

Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Winterbourne Monkton Church, Winterbourne Monkton on Wednesday 6th November 2019 at 8.00pm.

Present: Cllr Andrew George-Perutz, Cllr Gary Higgins
Cllr Helen Ramsay, Cllr Lyn Bennet-Nutt
Mrs Janice Pattison (clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Jill Petchey, Cllr Mark Saunders, Cllr Neil Kirk

Cllr George-Perutz was unanimously nominated chair of the meeting

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 4th September 2019

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

5. Matters Arising from meeting of 4th September (not covered elsewhere in the minutes)

Cllr Kirk has determined prices for No HGV signs for Berwick Bassett Entrance. The cheque has been raised but has yet to be delivered to Cllr Kirk

A meeting will be held before the next Parish Council meeting to update the contacts in the Emergency Plan. Action Cllr Higgins

The clerk has been in discussions with Damion Godwin at Wiltshire Council with regards to refuse collection from The White House. No conclusion has yet been reached. Action clerk

6. Reports

Finance

Cheques had been written as requested at last meeting

A cheque had also been raised for £40 for the hosting of defibrillator by Mr and Mrs Randall

A budget had been proposed with an increase of around 2%. It was agreed to allow for 3 hours per week for management and cleaning of the new Community Building. Following the upcoming General Election the minimum wage may be increased to £11 per hour so all wages will be set/increased at £11 per hour.

The budget will be re-presented at the next meeting. The precept request must be submitted by mid January 2020. The taxbase has increased by 1 to 92. It is unlikely that any residents of the new housing development will join the taxbase in 2020/21

b. Planning

There are no new planning applications to consider.

The Parish Council has been asked to confirm the street naming of the new development. The suggested name had been Church Side with each property named. Councillors had suggested an alternative Old Dairy Lane and with numbers for each plot so that the properties are easier to find. Purchasers can give their property an additional name after occupation. The developers have agreed to apply for a postcode change for the new development so that it is different from the rest of the village

c. Rivers

There have been flood alerts on the bourne in recent weeks. The water had reached the bottom of bridges but not broken banks into the flood plain

d. Footpaths.

It has not been possible to put together a working party will be put together to clear the area near Church Lane Footpath and paint the bridge and seat. Action Cllr Petchey

e. Roads

The A4361 between Avebury and the Rockley turn off will be closed for 3 days at the end of November for road surface repairs. There were no repairs planned for this Parish but Cllr Bennet-Nutt has requested that some additional potholes, that have appeared since the original work list was issued, be filled while the equipment is here

Pot holes in Church Lane have been reported. Grit bins have been checked by Will, the Parish Steward, and found to be full.

f. Broadband

There was nothing to report

Other Reports

g. Avebury World Heritage Site

Cllr George-Perutz attended a meeting of the World Heritage Site on the day of the meeting to discuss the Avebury and Stonehenge Strategic plan. It was a comprehensive meeting including representatives from English Heritage, National Trust, Wiltshire Council, their developers Arup and local people including representatives of the farming community.

h. Area Board

The next meeting is November 17th

i. Police

The latest crime report showed a theft from a car in Winterbourne Monkton
It has not been determined whose car it was

9. Traffic issues on A4361 and Village Roads

The next CATG meeting is 12th December. 10am. Cllrs George-Perutz will attend. The results from the Atkins survey of the A4361 are still not available but have been promised by this meeting. It was noted that the first anniversary of the accident on the A4361 by the North Winterbourne Monkton crossroads is approaching and the inquest report should be due. It was also noted that Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett would be leaving the

Marlborough CATG area and moving to Lyneham at the next Wiltshire Council election in approximately 2 years time..

10. Footpath/Cycleway to Avebury

Mike Daniel from Avebury has established a working party to investigate the feasibility of a footpath to the edge of Avebury Parish boundary – metres from the Chemega Rd. This will be a thoroughfare to the new housing development giving pedestrian access to the village. Cllr Ramsay will monitor progress.

11. Community Building

It had not been possible for Cllr Saunders to arrange a meeting with the developers. It is hoped to organise to include more features in the construction of the building to make it energy neutral, so considerably lowering the running costs as well as being more environmentally conscious. Negotiations will continue to ensure associated funding comes with the Section 106 agreement. The clerk had sought guidance as to Transfer of Assets. More practical general information is available from Wiltshire Council. It may be necessary to employ a solicitor when the document is drawn up. It is still believed that it was not the intention of Mrs Gantlett to gift the building to Wiltshire Council. Investigation to determine her exact wishes will be sought
Cllr Saunders will investigate registration of Community Building as a charity

12. Confirmation of items for press release

Announcement of road closure at the end of November (email list only as too late for Upper Kennet News)

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th January 2019 at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Winterbourne Monkton..

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

