

## **Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting of the council held at Winterbourne Monkton Church, Winterbourne Monkton on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

1. Apologies for absence  
There were none
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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.
5. Matters Arising from meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> January (not covered elsewhere in the minutes)  
The HGV signs for Berwick Bassett have been ordered and paid for. Cllr Kirk will follow up. Action Cllr Kirk  
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  
Finance  
The precept has been submitted

Cheques have been issued

100398	87.95	Road signs for BB Triangle (not yet received)
100399	40.00	Donation St Johns Ambulance
100400	40.00	Donation Upper Kennet News
100401	40.00	Donation Church Building Fund
100402	40.00	Donation Link
100403	40.00	Defibrillator Hosting
100404	40.00	Data Protection Fee
100405	250.00	Netwise Website Hosting
100406	148.88	Church Lane Signs

The Church Lane Signs were paid by clerk Credit Card and cash for materials for installation so a new cheque needs to be raised for the 2 together paid to the clerk and 10406 scrapped

There is a cheque to be raised for Church Rental for meetings – around £70

First responders are expected to fund raise to maintain the supplies in their kit. Councillors agreed to pay £105.60 to bring the supplies up to standard and then support the first responders in fund raising, for example collection boxes in pubs in all villages covered by the service

The amount carried into next year will be a little over £7,000

The following amounts must be maintained out of this money  
£800 defibrillator maintenance  
£450 A4361 speed survey

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

Wiltshire Council has approved the application. Cllr Saunders will write a letter of objection on behalf of the council as the council believes that there were no grounds for approval of this variation

c. Rivers

There has been a higher level flood alert on the bourne at the beginning of March. The water had broken banks into the flood plain and was over the top of the lower bridges. This went back down quickly after the rain stopped. The Ground is extremely waterlogged and water table high. Underground springs are adding to the water flow. The soakaway opposite Monkton Lea has not been able to drain away with water across the road several inches deep. Similarly the drain at 190 Winterbourne Monkton.

d. Footpaths.

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

The Village Clean up will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. It will be split into 2 village groups as in previous years. The Winterbourne Monkton group will focus on clearing the area where a public footpath leaves Church Lane Footpath to cross the fields on the south side of the bridge and prepare the bridge for painting

e. Roads

Cllr Bennett-Nutt will walk the villages with representatives from Wiltshire Council to find potholes and blocked gulleys. Action Cllr Bennett-Nutt

The arrangements for the Solstice will be the same as last year with road closures from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. Parking Permits will be issued to residents who need to park on road or adjacent lay-bys as last year

f. Broadband

There was nothing to report

## Other Reports

### g. Avebury World Heritage Site

Cllr George-Perutz had attended a meeting in February. Plans for future works to the Heritage Site and roads are awaited from Arup

### h. Area Board

There was nothing to report

### i. Police

The latest crime report indicated no incidents within our villages

## 8. Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Winterbourne Monkton on Annual Parish Report will be put through every door in the Parish as last year, together with a request for email and phone numbers to be held under Data Protection rules. These will be given to Councillors to deliver in the next few weeks. Refreshments will be organised by Cllr Bennett-Nutt

## 9. Traffic issues on A4361

There is no news as to when the works will start. The Area Transport Group will invoice this Parish Council for its share of the costs of the survey. The next CATG meeting will be held on March 12th

## 10. Road Naming in Winterbourne Monkton

Road signs showing Church Lane and 'no through road' on the same sign have been erected at the top of Church Lane. Thanks to the landowners and Cllr Saunders

## 11. Footpath/Cycleway to Avebury

Mike Daniels has been unwell. A meeting will be held when possible. Cllr Ramsay will monitor progress.

## 12. School Lane Footpath Improvements

Stephen Leonard from Wiltshire Council footpaths has inspected the footpath between Church Lane and School Lane on the 6<sup>th</sup> January. His observations were that the path is in good position and the only section that would need some works would be around the tree. This would only be looking at re-grading the area as we do not want to damage the roots of the tree. This could either be done with either tarmac material or remove some of the tarmac and use a suitable stone which would allow more flexibility in the area of roots. Thus allowing a more suitable gradient for wheelchair users and push chairs. Wiltshire Council may be able to do this but it is most likely to be the Parish Council that must fund the work. The overhanging vegetation issue is not interfering with the paths use and is the responsibility of the adjoining landowners.

The request for lighting would be down to the Parish Council to find suitable funding.

## 13. Community Building

There will be a meeting of the committee this month. The Community Building will be known as a village hall and managed as a charitable trust (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). Trustees need to be nominated.

The transfer from Wiltshire Council will be handled by the Asset Transfer department within the legal department of Wiltshire Council. If the asset is worth more than £250,000

then this has to be approved by Marlborough Area Board. The Nature of the Transfer need to be fully understood. For example it needs to be determined whether the land is Freehold, whether the financial contribution to energy efficiency will be also transferred and whether there are caveats such as the asset must be offered as transfer back to Wiltshire Council should it no longer be used for its intended purpose. Legal advice may be required

14. Confirmation of items for press release

Dates of meetings including Annual Meeting and also the Village Cleanup dates

13. Date of Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Winterbourne Monkton. The Annual Meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Winterbourne Monkton

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

