

Minutes for the Meeting of Birdingbury Parish Council
18th September 2012, held at The Birbury, Birdingbury

Present

Councillors: D Turner (Chair), I Tipton (Vice-Chair), G Davy, T Healey and C. Morton.
Borough Councillor Hazelton.

In Attendance

Joanna Bloomfield (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 for absence to accept.
3. **Declarations of interest.**
Councillor Davy declared an interest in item 9.
4. **Representations from the public.**
There were no representations from the public.
5. **Minutes of the last meeting.**
The minutes of the Parish Council held on 18th July 2012 were unanimously approved and signed as a true record.
6. **Pecuniary Interest and Code of Conduct**
Councillor Morton signed the new Pecuniary Interest Form and the new Code of Conduct, as required by the Localism Act.
7. **The Jitty** – Councillor Turner summarised the site meeting and the Council discussed the advice given by Scott Carpenter. The re-surfacing of the path had been cancelled as it was too badly damaged for slurring, and the county has no resources for comprehensive re-surfacing. Although the quote of £3,660.15 for the work seemed a lot, there were no other major expenditures in the pipe line not accounted for and it was agreed that the replacing of the unsteady steps with three new steps of non-slip slabs and the provision of a hand rail was the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Action
Clerk: to contact Graham Stanley accepting the quote and asking that the work is undertaken as soon as possible.
8. **The Hovel** – After some discussion, following the site meeting between Councillors and a representative of Birdingbury Estates, including the need to safeguard access to the Hovel, it was decided to write to Godfrey-Payton and ask them to attend a further site meeting to obtain their authorization to proceed.

Related to this was the issue of the chairs and tables currently held in containers and Councillors hoped that this could be concluded in the same discussion, in particular a specified method of access, possibly by letter of application.

Action

Clerk: to write to Godfrey-Payton with cc to Birdingbury Estates asking for site meeting at the Hovel.

9. **Report from Borough Councillor**

- Other parishes noticing Birdingbury – No Rogue Traders Zone being copied elsewhere. Scrap collectors had been seen in Willoughby, and burglaries had taken place, but no conclusive connection.
- Speed Aware: awaiting advice on date for completion. Councillor Turner requested that Councillor Hazelton re-assured Michelle Dickson, Housing and Community Team Leader, that Birdingbury Parish Council were waiting for the work to be complete and an account forwarded.
- The Ashlawn Road crematorium was before the planning committee. The company behind the Willoughby Crematorium were not appealing against the planning decision but were putting in a new planning application.
- The speed limit on the A426 was being reduce from 60mph to 50mph.
- Boat Inn, Birdingbury planning application: Highways had no objections.

Action

Clerk: to write in support of Ashlawn Road crematorium.

10. **Community Emergency Plan**

Details collected by Councillors and Clerk with given to Councillor Tipton for collation and forwarding to the CSW Resilience Team.

11. **Reports from Councillors** (other than Planning and Highways)

- Councillor Turner reported that residents of the Old Rectory had asked the Council to consider cutting the grass on the verge. After some discussion it was decided to ask MFM Cutting Services to quote for the cutting of the verge from the gateway to the signpost, and the gateway to the new path, so that the Councillor could understand the cost implication of the request.
- Councillor Davy reported that she had attended a Birbury meeting and that she and another resident had set up a Youth Club in the village. The first meeting only saw three teenagers but a later meeting had sixteen children. They were hoping to be able to use the Club premises from October but first the issue of unfettered access to the bar has to be addressed in order to comply with WAYC (Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs) regulations.
- Councillor Tipton reported that he had received some complaints of noise during the VW weekend, which raised issues about the future use of the Birdingbury Show Ground. RBC – lack of interest. The Council discussed the impact on village, RBC lack of interest and the precedence it set for future events. The Council asked to Clerk to write to Birdingbury Estates asking for early notification in the event of future events so that they had a

chance for consultation. The Clerk was also asked to write to RBC to clarify the position of the Birdingbury Show Ground in respect to other authorizations.

- Councillor Morton reported that dead trees at the top of Back Lane in front of Old Orchard were over hanging the carriage way. He had consulted with three companies specialising in the removal of trees and it was decided to accept £105 to take down and cart away, as this was the cheapest quote. The brash would be retained for the bonfire rather than being chipped.
- Councillor Healey reported that despite 'No Rogue Traders' zone notices, knockers were still stopping in the village but did not approach his house. Other houses with notices had been approached.
- Councillor Davy asked that Councillors advise residents that all accidents at the play ground should be reported to the Play Ground Committee
- The timber frame for the replacement bus shelter had arrived and worked would start on the 8th October.

Actions

Clerk: to ask MFM Grass Cutting Services for quote to cut outside Old Rectory.

Clerk: to write to Birdingbury Estates regarding future events.

Clerk: to write to RBC regarding future events at Birdingbury Estates.

Councillor Morton: to forward details for Clerk to arrange removal of trees.

12. **Review of leases**

The Clerk had read the leases and none were due for renewal.

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

There were no items of correspondence requiring action.

14. **Financial Issues.**

1. Approval of cheques.

The following cheques were approved and signed:

- Bus shelter frame. Cheque no: 498 £2,48.00
- Clerk's fee. Cheque no: 500 £389.544
- MFM Grass Cutting. Cheque no: 499 £600.00
- Zurich Insurance. Cheque no: 497 £632.65
- The Birbury Insurance. Cheque no: 501 £114.07

2. Financial statement.

The financial statement to date was circulated by the Clerk.

15. **Planning Issues.**

- The Boat Inn, Birdingbury – R12/1478. Councillor Davy and Turner had visited the site and raised objections to part of the application. The decision was awaited.
- The Barn, Back Lane, Birdingbury – R12/1682. Councillors had experienced difficulty in finding the plans on the RBC site, but looked at the plans paper plans provided. After some discussion it was decided not to offer any comment.

Action

Clerk: to reply to Planning Application R12/1682 with 'no comment'.

16. **Highways.**

1. Long Itchington Road: Despite being assured by Mark Widdows that this had been dealt with, the hole remains. Mark Widdows had not replied to the Clerks attempts to contact him, so the Clerk contacted Graham Stanley who is taking up the issue.
2. Road closures – A426 Southam Road to Dunchurch and Draycote Road, Draycote. Councillors were aware that these would cause extra traffic through the village and that residents should be made aware. Councillor Turner to mention in her Birdsong report.

Actions

Clerk: to continue pursuing issue of damage to Long Itchington Road with WCC.

Councillor Turner: to advertise road closures in her Birdsong report.

17. **Newcomers to the village.**

There was one new family in Back Lane. Councillor Morton to visit.

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

There were no items considered urgent by the Chair.

19. **Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Birdingbury Parish Council is to be held on Tuesday 16th October 2012 at 7.30pm at the Birbury.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.52pm

Signed (Chair)

Date