confirmed as 10th April at 7.30pm in the church. Refreshments will be provided. Action Cllr Bennet-Nutt

Simon Petchey will give a presentation on the results of the Neighbourhood Plan Survey and Councillors will present progress on the A4361

Cllr Petchey will create a brief annual report. All councillors and clerk will present summaries of their area of expertise

12. Confirmation of items for press release

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

13. Date of Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 10th April. The next meeting will be the AGM and will take place on Wednesday 1st May 2019 at 7.30pm at the church to be followed by a council meeting at 8pm. Subsequent council meetings will take place at 8pm and may change to shorter monthly meetings

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm