

Minutes of the meeting of Barton Stacey Parish Council held at 19.30 pm on Tuesday 21st April 2020 as a virtual zoom meeting.

Meeting opened at 19.30pm. Cllr Gaines welcomed everyone to the first virtual meeting. **Present:** Cllr S Gaines (Chair), Cllr N Prideaux, Cllr N Cooper, Cllr B Jayes, Cllr D Oliver, Cllr A Bettle-Shaffer. **Also present:** The Clerk – Mrs Jo Gadney, Borough Councillor – Cllr David Drew. **Members of Public - 8**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION For ten minutes residents are invited to address the Parish Council, make comment on items on the agenda or raise matters for consideration at a future meeting.

The Clerk read out a letter from residents with regards to item 5a) as they couldn't attend the meeting.

“We are writing regarding the siting of a ‘dog bin’ in Bransbury. We would agree that there are a large number of deposits in Bransbury, although we do not believe that these are due to the lack of a bin. We believe that a number of dog owners exercise their dogs in Bransbury because they think that they do not need to pick up after their dogs, because it is quiet and they will not be seen. We have witnessed a large number of dogs exercised off leads and the owners are disinterested in what the animals are doing. I have in the past offered a small shovel that I keep for the purpose, to clear deposits that have been left in our garden or on the verge outside our house, the dog walkers are generally rude when asked to clear up. Recent walks along the West Moors track and Moonlight track require concentration to avoid the large numbers of deposits, lovely walks spoiled. We believe the provision of a bin will enable those responsible dog owners who clear up after their dogs, more convenience, but will not reduce the number of deposits in Bransbury. The additional cost for the purchase and siting of the bin, circa £300 and the annual emptying charge, circa £200, is a significant percentage of the Parish precept, which we believe could be better spent.

A resident wants to address the council about item 8b on the agenda planning ref 20/00466/FULLN - of which he objects. It is outside the settlement boundary. Confirmed the definition of what a traveller is and doesn't agree that the applicant is a traveller as he has been on the electoral roll since 1997 and owned a property since then with at least 2 mortgages. The application is missing a biodiversity list and has answered numerous questions in the design and access statement in correctly (altered access answered no, however there has never been an access road at the site) A flood risk survey is missing from application and no sign of visibility splays on this 60mph road. There is very little change from previous application (which was refused) and is in the Chalk Downs area.

Another resident would like to object to the planning application ref 20/00466/FULLN. It seems to be a re-run of the previous application in 2014 which was refused in March 2015 and therefore most of these reasons for refusal still stand. Old hedges were removed in late 2019 and the site has been cleared during Covid-19 lockdown which surely wasn't essential travel. He feels it is malicious intent and causes concern. It is totally inappropriate for a rural setting and the Chalk Downs area, outside the village curtilage, close to All Saints Church and the Conservation area. 2 photos from the Design and access statement are misleading. The cess pit is cause for concern with flood plain and pollution risks. Inadequate provision for parking. The “Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan document regulation 18” written by TVBC states that 10 pitches need to be identified between 2022 – 2027 of which 11 have been allocated. He believe this application will be detrimental to the parish.

21.66 Apologies. Received and accepted – Cllr Sherwood, Cllr Lovell. Cllr Patis- no apologies received

21.67 Declarations of Interest

To receive and record declarations interest on the agenda. None but to note that item 8b (planning application 20/00466/FULLN) is relevant to all parishioners.

21.68 Minutes of the previous Meeting and actions arising

a)To approve the minutes of the full council meeting dated Tuesday 17th March, 2020. Proposed and approved. To be signed by Cllr Gaines after lockdown. Action points. Cllr Gaines not spoken to school due to lockdown restrictions.

21.69 The Borough and County Councillors reports

- a) Borough Councillor – Cllr David Drew – Grants have been given to many community groups from TVBC. BSPC have received £500 to cover any costs incurred with Covid-19 pandemic. Village Hall can also get a large grant to cover loss of income. Fly-tipping continues and another offender has been prosecuted.
- b) County Councillor – Cllr Andrew Gibson – no report received

21.70 Parish Matters

- a) Discuss the need for a dog bin for Bransbury and agree actions. Cllr Gaines confirmed that the annual cost now per dog bin is £203.60. The purchase and installation of a new bin would be £340.11. This has been discussed in the past (numerous times) and, in light of comments from residents and Cllr who live in Bransbury, PC decided against it. Proposed, seconded and resolved to not go ahead with the provision of a bin.
- b) Discuss /agree bridge and culvert around entrance to Wheat Cottage. Clerk has been in touch with MOD who have confirmed that neither is their responsibility. **Action** Clerk to contact local farmer who may be able to advise who owns culvert as it is need of clearing. Bridge might well be owned by Wheat Cottage.

21.71 Councillor reports

SG – Sadly the PC heard of the death of Derek Green. He was a very active member of the village and for 20 years ran the Tuesday Club and many charities. The PC appreciate everything that he has done for the parish. NP – would also like to confirm that Eric Broadway died in Winchester hospital yesterday. He had been a parish councillor when he lived in Newton Stacey. The PC's thoughts are with both families. NP is worried about the permission given to Raymond Brown re the extra storage space given to them during Covid-19 and needs a close eye. SG had correspondence from HCC about this (more later) Would like to know when the playground repairs may be completed – it might make sense to do this now as not in use. **Action** Clerk to find out if contractors are currently working and find out an estimated date for the work. ABS – low hanging branch in Bransbury. Increase in number of dogs being exercised however reduction in vehicle numbers. SG – spoke to Chair of Longparish PC regarding RB and they have received a letter from the Development planning manager of HCC regarding allowing more bunds of IBA during Covid-19. She gave reassurance as to how it will be handled along with meetings and time scales. The increase of noise at night has been lodged and HCC have been in contact with RB about this. It will all be monitored and enforcement are still working during lockdown. DD confirmed that although TVBC normally deal with planning as this is a recycling facility HCC deals with it.

