

BIRDINGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Birdingbury Parish Council 15th September 2015, held at The Birbury, Birdingbury

Present

Councillors: D Turner (Chair), I Tipton, G Davy, J Morton, D Preston, Borough Councillor E Crane and County Councillor Howard Roberts.

In Attendance

Rebecca Butcher (Clerk) and one member of the public.

1. **Welcome and apologies for absence.**
Councillor Turner opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
2. **To accept apologies for absence.**
There were no apologies to accept
3. **Declarations of interest.** Councillors are reminded that they should declare either a personal or prejudicial interest. (Councillors with a prejudicial interest should leave the room for the relevant items.)
Councillor Davy declared an interest in item 14 – Masters' Court and Paddocks Farm.
4. **Representations from the public.**
A member of the public raised great concern over the sewerage issues that have been ongoing over the last week in the village. They reported an eruption of raw sewage over Main Street from the drains. With the continuing rain over the following week this serious contamination of the road, verges and gardens has been repeated, and indeed has spread into Back Lane finishing up surrounding a house in Back Lane. They expressed their frustration as to what was being done as preventative measures by Severn Trent.

It was agreed that Councillor Turner and the Clerk were to draft a letter requesting a meeting with a regional manager within Severn Trent also alerting and inviting the environment agency, environmental health and highways. This letter also to request immediate cleansing of the area, a full inquiry as to what happened and what they are going to do to resolve this.
5. **Reports from Borough and County Councillors.**
Councillor Roberts and Councillor Crane in attendance
6. **Dog Fouling Bin** – issue to be raised with Borough Councillor.

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Councillors agreed to discuss dog fouling Bins. Councillor Roberts has confirmed that Warwickshire County Council are prepared to contribute £100 towards this. Councillors feel that the village should not be paying for this facility as in cities this would be provided for free. Councillors discussed other options and the potential to buy the bin and have it installed independently. Councillor Crane is going to approach RBC to clarify if they RBC would empty a dog fouling bin if not provided by themselves. Councillor Roberts is going to speak to Warwickshire county council again to see if further/full funding can be obtained.

7. **Fly Tipping** – issue to be raised with County and Borough Councillor. Councillor Roberts confirmed that this is currently being investigated at a County level as they are aware of restrictions to householders disposing of rubbish.

8. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the Birdingbury Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st July 2015 have been approved and signed.

9. **Reports from Councillors** (other than Planning and Highway issues).

Councillor Davy

Reported on the success of the firework training carried out on the 2nd September 2015. With 5 people in attendance. The firework display will be held on the 7th November 2015. Councillor Davy requested some resources for the firework displays

1 x water fire extinguisher 9l

2 x fire blankets

1 x first aid kit

This was agreed by all councillors. Clerk to order equipment.

Clerk to inform Emergency Services of firework display.

Clerk to confirm with RBC parks and recreation department that no permit is required for display in writing

Councillor Morton

There has been a spate of burglaries on outbuildings, some arrests have been made.

There is currently a drive to recruit voluntary PCO's. They are interested in horse owners who may be interested in joining a mounted patrol. New neighbourhood watch signs have been erected as you enter the village.

Councillor Morton has received some reports of concerns from villagers about the gravel on the road outside the entrance to Paddocks farm on Marton Road.

Have the new signs had planning permission?

Councillor Turner also raised concerns on the gravel at Broughton hill and on other road surfaces. Clerk to contact highways to see if all areas

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affected have a survey carried out.

Councillor Turner

The play park report was discussed as further works have been suggested. Councillor Preston is going to speak to ex councillor Terry Healey to ascertain which works are essential.

There have been reports of a dog being taken into the recreation ground and dog fouling within the recreation ground. Clerk to contact individuals to request this is not repeated.

There have been several instances of vandalism of the summer at the recreation ground. Beer bottles and broken glass, destruction of the oil drum placed there for the jubilee oak, graffiti and arson of the refuse bin. Clerk to order new bin from RBC. Councillor Turner to write an article for birdsong to outline the vandalism and bring awareness to the village.

There has been an accident reported, a member of the public tripped on an uneven surface on the Marton Road footpath. Clerk to contact Transport and Highways, Warwickshire County Council.

10. **Correspondence requiring action** (and not elsewhere on the Agenda).
None

11. **Financial Issues.**

11.1 The following cheques were approved for payment

- Clerk's fee and expenses July 000634-£214.80
- Clerks fee and expenses August 000635-£180.52
- Clerks fee and expenses August 000636-£173.11
- MFM grass cutting July 000631-£181.00
- MFM grass cutting August 000630-£278.00
- St Leonards Church (allotment field) 000629-£85.00
- West Midland Fire Service 000637 - £235.66
- Morral Play Services (playground inspection) 000633-£59.40
- Warwickshire training partnership (clerks training) 000632-45.00

11.2 The Financial statement was circulated

11.3 Adding additional cheque signatories paperwork was completed,
Clerk to post to Bank

12. **Planning Issues.**

- R15/1188 – land adjacent to Masters' Court
No change

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- R15/1481-Glebe Rise temporary access road
This has been granted
- Potential solar farm.
If there are any further developments to this an extraordinary meeting may be held on the 6th October 2015

13. **Highways.**

Hedge trimming around recreation field
Councillor Tipton has spoken to a local farmer who is prepared to carry out the hedge trimming November/December 2015 for a cost of £60 approx.

14. **Newcomers to the village.**

None reported

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

16. **Date of next Parish Council meeting:** Tuesday 20th October 2015

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.37 pm

Signed (Chair)

Date