**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2018**

**at the Birbury, Birdingbury**

**Present:** Councillor Mrs Turner, Cllr Mrs Davy, Cllr Mrs Morton, Cllr Tipton and Cllr Preston

**In attendance:** Jackie Chapman (Clerk), and 2 members of the public

1. **Welcome.**

Cllr Turner opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs and welcomed those present.

1. **To accept apologies for absence**

None received

1. **Declaration of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **Representations from the public**

Two members of the public attended the meeting and spoke briefly to the Parish Councillors about Planning.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting.**

Cllr Morton asked for the minutes of the previous meeting to be amended to reflect the correct spelling of her name. Following this manual amendment

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th February 2018 as a true and complete record.

1. **Reports from Borough and County Councillors**

Neither District or County Councillor were present at the meeting

1. **Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Mrs Davy and Cllr Mrs Morton both raised their concern with regard to the viaduct on Bourton Lane. There have been a spate of accidents and now there is nothing to stop a car from entering the river, if it comes off the road.

**ACTION -** Clerk to contact Warwickshire County Council Highways and ask for a safety inspection.

All Councillors remain concerned about the lack of gritting within the village especially when the main road through Marton was closed and vehicles were being diverted through Birdingbury.

**ACTION -** Clerk to write to Warwickshire County Council Highways.

For information, there has been a car stolen from within the village, the Police are aware.

The planning application for Top Farm is due to go to Committee.

**8. Planning Applications**

**8.1** The following planning application has been received:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Application No | Address | Detail | BPC Response |
| R/18/0205 | Land at Stockton Lane, Birdingbury | Erection of an Ancillary Building | Objection |

The Parish Council object to the planning application R/18/0205 on the following grounds:-

The ancillary building will cause the site to be over developed.

The site is currently a block of wooden stables, permission has already been granted for the stables to be developed into a detached property. Further development will constitute over development.   
Additionally, the potential building of ancillary buildings will be out of keeping within the street scene, as this is currently a stock field, with stabling, not a block of garages.  
The Parish Councils considers some of the statements made on the application are incorrect, namely, there is no running water or mains sewerage at the site.

The Parish Council ask for a site meeting to take place to discuss this further.

It was agreed Cllr Mrs Turner would contact the local District Councillor – Cllr Mrs Crane regarding the Parish Councils concerns relating to the planning applications for the land of Stockton Road.

**8.2** The following planning decision has been received: None

**8.3 Appeals** – none

**9. Financial Issues**

**9.1 Approval of cheques**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Morton, seconded by Cllr Preston and

**RESOLVED** the following payments be made.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Payee** | **Amount £** |
| Clerks fee March 2018 |  |
| Godfrey Payton – The Hovel Annual Licence Fee | 10.00 |
| HMRC | 4.60 |
| Insurance portion for Birdingbury Village Club | 131.50 |

**9.2 Bank Balance**

As at 8th February 2018 £4566.01 - noted

**9.3 Budget Report as at 28.02.18**

The Clerk will forward this information to Councillors prior to the next meeting

**9.4 VAT reclaim**

To note payment of £1075.23 has been received.

**10. Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr Tipton advised a meeting is due to take place on Wednesday 21st March 2018. Cllr Tipton will update the Council as the next Parish Council meeting.

**11. Defibrillator**

The Clerk advised she has contacted BT and they are unable to advise when the telephone will be removed from the telephone box as they need to train more engineers. Consequently the Clark has not yet applied for a Lottery Grant, as part of the lottery conditions is that the project is completed within a year of receiving the grant. Cllr Mrs Morton asked the Clerk to complete and submit the application.

**ACTION** Clerk to complete application

**12. Future of Birbury and Birdingbury Club**

The Chair of Birdingbury Club spoke to the Parish Council at the start of the meeting during representations from the public. Investigations are continuing and they are due to go and meet with Cava in the near future.

**13. Youth and Play Grants 2018**

The MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) needs relining.

**ACTION** – Clerk to apply for a Youth and Play Grant to cover the relining costs

**14. Newcomers to the village**

None

**16. Correspondence received and action required**

Bank Statement

**17.**  **Business considered urgent by the Chair**

Cllr Mrs Turner advised the Parish Councillors she does not intend to stand as Chairman of the Parish Council at the Annual Parish Council Meeting due to be held on 15th May 2018.

**16. Items for the next Agenda**

Cllr Morton offered her apologies for the Annual Village Meeting due to be held on 24th April 2018

**Date of next meeting 17th April 2018, Annual Village Meeting 24th April 2018.**

Meeting closed 20.45 hrs

**Signed**

**Date**