

Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Winterbourne Monkton Church, Winterbourne Monkton on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 8.00pm.

Present: Cllr Jill Petchey, Cllr Mark Saunders, Cllr Neil Kirk
Mrs Janice Pattison (clerk)

1. Apologies for absence
Cllr Andrew George-Perutz, Cllr Gary Higgins
Cllr Helen Ramsay, Cllr Lyn Bennett-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 6th November 2019
The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.
5. Matters Arising from meeting of 6th November (not covered elsewhere in the minutes)
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 despite frequent communications from the clerk. Action clerk
6. Reports
 - a. Finance
A new cheque book needs to be obtained and cheques agreed at the last 2 meetings reissued. The closure of HSBC in Marlborough has caused difficulties as all authentications has to be carried out in Devizes
A budget had been proposed with an increase of around 2%. The major increases that had been proposed as options were deemed unnecessary. The costs of the A4361 speed reduction survey can be met from current funds. Costs of implementation may be met from current funds depending on work involved and by whom the work is carried out. Management costs of the new community building will be met from the proceeds of rental of the hall. The hall will be run as a registered charity with finances separate from the Parish Council
 - b. Planning
Land To The Rear Of Old School House Winterbourne Monkton Swindon Wiltshire SN4 9NW
Variation of Condition 1 of 19/09236/REM (approved Plans) to allow addition of Single Storey Side Extension to be Used as Garage & Utility Area

The Parish Council objected to the variation on the grounds that it had previously been stated by Wiltshire Council that no extensions would be permitted to the footprint agreed by the 2017 appeal and that it would remove the turning circle and parking bays

3 Manor Farm Cottages Junction With A4361 North West To Manor Farm Winterbourne Monkton SN4 9NW

Two storey side and rear extensions (materials changes only on the already approved application 19/04116/FUL)

Cllr Saunders will consult with neighbours and respond accordingly

c. Rivers

There has been another flood alert on the bourne at the beginning of January. The water had reached the bottom of bridges but not broken banks into the flood plain. The Ground is extremely waterlogged and water table high

d. Footpaths.

There are no reported issues with footpaths – other than the wet ground

e. Roads

The A4361 between Avebury and the Rockley junction was closed for a time at the beginning of December. The works over ran and also caused issues with access. Atkins had previously stated that access would be possible for local residents but quite lengthy delays were experienced including a reported delay of 50 minutes to one resident who needed to return home because of an ill relative. Cllr Bennett-Nutt will write to Atkins to express the concern of the Parish Council at these delays. Action Cllr Bennett-Nutt

f. Broadband

There was nothing to report

Other Reports

g. Avebury World Heritage Site

Cllr Ramsay had attended progress meetings with National Trust

h. Area Board

The next meeting is January 28th

i. Police

The latest crime report indicated no incidents within our villages

9. Traffic issues on A4361

Atkins has completed the Speed limit review of the A4361 from the County boundary to Beckhampton. The report has been submitted for consideration. Once supported by the Parish Councils, the proposal will be formally advertised. The review partitioned the road into 8 sections – 3 through Avebury, 3 through Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett and 2 through this parish. It proposed reducing the speed to 50mph through most of this parish. The cost of this review will be around £500

The cost estimate for implementation including the advert for traffic order will be approximately. £13,000. This is too expensive for the current financial year of CATG but is proposed to be implemented in the next financial year. Agreement to proceed through CATG is required before the advert can be placed. Parish Council contributions have yet

to be agreed. It was suggested that there may be means of reducing the costs, particularly the installation of signs. There are sufficient funds in current accounts to pay for the survey when the invoice is received. There will also be sufficient funds to pay for the implementation but using much of the reserves. It was agreed not to include more than the £1,000 parish project amount in next years budget. Letters to be written to Andrew Jacks, CATG to ask when implementation will start and to confirm costs. Action clerk, Cllr George-Perutz

10. Road Naming in Winterbourne Monkton

The road to Chemega is to be renamed Old Dairy Lane. Councillors would like to make it easier for drivers to identify Church Lane by erecting signs. Signs can be obtained by Cllr Saunders and erection by residents. Permission needs to be sought from property owners of the verges at either side of the top of the lane prior to erection. Residents of Church Lane and Manor Farm Cottages will then be advised so that Church Lane may be used on their addressing to more easily identify the part of the village. Action Cllr Petchey to ask landowners

11. Footpath/Cycleway to Avebury

Mike Daniels 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. Currently the landowners of the fields between Chemega Rd and Avebury are positive about the path using the set aside land inside the hedge but the National Trust are not. This contradicts policies of the National Trust in encouraging visitors to walk to cycle to Avebury rather than drive. Cllr Ramsay will monitor progress.

12. School Lane Footpath Improvements

The footpath between the houses on School Lane Footpath and the Church is deteriorating. The footpath itself is not wide enough for a wheelchair and the edge nearest the field and bourne is deteriorating. The overgrowing hedge on the other side makes the path very narrow. This is an 'urban' footpath linking the 2 main sections of the village. Wiltshire Council will be contacted to find out if there would be assistance to repair and widen the path. This Parish Council may be able to use monies from the new development to help towards the costs. Action Cllr Petchey to investigate

13. Community Building

Cllr Saunders will be the co-ordinator of the Community Building. He has formed a committee of 4 residents, including a treasurer and a lettings manager.

There is an amount of £20,000 for installation of efficient energy in the building

There is currently a delay of about a month in the development due to the execution of an archaeological survey. Actual construction will start in March. Cllr Saunders may ask the site manager to a Parish Council Meeting

14. Confirmation of items for press release

There was no announcement

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Winterbourne Monkton.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm