

MINUTES OF THE BRADFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 3rd 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM

AT 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr A House Chairman
 Cllr T Wale
 Cllr P Isherwood
 Cllr P Henwood
 Cllr B Wyatt
 Cllr M Ashbrook

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: G Pask; Q Webb

Public: 2

132. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr K Dearing; Ms J Ives

133. **DECLARATIONS:** none

134. **PUBLIC FORUM:** A parishioner outlined a document entitled "The Case For Contingency Action" which was written after the open meeting concerning the future of the Village Hall on 26th March. A major concern was that the Village Hall electrical certificate would expire in 2021 meaning the hall would have to close. After listing other concerns it was stated that, as time was of the essence, the best way forward would be for the Parish Council to organise a closed meeting with chosen representatives to hammer out the best plans for the future. The Council agreed to this course of action.

135. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of 6th March 2018 were agreed and signed.

136. **Matters arising** from the Minutes of the previous meeting not referred to elsewhere: still working on the glass broken in the telephone box.

137. **PLANNING:** Decisions from the Planning Authority.

18/00101/CLASSR Herons Farm Buckhold. Change of use of Agricultural Barn which is currently used for Hay and Straw, to additional D2 floor Space. The Barn will revert to Hay and Straw storage when not in D2 use. **Cannot be determined.**

17/2958/FULD The Beacon, Tutts Clump amended plans for infill dwelling, and amended parking layout. **Approval**

Handwritten mark

NEW APPLICATIONS:

1) 17/03411/OUTMAJ. Land north of Stretton Close Bradfield Southend.

Height of plot 1 has been reduced. Additional planting of hedging to the rear of 11 Stretton Close.

No Objection

2) 18/00568/HOUSE. 16 Stanbrook Close. Bradfield Southend.

Single storey rear extension.

No Objection

138. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT:

- Two salt bins were very low, company came out and filled them promptly.
- Potholes are really bad.
- Hedges in Admore Lane have been trimmed.

139. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

- 86 volunteer groups were very good at Newbury Racecourse.
- West Berkshire Council is part of a pilot scheme on business rates and will receive £1.4 million more. This money has already been allocated for children's services etc.

140. ITEMS TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

- Gigaclear have stopped working. Council will find out why.
- WBC do not tell people that they can apply for reduced rates.

141. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL:

1. Village Hall Management Committee resolved to change constitution which is very sensible.
2. Parish Council Meeting. West Berkshire Council will no longer send out paper versions of planning applications. This will save £27,000. Options were discussed and in the short term Council will pay to have paper versions.
3. District Parish Conference.
 - WBC legal department will do work for Parish Councils and parishioners.
 - Discussed health and welfare
 - West Berkshire's age profile has a low number of people aged 20 – 40 which is the group most wanted by the Council.
 - The health of people in West Berkshire is in the top 10% of the country.
 - There will be a 20% increase in people over 65 by 2025.

- Crime Commissioner states country spends £200 million on cyber crime per year and that most of the crime increase in Thames Valley is due to people who reside outside the area.

142. **FINANCE.**

Cheques paid:

1025 Salt Bins £160.00

1026 Dog Bins £751.68

143. **OTHER MATTERS.**

- Kay Lacey, the chair of the Pang Valley Flood Forum will speak at the APA on 9th April 2018.
- Mike Ashbrook will join NAG as council representative.

144. **Date of next Meeting: May 1st 2018.**

Andrew Steva Chairman

1/5/2018 Date