

Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at St Mary Magdalen Church, Winterbourne Monkton on Wednesday 1st May 2019 at 7.30pm.

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

1. Apologies for absence
Cllr Mark Saunders
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 6th March 2019
Cllr Ramsay corrected that she had not, in fact, met with Jan Tomlin of the National Trust and this was deleted from the minutes. The amended minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.
5. Matters Arising from meeting of 6th March 2019 (not covered elsewhere in the minutes)
The cones at Berwick Bassett triangle will not be replaced as they were removed the first time they were put up.
Cllr Kirk has sourced some 'No HGV' signs. He will purchase these for erection on the triangle in the first instance. The contractors for Church Lane development have already erected similar signs at the top of Church Lane
The bridleway from The Ridgeway to Berwick Bassett has been cleared so that horse riders can pass through the gap beside the gate

6. Reports

a. Finance

Cheques were issued as follows

100378	£ 81.12	Wiltshire Association of Local Councils
100379	£ 34.00	Cllr Petchey – ink for printing of Annual Report
100380	£ 27.22	Cllr Bennett-Nutt – Refreshments for A.P.M

The precept of £4,500 has been deposited in the bank account There is approximately £10,000 in the bank. There has been budget underspend in 2018 but some of this money is allocated to accumulation for defibrillator replacement, A4361 improvements and Community Centre. There will be sufficient funds to cover the speed survey on the A4361

Cllr Petchey has confirmed that Jane Parker will again carry out the internal audit

b. Planning

It was noted that the new owners of the New Inn had built a pond in the agricultural field and that they had publicly announced their intention to open a campsite in the summer. No planning permissions have been applied for. It is possible to have a tented campsite without permission for several weeks of the year but not for caravans or campers. The clerk will send the owners a copy of 'Living on the Edge' – the Environment Agency's guide to rights and responsibilities of Riparian Landowners. This document can be read on the Environment Agency website. As the building of the Manor Farm Dairy project commences the need for discussing the carbon balance of the new community building becomes more pressing. The next meeting will focus on this issue.

c. Rivers

There has been nothing new to report.

d. Footpaths

Mrs Henshaw from Cherhill has arranged a meeting between representatives of several councils to discuss footpaths, bridleways and byeways that cross different council areas in an attempt to keep them repaired despite Wiltshire Council having no funds. In the case of this area it is the 'triangle' at the junction with the Yatesbury Berwick Bassett Bridleway she has issues with. The clerk had submitted to Mrs Henshaw dates that could be attended by the clerk (or other representative if available) but she has decided to hold the meeting in the first week of June and during the day. Evenings clash with our PC meeting and most can't attend daytime meetings. The meeting would be Tuesday or Wednesday but still not confirmed. The Parish Council has no funding to reconstruct the byeway or bridleway especially that which mindless vandalism will destroy. The byeway is already on Wiltshire Councils list to repair when funds allow and this council is in regular contact with Wiltshire Councils footpath officer to monitor progress. Once the byeway is repaired so there is no amusement potential for off roaders, repair of the bridleway can be pursued with landowners.

The new gate at Christmas House is much easier for residents to use than the stile but it is not on the public footpath. It is unclear if the owners wish this to be the public footpath and steer public away from house and business but if they do they will need to apply for a redirection and in the meantime keep the route of the public footpath clear of parked vehicles (1.5 metres wide).

e. Roads

The latest lists for the Parish Steward have arrived today.

f. Broadband

There has been nothing to report.

Other Reports

g. Avebury World Heritage Site

There has been no meeting. The Parish Council will attend the meetings.

h. Police and Emergency

Community Messaging 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

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. At the CATG meeting on March 14th the application was presented and immediately was placed in the top 5 list for Wiltshire projects which means that investigation into viability will commence. There was also an application from Broad Hinton and there is a possibility that the whole of the A4351 would be investigated for speed reduction. This area, however, now satisfies the government guidelines for a speed reduction which other sections of the A4361 do not. Cllr George-Perutz has reformed the document that was prepared by councillors which demonstrates this and will forward to Steve Hinds (Wiltshire Highways)

The next CATG meeting is 20th June at 10am

10. Arrangements for Solstice

Avebury PC have organised permits for their residents and have confirmed that residents in Winterbourne Monkton will need permits if they park on the road. Cllr Petchey will liaise with Avebury PC to arrange for permits to be available to residents

11. Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Communications with Wiltshire Council have shown that it is going to be very costly to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for our community. The process is not geared towards smaller councils and no council of a similar size has yet submitted a plan. The clerk will continue to try to register the area for this Parish Plan to show willingness to progress.
Action clerk

12. Confirmation of items for press release

Avebury PC will place item about solstice parking permits

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th June 2019 at 8pm at Willow Cottage Winterbourne Monkton. Subsequent council meetings will take place monthly. Reports will be submitted in all areas and the meetings should be shorter and more focussed.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

