

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at the Pavilion, Deep Spinney, Biddenham**

Present: Cllrs Graham Bates (Chairman), Bryan Norris, Peter Chase, Anna Crowther, John Esam, Jon Gambold, Krzys Osuch, Terry Platt, Francia Slade, and the Clerk were in attendance. In addition there was 1 member of the public and Borough Cllr Roger Rigby.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

None

**2. Declarations of interest**

None

**3. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**It was resolved** to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

**4. Matters Arising from Minutes**

Plaque on Observer Close this would be discussed under the Clerk's report

**5. Public Open Session**

Observer Close Plaque

Had the clerk heard from the resident in Observer Close yet? The clerk responded that she had and this would be discussed under the clerk's report item.

Road markings at top of Day's Lane at the junction with Bromham Road – Cllr Gambold agreed to add this to the work already reported to Highways which should be undertaken shortly.

JG

Was there an update regarding the village sign? The clerk reported that Harry Stebbing had not given a delivery date but that work was underway and she would continue to ask for regular progress reports.

**6. Planning – to note the report and comment on any new applications**

The report was noted.

**7. Financial Matters**

- (i) Accounts for approval – **it was resolved to approve the accounts for payment** as below:

Clerk

Ch	Payee	£	Description
BACS	Evans Electrical Services	100	Installation of defibrillator at village hall
BACS	AMS Services Ltd	1429.14	Servicing costs for Ransomes mower for cricket club
BACS	Bedford Cleaners Ltd	100.00	Window cleaning at Pavilion
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1629.14</b>	

Members expressed concern at the high costs of servicing the Ransomes Mower by AMF services. The clerk reported that she had raised this matter with the cricket club and that any future major servicing would need 3 quotes for consideration prior to approval.

8. **To note the Clerk’s report and consider any matters arising**

Mr Singh of Observer Close had provided a quote for a replacement plaque. There followed a discussion regarding the best location for the plaque and whether it should be sited on the railings outside Observer Close (possible problem with joint ownership) or on land in front of the railings (owned by Mr Wingfield). It was proposed to site the replacement plaque on the Bromham Road as close to the junction of Day’s Lane as possible. **It was resolved** that the parish council pay for the replacement plaque and the clerk would contact the Borough for permission to locate the plaque adjacent to the footpath on Bromham Road. The clerk would inform Mr Singh of the council’s decision and thank him for his assistance in this matter.

Clerk

Cleaning of uplighters at the Pavilion – one estimate had been obtained and would be approximately £100. Providing this was the case then members agreed the work could be undertaken.

Clerk

Date of Annual Parish Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. It was proposed to invite Breheny to the APM to provide residents with an update on progress with the new bypass. Cllr Gambold agreed to contact Breheny on behalf of the parish council.

JG

There were no further items requiring approval.

9. **Matters in Progress**

Flooding outside St James’s school – Cllr Gambold would contact Highways again

JG

Speed data results – the Clerk would contact the Borough to ask when the results would be available.

Clerk

Road markings – please add Gold Lane to the schedule for highways as the markings were now very faded.

JG

New roundabout on Bromham Road – landscaping of roundabout – Clerk to contact the Borough to ensure the parish council are kept informed about the design and landscaping of the new roundabout to ensure it is landscaped.

Clerk

10 **Parish Concerns**

Cllr Osuch asked if the Parish Council could write and thank Breheny and the Borough Council Highways department for the way the road works have been carried out as part of the new bypass scheme. In particular the recent road closures were handled very efficiently and on time.

Clerk

Does anyone know who is responsible for weed killing throughout the parish? The clerk responded that Chris Horne does not use weed killer so it would be the Borough’s contractors. Cllr Rigby reported that the Borough had advised they had not undertaken the work. It was resolved to contact Chris Horne to ensure he had not carried out the work. Once a response was received the Clerk would contact Cllr Rigby who would in turn contact the Borough.

Clerk/RR

Members thanked Cllr Bates for chairing the parish council over the past few years and members were reminded that a new chairman would be required from May 2015.

11 **Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 8pm immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting which was scheduled for 7.30pm in the large hall at the Pavilion.

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Approved by Chairman 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015