

Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Willow Cottage, Winterbourne Monkton on Wednesday 5th June 2019 at 8.00pm.

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

1. Apologies for absence

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 1st May 2019

The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising from meeting of 1st May 2019 (not covered elsewhere in the minutes)

Matters arising we deferred to next meeting

6. Reports

a. Finance

Cheques were issued as follows

100381 £ 160.65 Insurance

2. The Accounting Statement required by the auditor for financial year 2017/18 was approved by councillors.

The Certificate of Exemption (from full, paid for audit) was approved and signed by clerk and chair. The auditor is PKF Littlejohn LLP. Most of the return is now electronic. All documents must be posted on the council website and Certificate of Exemption returned to the auditor. Accounts are required to be internally audited. The Internal Auditor was confirmed as Jane Parker

b. Planning

19/04116/FUL 3 Manor Farm Cottages, WM, SN4 9NW
2 storey side and rear extensions

Cllr Saunders had consulted with neighbours who have no objections to the extensions. A council response of 'no objections' would be returned

19/04217/FUL Fraxinus House WM SN4 9NW
Single Storey Rear Extension

This extension will not be visible from the road or by neighbours. A council response of 'no objections' would be returned

c. Rivers

There has been nothing new to report.

d. Footpaths

- There are no reports of any blocked or impassable routes through the Parish. The field behind the New Inn now has a path cut through the now very long grass making it much easier to walk.

Wiltshire Council will verify that the footbridge between the church and village is safe and provide paint for village volunteers to use to paint the bridge.

Councillors agreed to ask for more paint for the bridge at the bottom of Mill Lane by Christmas House and the road bridge at Berwick Bassett

A meeting had been held between Cllr Petchey, Cllr Saunders and a resident following an email contact from the owner of a shed on the footpath beside Monkton Lea . The communication wished to ascertain that his property was still accessible which it is but only because of the efforts of local residents. It has not been used for around 20 years. It would appear that there was some sort of agreement when the resident purchased his house that the previous owner pay to maintain a fence. This happened for a few years but then ceased. Since then the adjoining neighbours have paid for the upkeep of the land which included repairing fencing and felling trees which had become either dangerous or blocking power/telephone lines. It was decided to write to the owner of the shed requesting proof of who owned the land.

This land does have a footpath on it which goes nowhere other than a very dangerous corner of the main A4361. Once across the road the continuation of the footpath ceased some 20 years ago.

e. Roads

After a successful meeting between Cllr Bennet-Nutt and Becky Busby Wiltshire roads and Will Parish Steward there is an agreement to the following much of which has been completed:A Bollard will be erected on the housing side of Church Lane to prevent further wall/curb erosion A velocitor will fill in holes up by the bend at the bottom of Church Lane and the vegetation will be cut back

Pot holes deeper than 4 inches will be filled throughout both villages. Culverts, drainage and ditches will be cleared The bus shelters will be cleaned, lights fixed and the verges on A4361 by bus shelter and side road egresses cutIt will be determined if trailer at Beeches is parked on Aster land or council and write to have it moved if council.

They were very impressed by our volunteer work force in the village clean as they have really rallied and made a good job

Residents in The White House complex are leaving a number of bins on the footway behind the bollards at the main Winterbourne Monkton entrance for longer than necessary, sometimes for up to a week. A letter will be written to request them not to do so for the safety of pedestrians. Action clerk

f. Broadband

Cllr George-Perutz advised that a company called F1IT is trialling supply in Berwick Bassett. It is effective but can be expensive

Other Reports

There were no other reports

9. Traffic issues on A4361 and Village Roads

The next CATG meeting is 20th June at 10am. Cllr George-Perutz has sent to Steve Hinds the extensive report compiled by himself and Councillor Ramsay indicating how the Parish now complies with Government guidelines for speed reduction. He has not had a reply. It is felt imperative that the particular nature of this stretch of the A4361 is not lost if an investigation is carried out into the entire A4361

10. Arrangements for Solstice

A permit scheme is in place for Solstice. The clerk will write to each resident who may be affected to invite them to apply for a permit. The same invitation will be sent using the Parish Council email list

11. Community Building

The building is a gift to the community and is built free of charge along with a car park. The building, as designed, has energy efficient glass and insulation but more steps could be taken to reduce the running costs of the building. There is £20,000 that can be used to reduce running costs either by adding more fuel efficient heating at building stage or to pay bills initially. The Parish Council will be responsible for its upkeep.

A meeting will be held with the developer RIVA (14th August) For the next meeting Cllr Saunders will produce lists of facts that he knows and a list of possible sources of funding, for example Community First, Community Hall Association, Marlborough Area Board

12. Confirmation of items for press release

There was nothing to report

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 8pm at Mary Magdalen Church Winterbourne Monkton. A subsequent meeting on 14th August will be held to discuss the Community Hall with RIVA

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm