

# BIRDINGBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting of Birdingbury Parish Council 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016, held at The Birbury, Birdingbury

### **Present**

Cllrs' Tipton(Vice Chair), Morton, Davy, Preston, Turner, Crane

### **In Attendance**

Jackie Chapman (Clerk), no members of the public present.

1. **Welcome and apologies for absence**  
Councillor Tipton opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed those present. No apologies were given.
2. **To accept apologies for absence**  
None to accept.
3. **Declarations of interest.**  
There were no declarations of interest
4. **Representations from the public**  
There were no members of the public present
5. **Sewerage/Flooding/Highways issues**  
Benjamin Hill, Localities Officer at Warwickshire County Council (WCC) has confirmed an order has been raised to clear the blockages in the drain system and repair the damaged pipework. This work will be carried out at the same time as other drainage works in Birdingbury; albeit that a date for these works is still to be programmed. Benjamin Hill has also confirmed the salt bin by "the jitty" will be filled. Cllr Turner requested the Clerk write and thank Benjamin Hill for his help and advise him the village did not suffer any flooding as a result of the recent heavy rain.
6. **New Bin in recreation field**  
Cllr Morton will request a new refuse bin
7. **Reports from Borough and County Councillors**  
Cllr Crane advised there are a number of grants available from Rugby Borough Council (RBC), the closing date for applications is 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016.  
The Local Plan consultation has finished and developers are being asked to put forward suggestions for land.  
Cllr Crane is not able to attend "Clean for the Queen" on 02.04.16, however, she confirmed litter picking tools and high viz jackets are available for use from RBC.  
RBC will also collect the rubbish.  
Cllr Crane will investigate closing the main street in Birdingbury for the Queen's Birthday Celebrations.
8. **Work needed to be carried out in the play park** – Clerk to establish if quotes

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have been received from R Lennon. Cllr Preston to contact RBC re grant availability and whether this can be pursued to assist with mending the steps to the slide and the fence.

9. **Queens Birthday Celebration**

The first meeting to determine how the village wishes to celebrate this event will be held on 20.04.16 @ 7.30pm at The Bibury Club.

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 Preston.

11. **Reports from Councillors** (other than Planning and Highway issues).  
Councillor Davy has arranged a meeting to discuss the Queen's birthday celebrations; 7.30pm, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in The Bibury.

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

Notification of the Parish Precept for 2016/17 has been received; Clerk to seek clarification of the wording from RBC.

Parish Amenity Verge Cutting – letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016, from RBC advising the contribution towards the costs of maintaining the grass verges will be the same as last year £595.00. RBC recommends the cost of this work be included in the Parish Precept from 2017/2018

Birdingbury Country Show have requested written permission from BPC to use the recreation ground on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – Clerk to confirm permission granted in writing.

Cllr Turner left the meeting.

## **Financial Issues.**

13. 13.1 The following cheques were approved for payment
- Clerk fee for February 2016 000657 £189.60
  - Clerk expenses for February 2016 000657 £12.33
  - Former Clerk postage costs 000659 £3.30

13.2 The Financial statement was circulated

## **Planning Issues.**

- 14.
- Potential solar farm - no update
  - Sand and Gravel Quarry - no update
  - R16/0376 Land North Of Marton Road – proposed farm welfare unit. The Parish Council has no comments to make. Clerk to inform RBC.
  - R16/0492 Willow Wren Training, Nelsons Wharf, Rugby Road. Widening of access behind existing dropped kerb and retention of existing access track (parts of site within Ruby Borough). BPC had "no comments" to make regarding this application.
  - R16/0480 Pioneer Farm, Stockton Road, Birdingbury. Variation of Condition 2 of approval R15/1896 – to allow minor modifications to the

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design and size of the building. Parish Clerk to contact Planning Officer and seek clarification and report back to Parish Council.

15. **Highways**

Cllr Morton raised the deterioration of the road markings within the village but particularly at the junction of Stockton Road and Leamington Hastings Road. Parish Clerk to report to Highway

16. **Newcomers to the village.**

There are no new comers.

17. **Business considered urgent by the Chair** (and not elsewhere on the Agenda).  
Cllr Turner, expressed her gratitude to the members of the Parish Council for "holding the fort" whilst she has been ill.

**New Clerk** – Jackie Chapman commenced in post of 29.02.16.

Annual Village Meeting - 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**Date of next Parish Council meeting:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

Signed ..... (Chair)

Date .....