21.72 Covid-19

- a) Update of help given so far – 3 call outs so far and volunteers have been very happy to help.
- b) Update/agree purchasing and distributing food packages for vulnerable/hardship/self-isolating residents – Proposed and resolved that if food items were needed then the PC would order from the Village shop who would need approx. 24 hours notice.
- c) Confirmation of grant from TVBC and donation from KTVB. £500 has been given as a grant from TVBC to cover costs incurred during Covid-19 (purchasing of food, leaflet costs already incurred, petrol money for volunteer journeys). KTVB have kindly donated £1200 as group being wound-up, again to help cover costs during Covid-19 pandemic.
- d) Confirm extension dates of AGAR. This has been confirmed regarding the signing off of the end of year accounts. Usually forms have to be audited and submitted by 30 June however this year there has been an extension till 31st July. This allows internal auditors to carry out their visits and to get sign off at a full council meeting.

21.73 Planning applications. Discuss/agree

- a) 20/00765 CPLN- certificate of lawful proposed development for the conversion of the existing garage, internal alterations to create open plan kitchen diner, installation of large windows to rear elevation and solid tiled roof to orangery – 16 West Road, Barton Stacey, SO21 3SB. The applicants discussed this with the planning officer. Proposed and resolved for neutral comment. **Action** Clerk to inform TVBC of decision.

b)20/00466/FULLN – change of use of land to one gypsy and traveller pitch with associated ancillary development comprising static home, touring caravan, day room, hardstanding, parking and installation of cess pit at Land Adjacent, The Recreation Ground, Cocum Road, Barton Stacey

This application was discussed at length and the following points were raised:-

Very little difference from previous application which was refused in March 2015

Flood risk an issue, land low lying and last place for cesspit which will require emptying every 6 weeks

Inaccuracies in application and Design and Access statement- work started in November 2019 ‘

clearance, tree planting, fencing, access is changing – fly tipping photos are from circa 2008 and no knowledge of any such activity since

Missing items-Nitrates report, Biodiversity Report, no Flood Risk assessment

Status of applicant discussed as Land Registry docs show that he is owner of a property in Southampton and has appeared on the Electoral Roll for many years. Also question raised re static mobile home not being suitable for traveller site

Contravenes Policy E1 (high quality development) and E2 (not detrimental or have a negative impact on local area) of the Test Valley Revised Local Plan DPD 2011-2029. Within Chalk Down Area.

Proposed and resolved to object to the application.

Proposed and resolved to ask Cllr Drew to call the application to committee if it looks like TVBC are going to approve it.

Proposed and resolved to employ a planning consultant, at the cost of £750 plus VAT, who will put together a detailed report for the PC which will be logged along with PC comments to TVBC. Some residents have offered some financial support to help with these costs. The consultant is from Southern Planning Practice Ltd. Comments need to be TVBC before 28th April. **Action** Clerk to inform TVBC of decision.

21.74 Finance

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 2020

Treasurers Actual	In	Out	Balance
Closing balance as at 1 March 2020			£11,499.91
Payments received March	£1688.99		
Payments cleared during March		£2,018.71	
Total closing balance 1 April 2020			£11,170.19

Business Instant Access Actual	In	Out	Balance
Opening balance as at 1 March 2020			£21,878.57
Payments received March	£17.26		
Payments cleared March		£0	
Total Closing balance 1 April 2020			£21,895.83

Invoices paid between meetings (already on March statement)

Business Stream –pavilion water (DD)	£33.42
J King tree care – nature area	£400.00

Invoices yet to be paid

Clerk’s salary less pension	£528.00
Clerk’s expenses	£18.00
Admin costs	£35.00
Barton Stacey Village Hall – 1193,1195	£48.00
Greensmile Ltd inv 7077	£535.50
Laszlo Olchvary – bridge	£125.00
Wildflower Turf	£438.00
Test Valley BC – dog bins	£1440.00
Printing covid leaflets – Cllr Gaines	£122.00
Cllr Jayes – weedol for wildflowers	£8.04
HCC lighting	£759.01

These minutes are a true representation of the meeting. Signed and Dated _____

Payment for insurance claim Mr Eastman

£32.38

Total

£4088.93

Total estimated balance available

£28,977.09

- a) Receive and approve monthly financial report for March. Proposed and resolved the financial report. A councillor will sign the statements ASAP.
- b) To note correction to play quotes from £2296.09 to £2450. Proposed and resolved to accept.

21.75 Clerk's report

The extra railings have now been added to the bridge leading to Postmans walk. The application to the Woodlands Trust for free saplings has been successful and these will arrive in November. Salary scales for Clerks haven't yet been finalised but looking like a 2.5% increase. This increase will be back dated for April's salary if an agreement hasn't been confirmed. Working from home allowance has been confirmed by HMRC for an increase from £16 per month to £26 per month (tax free allowance) An ex resident would like to donate a teak bench in memory of her husband for the recreation ground. Clerk will circulate photo of the preferred bench (after meeting) which is the MCC 3 seater bench from Chic Teak (Basingstoke) To place on the East side of the recreation ground overlooking the football pitch and fields.

Meeting Closed: 20.53

Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th May, 2020

Summary of Actions:

Paragraph	Description	Who
21.70	Ask local farmer who owns culvet outside Wheat Cottage	Clerk
21.71	When might the work in the playground take place	Clerk
21.73	Confirm planning comments on TVBC portal	Clerk