**Minutes of the meeting of Birdingbury Parish Council**

**19th January 2016, held at The Birbury, Birdingbury**

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| **Present** | |  |
|  | I Tipton (Chair), G Davy, J Morton, E Crane, H Roberts | |

**In Attendance**

Rebecca Butcher (Clerk), no members of the public present.

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| 1. | **Welcome and apologies for absence.**  Councillor Tipton opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Councillor D Preston sent apologies for not attending. Councillor D Turner apologies sent. |
| 2. | **To accept apologies for absence.** Councillor D Preston apologies for absence accepted. Councillor D Turner apologies for absence were also accepted. |
| 3. | **Declarations of interest.** |
| 4. | There were no declarations of interest  **Representations from the public.**  There were no members of the public present |
| 5. | **Sewerage/Flooding/Highways issues**  Clerk relayed update received from Ben Hill from the Highways department. He confirmed that the Man Hole Cover damaged when the sewerage was dumped was repaired on the 11/01/16. The outstanding works for new gullies and the gulley on the corner of Long Itchington Road being improved has been given to a contractor to carry out the work, along with the jetting of the storm drains. Once he is in receipt of a date this will be relayed to Birdingbury Parish Council |
| 6.  7.  8. | **New Bin in recreation field**  The matter of a new been being required was raised and Councillor Crane is going to look into this and then feedback to the Council on whether there will be any cost implications to this.  **Reports from Borough and County Councillors-**  Councillor Crane reported that the New Rugby Parish Plan is available on their website <https://www.rugby.gov.uk/downloads/download/220/local_plan_preferred_options_for_consultation> the close for comments is the 19th February 2016.  There will be an overview and scrutiny workshop held at Ben Hall on 3rd March. This is to raise any issues that the Council feels affects themselves along with other Parishes that could be looked into and potentially improved. This can also be submitted prior to the meeting in writing.  Councillor Crane also informed the Council of an information evening on the 3rd February 2016 highlighting grants that may be available over the next year.  Councillor Roberts advised that the County Budget will be being set. He will advise the Council at the next meeting on the outcome of this.  **Dog Fouling Bin** The Bin has now been installed by the bus shelter; there has been a complaint that people are still putting dog waste in the main refuse bin. A message will be circulated in birdsong highlighting the position of the new bin and it is hoped that once people are aware of its location they will use it. |
| 9. | **Work needed to be carried out in the play park** – The Council has been made aware of some holes in the fencing by the play park. The clerk is going to contact R Lennon to request some suggestions for repair along with quotations. The Clerk is also going to request a quote for repair/replacement of the steps for the slide. |
| 10. | **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes from the last meeting where approved and signed by Councillor Tipton as a true record. They were proposed by Councillor Morton and seconded by Councillor Davy. |
| 11. | **Reports from Councillors** (other than Planning and Highway issues).  Councillor Morton  Councillor Morton has received a report from a member of the public highlighting that there is no lighting at the Jitty in Back Lane. This matter was discussed by the Council and agreed that installing lighting in this area is not something they could do as it is a village without street lights and preventing light pollution was important to the village as a whole. Councillor Morton is going to feed this back to the member of the public.  Councillor Tipton  Councillor Tipton confirmed he has now retired from being president for the Birdingbury Club after 21 years of service. Richard Cutts will be taking over until a new replacement is appointed. |
| 12. | **Correspondence requiring action** (and not elsewhere on the Agenda).  Appointment of new clerk  As the current clerk Rebecca Butcher will be leaving the post recruitment is to commence for a replacement. Clerk to place advert on the WALC website as well as the Biridingburys site. Councillor Morton is going to put an advert in Birdsong and distribute posters provided by the Clerk.  Any enquiries for the post should be emailed to the [Parishclerk@birdingbury.org](mailto:Parishclerk@birdingbury.org) email address. The close for applications will be 15th February 2016.  New elector register  Clerk updated Councillors that a new up to date register has now been sent to her.  RBC Grants evening  Councillor Crane informed us of this earlier in the meeting  The Royal Garden Party  Clerk to nominate Councillor Tipton for his length of service and commitment to Birdingbury Parish Council.  The Queen’s Birthday Celebrations  Initial discussions around the Queen’s Birthday Celebrations where had. The support of the Parish Councillor to underwrite this event was also sought and given. Suggestions to date are Proms in the meadow on Saturday 11th June 2016 and a street party on Sunday 12th June 2016. |
| 13. | **Financial Issues.**  11.1 The following cheques were approved for payment   * RBC Dog waste bin 000646 £225.10 * RT Lennon slide repairs 000647 £610.00 * RBC uncontested parish election 000649 £132.22 * Birdingbury Community Fund (Birbury room hire for PC meetings) 000650 £45.00 * Clerk fee for November 2015 000651 £178.15 * Clerk fee for December 2015 000652 £153.49 * F A Walker and Son, hedge trimming 000653 £54.00   11.2 The Financial statement was circulated  11.3 Cheque signatories are all confirmed  11.4 Grass Cutting quotation from MFM Services for 2016 was approved, clerk  to accept quotation in writing.  11.5 Precept was discussed and agreed it would remain the same for the next  Financial year. |
| 14. | **Planning Issues.**   * R15/1188 – land adjacent to Masters’ Court   No change   * R15/2365-Nelsons Wharf extension of existing dropped kerb no comment response form Parish Council * R15/2389 Nelson Wharf, erection of workers dwelling, no comment response from Parish Council * Potential solar farm.   No news   * R15/2439–demolition of existing dwelling and replacement of existing swelling, siting of a mobile home during construction at Pioneer Farm. Parish Council have given a no comment response. * Sand and Gravel Quarry   Clerk has received confirmation of Birdingbury Parish Council response to proposed plans have been received. Due to the volume RBC has received there has been a delay in coming back to people. Birdingbury Parish Council is now on their update list so any developments will automatically being relayed to us. |
| 15. | **Highways**  Owner of Glebrise has informed the Parish Council that work has commenced at their property. They have highlighted that there may be some mud on the road from construction vehicles any problems will be rectified. |
| 16. | **Newcomers to the village.** |
| 17. | There are no new comers. Councillor has created a new welcome booklet Councillor Tipton and Councillor Davy to review it.  **Business considered urgent by the Chair** (and not elsewhere on the Agenda). |
| 18. | **Date of next Parish Council meeting**: Tuesday 16th February 2016 |

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.35 pm

Signed ................................................................ (Chair)

Date ..................................................................