

Minutes for the Meeting of Birdingbury Parish Council
19th February 2013, held at The Birbury, Birdingbury

Present

Councillors: D Turner (Chair), I Tipton (Vice-Chair), G Davy and T Healey.

In Attendance

Joanna Bloomfield (Clerk).

1. **Welcome and apologies for absence.**

Councillor Turner opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Councillors Morton had sent his apologies for this meeting. Borough Councillor Hazelton was expected.

2. **To accept apologies for absence.**

It was agreed to accept the apology for absence from Councillors Morton.

3. **Declarations of interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

4. **Representations from the public.**

There were no representations from the public.

5. **Report from Borough Councillor.**

As Borough Councillor Hazelton had not arrived, it was decided to continue with the meeting and allow him to speak when he did.

6. **Minutes of the last meeting.**

The minutes of the Parish Council held on 11th January 2013 were unanimously approved, subject to two minor changes of wording, and signed as a true record.

7. **Back Lane driveway.**

A response had been received from RBC stating that the maintenance department would be able to raise an order to part pave the driveway to the back door. Further work (for example, any adaptations that may be required to access the front door) would need to be referred by an occupational therapist. It was agreed that this was a good outcome and that the Clerk should contact RBC asking them to put this in action. Councillor Tipton agreed to contact the family of the resident with regard to arranging for an occupational therapist to visit.

Action

Clerk to reply to RBC asking them to go ahead.

Councillor Tipton to contact resident's family.

8. **WALC nomination for attendance at a Royal Garden Party.**

Since the last meeting, Councillor Tipton had stepped aside in favour of Councillor Morton. The nomination had been forwarded to WALC.

9. **Report from Councillors.**

Councillor Davy: The next meeting of the Recreation Field Committee is 13th March. Currently getting quotes to mend broken swing. The improved hedge between recreation field and road needs flaying. This is usually done by Birdingbury Estates, when their schedule allows. Councillor Davy to pursue tomorrow (20th February). If not, alternative arrangements need to be made, depending on whether flaying should be finished by end of February or March, either by Councillor Davy or the Chair.

Councillor Tipton: Reported damage to verge on the Long Itchington Road (near to the shifted man-hole cover) where farmer turns on the verge, causing damage on both sides of the road. Councillors discussed reporting this to Highways but decided to first ascertain who was causing the damage and pursue a personal approach.

10. **Correspondence requiring action** (and not elsewhere on the Agenda).

- RoSPA Annual Playing Field inspection notification.
- Big Picture Show – forwarded to Bird Song. Also to forward to Councillor Tipton as chair of The Birdingbury Club.
- Parish Handyman Workshop. Having consulted other Parishes, Councillors decided that this was not relevant for Birdingbury.
- Brood Bitch Holders – forwarded to Bird Song.

Action

Clerk to forward Big Picture Show email to Councillor Tipton.

11. **Financial Issues.**

Final accounts had been received for all the outstanding work undertaken by WCC – the Jitty steps, new kerbing at Master’s Court, the new path to the church and the gateway signs and lining. All the work had been finished except the gateway signs and lining but, nevertheless, it was agreed to pay the accounts.

11.1 The following cheques were approved for signing:

- Clerk fees and expenses 000517 - £174.83
- Installation of notice boards on bus shelter 000522 - £150.00
- WCC – The Jitty steps 000518 - £2,855.71
- WCC – Master’s Court kerbing 000519 - £1,500.00
- WCC – Speed Aware 000523 - £11,901.25

11.2 Financial statement

As the final figures for the work on the Jitty steps and on the Speed Aware work came in less than the original quotes, there was now a slight surplus in the funds available.

Actions

Clerk to pay WCC for the Speed Aware work once the Rural Grant was received from RBC (expected in next few days).

12. **Planning Issues.**

- **R13/0177** – Linden, Main Street, Birdingbury. It was agreed that Councillors Healey and Davy should visit the residents and report back to the Clerk.

Action

Councillors Healey and Davy to make planning visit.

(5). **Report from Borough Councillor**

- Councillor Turner explained to Borough Councillor Hazelton the situation regarding the gateway signs and linings and asked that, should the final work not get finished by the end of March, he take up the cause on behalf of Birdingbury Parish Council. He agreed as BPC were paying in good faith.
- Councillor Turner explained the Parish Council's concern about the state of the village verges, particularly in several areas on the Long Itchington Road. Although it is a problem nationwide, due to the adverse weather conditions throughout the past year, Borough Councillor Hazelton agreed to help where he can.
- 43% of entire Warwickshire roads were gritted during recent snow/ice. Marton Road gritted as a principal 'route in and route out' but it required a 4x4 to get on to the Marton Road from Main Street, as this was not gritted. Councillor Turner asked if Borough Councillor Hazelton could get Main Street designated as a secondary route, so that it would get gritted when grit was available. Grit bins in the village were full, local residents need use the grit provided.
- Willoughby Parish Council were grateful for all support received but mindful that those behind the crematorium idea still own 36 acres of land.
- Passenger Transport Assistant petition was successful, RBC found money to re-instate assistants, safety of driver and children paramount. It was agreed that a good campaign had been fought.

13. **Highways**

- **Viaduct:** the Clerk reported a response from RBC, who always search fly-tipped rubbish to look for identification. None was found on this occasion.
- **T-junction on Long Itchington Road:** Severn Trent have stopped the leak, but churning of the verge still an issue as there is no space for big vehicles/buses to turn. Councillors decided to re-visit the issue when the weather improved.
- **Fly tipping on Long Itchington Road:** the Clerk reported that Stratford Council had responded that the rubbish was tipped right on the border of their area, but would see 'what could be done'.

14. **Newcomers to the village.**

There were no newcomers to the village.

15. **Business considered urgent by the Chair** (and not elsewhere on the Agenda).

There was no business considered urgent by the Chair.

16. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Birdingbury Parish Council is to be held on Tuesday 19th March 2013 at 7.30pm at the Birbury.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed (Chair)

Date