

Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Winterbourne Monkton Church, Winterbourne Monkton on Wednesday 4th September 2019 at 8.00pm.

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

1. Apologies for absence
Cllr Neil Kirk, Cllr Lyn Bennet-Nutt
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 3rd July 2019
The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.
5. Matters Arising from meeting of 3rd July 2019 (not covered elsewhere in the minutes)
Cllr Kirk has determined prices for No HGV signs for Berwick Bassett Entrance. These will be £30 each plus VAT and £15.95 delivery. A cheque for £87.95 will be raised and delivered to Cllr Kirk for action.
The current Emergency Plan will be emailed to councillors before next meeting for contact updates. Action Cllr Higgins
The owners of The White House had been putting out their bins on the day of collection but have now reverted to previous behaviours. The clerk will contact the refuse collection service to see if the bins can be collected from inside the gate. This could be the mini truck that already collects down Church Lane Footpath
6. Reports
Finance
There have been no payments or receipts this month
It was agreed to make 4 payments rather than 4, each of £40.
The recipients will be Link, St Johns Ambulance, Upper Kennet News and Church Building Fund
- b. Planning
19/06526/FUL Construction of equestrian building at Manor Farm, Berwick Bassett
19/06748/LBC
No objections were raised regarding this application
Work on the Manor Farm Dairy Site in Winterbourne Monkton has commenced with some initial demolition

c. Rivers

There has been nothing new to report. The bourne is still dry

d. Footpaths

- . The footpath between Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton has been cut#

The footpath in the field on the opposite side of the bourne to the New Inn had been crossed by an electric fence blocking the public footpath. This was corrected quickly before being reported to the owner. Subsequently cows were grazed on the field making it difficult for walking with dogs but the cows were only in the field for a few weeks.

It is believed that the land leaving the church lane footpath bridge leading to the stile to the above field is public land. A working party will be put together to clear the area and paint the bridge and seat. Action Cllr Petchey

e. Roads

The lights in the bus stops had been replaced but are now not working again. Action Cllr Ramsay.

There is a meeting on the 10th September to discuss the car parking in Avebury. Comments from Councillors and individuals have been submitted to the National Trust. Cllr Petchey will attend the meeting

On his visit, the Parish Steward drained out the soakaways in both villages and generally tidied up. He weeded along the edges of Church Lane and by the bridges.

f. Broadband

There was nothing to report

g. Defibrillators

The Parish Council has now been issued with Call Signs which now have to be quoted on the monthly report. These call signs have now been written on the front of the machines

Other Reports

h. Area Board

At the most recent meeting it was noted that funding was given for a media wiring of the Wesley Hall in Marlborough

i. Police

Mr Collingwood formally of Amesbury now of Swindon was prosecuted and fined almost £2000 for fly tipping in our lay-by

9. Traffic issues on A4361 and Village Roads

The next CATG meeting is 19th September. 10am. Cllrs George-Perutz and Ramsay will attend. The results from the Atkins survey of the A4361 should be available

10. Footpath/Cycleway to Avebury

The owner of the Dorwyn Bed and Breakfast in Avebury has been talking to Avebury Parish Council about a path to Avebury receiving positive response. The verge and hedge are overgrown on the South bound stretch of the road. It will be considered whether, if this is cut back and the verge levelled it would be walkable. Doubt was expressed about the safety of this. Ideally the footpath would be inside the hedge and 'semi-surfaced' so it would still let water through but provide a sound surface for walking in ordinary shoes or cycling (to connect to public transport services and shopping and Post Office services in Avebury). Cllrs George-Perutz and Ramsay will walk the potential route.

11. Community Building

It had not been possible to arrange a meeting with the developers but Cllr Saunders has had considerable communication with Wiltshire Council. It is their understanding that the references in the section 106 agreement to 'the council' refers to Wiltshire Council. Wiltshire Council, however, intend to pass the building to the Parish Council. Negotiations will continue to ensure associated funding comes with it. Cllr Saunders will investigate registration of Community Building as a charity

12. Confirmation of items for press release

Announcement of Working Party for Church Lane Footpath into back field

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th November 2019 at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Winterbourne Monkton. Meetings will revert to bi-monthly.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

