

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at the Pavilion, Deep Spinney, Biddenham**

**Present:** Graham Bates, Chris Gee, Alan Jacobs, Jon Gambold, Krzys Osuch, Terry Platt, Francia Slade, Borough Cllr Roger Rigby and the Clerk were in attendance. In addition, there were 12 members of the public.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

None

**2. Declarations of interest**

Cllr Osuch declared a local interest in the planning application for 118 Bromham Road which will be considered under agenda item 8.

**3. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**It was resolved** to approve the minutes.

Clerk

**4. Matters Arising from Minutes**

Krzys Osuch – offered to sell the old lightings on Ebay.

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Alternatives to Green Thumb – please can we obtain alternative quotes before the next financial budget is agreed. There were no other matters not covered elsewhere within the agenda.

Clerk

**5. Public Open Session (15 mins)**

Please could the Clerk arrange for the play area surfacing to be raked over again.

Clerk

**6. Co-option of New Councillor**

**It was resolved to co-opt Joe Warren with immediate effect.**

**7. Declaration of acceptance of office**

Mr Warren completed the acceptance of office and was invited to join the meeting with the other council members.

**8. Planning**

2 Darlow Drive – no objections to this application. Demolish existing building with new bungalow.

**It was resolved** to object to the application on land to the rear of 118 Bromham Road. The original application was withdrawn and a new application submitted with more technical detail. AD42 policy objection, loss of significant open view within current local plan, local issues regarding highways access to the development. There was also concern regarding additional traffic using the Bromham Bridge which is a scheduled ancient monument.

The report was noted – the report listed an application for 22 Day's Lane this was incorrect the application was for 22 Darlow Drive.

11 Biddenham Turn – does this development have planning permission? Would need to check the Borough Planning Website.

57 Deep Spinney – there were no comments on this application.

**9. Clerk's Report**

The clerk reported that she had received a request for a charity function which would take place until early evening. A discussion took place regarding pros and cons of accepting this one-off event and it was agreed to vote on this proposal. **It was resolved** to grant approval for the event.

The conditions of the hiring agreement would need to be reviewed to allow one off events after 6:30pm for charitable causes only. **It was resolved** that the Clerk would revise the hiring agreement and circulate for consideration.

Clerk

The Clerk had also received a request for a family fun day by Woodfine Solicitors. **It was resolved** to grant permission for the event providing this did not clash with any cricket fixtures.

Clerk

One of the members of the cricket club asked if the council would consider installing a defibrillator at the Pavilion. Members were in favour and the clerk would contact the cricket club to ask them to enquire about the donation of a defibrillator. Once installed the parish council would need to ensure the battery is tested weekly, yearly servicing and also to add to its asset register.

Clerk

**10. Financial Matters**

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

Ch No BACS	Payee	£	Description
BACS	AMF Services	1197.29	Lawn mower yearly service including parts and labour
BACS	House of Flags	78.00	Replacement St Georges Flag
BACS	Chris Horne	735.00	Grass cutting
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2010.29</b>	

(ii) **To note the spend against budget**

The report was noted.

**11. Matters in Progress**

Observer Close Plaque – Cllr Bates has taken a photograph of the original plaque and contacted Glasdon. A quote had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting and **it was resolved** to purchase the smaller sign H454mm x 610 mm width (plaque) 960mm including white posts at a cost of £483 + VAT and installation costs. The sign would be located on the corner of Bromham Road and Day’s Lane. Cllr Bates to forward details the quote to the Clerk to proceed with the order.

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Clerk

Road markings near school entrances – still with Bedford Borough Council.

Cllr Gee had received no response from Highways regarding cross overs pavement/driveway works outside his property – Cllr Rigby offered to raise the matter on his behalf.

SSSI – the interpretation board should be installed by no later than end of April.

The minutes of the sub-committee for the Deep Spinney roundabout had been circulated to all members. The committee has written to 6 stone masons and sign manufacturers inviting them to express interest (1 month to respond) and to provide suggestions. We hope to report back at the May meeting.

**12 Parish Concerns**

Road sweeping in Deep Spinney – quality of work was very poor with one side completely missed – Cllrs Rigby and Gambold offered to raise this matter with the Borough Council.

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Cllr Jacobs reported that he had been asked to be a guest judge at Biddenham Upper School. The competition was for funding towards the children’s chosen charities. The children were competing for funding from the Harpur Trust and had to give a presentation to the judges

explaining why they had chosen their charity and how any money given would be used. It was an excellent presentation and I was delighted to attend on behalf of the parish council.

New Bypass – capacity – unsure how this will work. Cllr Gambold informed the meeting that the Borough will be monitoring traffic flow after the bypass opens and will do so over the next few months. Will Tavistock Street be open before the bypass opens? No Tavistock Street would not be re-opening until May.

Bromham Road – Biddenham Turn junction will the road be closed for two Sundays or for one week? Cllrs Rigby and Cllr Gambold would check and email members.

Footpaths near the church will have rising bollards installed to secure the fields. This is in addition to the two ditches already installed.

At the new roundabout coming out of Deep Spinney (the south west quarter) turning left towards Bromham this area could now be planting with spring bulbs. Is everyone supportive of this idea and does anyone know how many bulbs would be required? All members were supportive of this proposal and Cllr Gambold offered to raise with the Borough.

Pedestrian entrance onto Bromham Road from Deep Spinney – work was due to be completed this financial year and will include levelling the ground and bulb planting in the Autumn.

Two new trees have been planted outside no 2 Darlow Drive but the old stumps are still there. Cllrs Rigby and Gambold to raise with the Borough.

13 **Date of Next Meeting** – Wednesday 11 May 2016 7:30pm.

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Approved by Chairman 11 May 2016