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## **Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting 2020**

### **Minutes**

The Annual Parish Meeting should have been held in April 2020. The meeting was postponed to an unknown time due to restrictions on meetings imposed during the Covid-19 pandemic

The following Annual Report was to have been distributed to all residents in advance of the meeting. This was not distributed due to Covid-19.

## **Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd April 2020 in the Church, Winterbourne Monkton Annual Report**

### **Summary**

Once again, the past year has been one of considerable activity by your Council representatives from both villages. There have been no changes in your Councillors and their names, email address and phone numbers can be found on our website.

The sections below cover some of the major areas in greater detail but if you wish you can read Minutes from each meeting on our website at **[www.bbwmipc.org](http://www.bbwmipc.org)**. We would love to see any of our residents who wish to attend either our regular meetings, or our Annual Parish Meeting where you will be able to talk to individual councillors.

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## **Finance**

The precept for the year 2019/2020 is £4,500.

As we approach the year end our finances are excellent with over £7000 credit. Around £3000 of this is the estimated cost of the speed reduction and survey on the A 4361 and another £1000 will be allowed for accumulated defibrillator replacement. This leaves £3000 plus the £1000 from next year's budget to put towards projects in 2020/21. This year donations of £40 each have been made to the Link, St John Ambulance, Upper Kennet News, and the church building fund.

## **Planning**

The following planning applications have been made during the year.

3 Manor Farm Cottages	2 storey side and rear extension
Fraxinus House	single storey rear extension
Manor Farm Berwick Bassett	construction of equestrian building
Brambles, School Lane	garage adjoining new house

Work has now commenced at Manor Farm Development of 12 new homes and a Village Hall with adjoining car park. The road leading up to the development (currently known as the "Procam" road) will be named **Old Dairy Road** and all the new houses will be given a number.

## **Village Hall**

A sub-committee (headed by Cllr. Mark Saunders) has been set up to deal with the transfer of the Village Hall from Wiltshire Council and the onward management. The building has to be completed and ready to hand over once seven houses are built and occupied.

Once completed various sums of money will come to the Parish Council when the building is transferred from Wiltshire Council.

## **A4361**

As you may know, your Councillors have been attempting to gain a reduction in the speed on the A4361. Following a media campaign to reduce the speed an application was made and accepted by CATG (Community Action Team Group) to review the speed limit on the A4361.

As Broad Hinton and Avebury parishes had also applied this was linked with our application. A document was prepared and submitted by us to

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show that our area now satisfied the government guidelines for a speed review and hopefully a recommendation of a reduction in the speed. The survey was carried out by Atkins, the highways contractor, which in fact showed that the majority of cars in our parish were travelling below the 60 mph limit and it was suggested that the speed could be reduced to 50mph. This process has taken almost a year and the next stage is to ensure that the speed limited is accepted and implemented. There is a cost involved which of course has to be met partly by the Parish.

## **Solstice Parking**

Permits for our residents were issued over the Solstice period and the problem of parking tickets which occurred last year was avoided this year. It appears this system will be used again this year.

## **Avebury Car Park**

Following a misleading notice regarding parking at Avebury it was confirmed by the Avebury Parish Council that residents of Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton will still be eligible for parking permits. However, the National Trust are now running an experiment which avoids the use of parking permits so no further permits will be issued at the time of writing this report. If you wish to use this Car Park please do so.

## **Neighbourhood Plan**

Communications with Wiltshire Council has shown it is going to be very costly to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for our community. The process is not geared towards small parish councils and no council of a similar size has yet submitted a plan. We first have to register the area of our Parish which has taken almost a year to do!

## **Footpaths**

The bridge crossing the Bourne between the Church and the village has been checked by Wiltshire Council and deemed to be safe. Once the warmer weather comes we intend to hold another Spring Cleaning Day and clear up the area along and around this footpath and repaint the railings. When the new development is completed this path will become the main access point from one part of the village to the other. A request has been made to the Wiltshire Council Footpath Officer to do something about the breakup of the path by the very large oak tree to give disabled users a smoother path.

Thank you to all our landowners with footpaths across their land for keeping them clear.

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## **Roads**

Bollards have been erected on the corner of Church Lane to prevent further wall/curb erosion. You may have noticed we now have street signs at the top of Church Lane. It is hoped that this will help to stop lorries and ladies looking for the East Farm swimming pool from taking the wrong turn. We have had several incidents of enormous lorries coming down the lane and then destroying the banks and the side of the road as they attempt to turn round. Hopefully this together with the multiple signs the developers have erected will stop this.

## **Defibrillator Training**

A further defibrillator has been purchased by Covered Occasions at Avenue Farm and will be available for use if required. We have once again arranged our annual training which will be held at **The New Inn on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**. Even if you have been before it is always a good idea to have a refresher course, which also includes CPR.

## **Rivers**

Recent heavy rain has caused the Bourne to burst its banks in a few places. Any resident wishing to register for flood alerts can do so by registering on Wiltshire Council's Environmental website.

## **Your Parish Councillors**

**Jill Petchey (Chair), Mark Saunders, Lyn Bennett-Nutt, Gary Higgins, Andrew George-Perutz, Helen Ramsay, Neil Kirk**

**Parish Clerk: Janice Pattison 01672 539556**

Any member of the public may attend Council Meetings to address the Council on any matter on the Agenda. Please notify the Parish Clerk that you wish to attend. The Annual General Meeting followed by the meeting of the new Council will be at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020** in Winterbourne Monkton Church.

**Village Spring Clean – 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Between 10am and 4pm  
Please come and help**

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