**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2018**

**at the Birbury, Birdingbury**

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

**In attendance:** Jackie Chapman (Clerk),

1. **Welcome.**

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

1. **To accept apologies for absence**

Cllr Preston – apologies accepted.

Cllr Mrs Crane – apologies accepted

1. **Declaration of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **Representations from the public**

One resident was in attendance at the meeting and expressed their concerns regarding planning application 17/2056 Land adjacent to Stockton Road.

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

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st November 2017 as a true and complete record.

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

County Councillor Roberts advised Rugby Borough Councillor has appointed Mr. Dan Green to the post of Head of Environment and Public Realm. Ben Hill – Highways at Warwickshire County Council has been promoted and will be moving to work for the north of the County. Rugby Borough Council is currently setting its budget for 2018 – 2019. Rugby Borough Council Local Plan Examination Hearing commence on 23rd January 2018 – 1st February 2018. Both Cllr Roberts and Cllr Mrs Crane are due to speak at the hearing.

1. **Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Mrs Morton asked for the defibrillator to become a standing item on the Agenda. The door to the telephone box is rotten, it is possible to buy a new door. Clerk advised she has received the paperwork to show the telephone box is being adopted.

Telephone Box will need some work doing to it. Over Christmas there were a lot of problems with Broadband failing.

**ACTION** Clerk to write to Openreach

Cllr Mrs Davy advised Mrs Westcott is willing to handover the Bonfire Accounts to the Parish Council. Mrs Westcott has also indicated she is willing to undertake an online course in Basic Food Hygeine.

**ACTION** Clerk to write to Mrs Westcott

**8. Planning Applications**

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

R/17/2056 Land adjacent to Stockton Road, Birdingbury. Conversion of existing stables to form a three bedroom dwelling.

**8.2** The following planning decision has been received:

R/17/2056 Land adjacent to Stockton Road, Birdingbury - Granted

The Councillors were very concerned this planning application has been granted permission as it is outside the village envelope and feel it will possibly set a precedent for future applications

**ACTION** Clerk to write to Jeremy Wright MP

**8.3 Appeals** - none

**9. Financial Issues**

**9.1 Approval of cheques**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Davy, seconded by Cllr Tipton and

**RESOLVED** the following payments be made.

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| **Payee** | **Amount £** |
| Clerks fee January 2018 |  |
| The Birbury - rental charge 18.07.17 – 21.11.17 | 35.00 |

**9.2 Bank Balance**

As at 22nd December 2017 £3536.13 - noted

**9.3 Budget Report as at 31.12.17**

Enclosure B – noted

**9.4 Precept 2018/2019**

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

**RESOLVED** the Parish Precept be increased by 10%

**10. Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr Tipton advised a member of the Neighbourhood Development investigation group has been speaking to a Rugby Borough Council Planning Officer regarding an NDP. In 2016 two plots of land were put forward to RBC for development however neither were suitable. There are a number of areas within the village which are not suitable for development due to the river or the fact there are a number of conservation areas within the village. Discussions are on-going.

The Clerk is asked to forward any new planning applications to the webmaster for them to be put on the village website.

A query was raised about possible development of Top Farm on the Long Itchington Road.

**ACTION** Clerk to contact Marton Parish Council Clerk regarding Top Farm.

**11. Annual Playground Inspection**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

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

No further information

**13. Correspondence received and action required.**

Bank Statement,

**14. Weed Spraying**

It was agreed a date will be arranged in early March 2018 for a walk around the village to determine if and where spraying needs to take place.

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

None

**16. Items for the next Agenda**

Newcomers to be put back on the Agenda

**Date of next meeting 27th February 2018**

Meeting closed 21:22 hrs

**Signed**

**Date**