

**Minutes of the Meeting of Biddenham Parish Council held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at The Pavilion, Deep Spinney, Biddenham starting at 7.30pm.**

**Present: Peter Chase – Chairman, G Bates, J Gambold, C Gee, A Jacobs, T Platt, F Slade and Ms Lyn Lyman (Clerk). In addition there was 1 member of the public.**

**In attendance: BB Cllr R Rigby.**

**38. Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from: Cllrs K Osuch, J Warren.

**39. Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations were made.

**40. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were accepted and duly signed.

**41. Public Open Session:**

Weed killing around the village is to be carried out by Chris Horne.

**42. Planning:**

To note and comment on any new applications:

Borough are to be reminded to forward planning applications to Cllr Bates.

18/01260/Full 11 Biddenham Turn. One & two storey front, side, rear extensions etc.

18/01433/S73 Bridgefield, 98 Bromham Road. Variation of approved planning conditions.

17/01553/TPO The Bat report is ongoing on the house in Thorpe Close.

18/01397/MAF 2 Fishponds behind the soccer pitches/new sports centre is likely to go to planning committee in the near future. It will be a commercial operation. Cllr Chase has already made objection on behalf of the Parish Council.

**43. Financial Matters:**

(a) To approve y/e accounts and sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for y/e 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. The accounts have been internally audited but due to time constraints and the situation, the internal auditor has carried out a qualified internal audit which will enable to paperwork to be sent to the External Auditor. The Clerk had already advised the External Auditor the accounts would be late.

(b) It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment which had been circulated.

After discussion, it was agreed, so long as there wouldn't be a charge, to open a separate Community Bank Account specifically for Pavilion use. **Action: LL**

**44. Correspondence:**

No items.

**45. Reports:**

Borough Cllrs Reports:

Cllr J Gambold had nothing to report.

Cllr R Rigby had nothing to report.

**46. Matters in Progress:**

List was circulated.

Gold Lane update: Cllr Gambold reported that 2 “slow” signs are to be installed by the elbow but as there are no street lights in the vicinity, speed humps could not be installed.

Cllr Gambold agreed to ask Andy Prigmore for a speed survey after the schools have gone back September to see if there is any difference (to be done before the Bromham Road railway bridge closes). This would have to be paid for by the Parish Council.

***Action: JG***

Nothing more is known about the aforesaid bridge closure. Discussions are ongoing between the Borough and Network Rail.

Entrance feature for Deep Spinney roundabout: 2 pillars had been agreed in October 17. Cllr Gambold agreed to organise a further site visit with Andy Prigmore. This it to be attended by Cllr Platt and The Clerk. (Cllr Gambold may be away). ***Action: JG***

Coffin Path shingle: Cllr Chase will follow this up with Chris Hayden-Jones.

***Action: PC***

Footpath from Nodders Way – Gold Lane (Past St James School) – work should take place during the summer school holiday.

Ditch outside 4 Main Road and surface water flooding on Kings Corner – Cllr Rigby will follow this up. ***Action: RR***

Village Green repairs have now been completed and will be deleted from the list.

Blocked drain near Hampden Court has now been attended to and will be deleted from the list.

Bromham’s River Bridge repairs/signs haven’t been finished yet. Scheme is still being designed, and make input to what to do about Gold Lane.

It would be preferred if the speed limit on Bromham Road could be raised from 30 mph to 40pm. Discussions ongoing with the Borough.

Damaged kerbstone at Biddenham Turn/Bromham Rad have been repaired so will be deleted from the list.

Car parking near T junction with Deep Spinney: Visibility is very tight when cars are parked. Ideas are to either create parking or install yellow lines. Andy Prigmore has actually agreed to paint yellow lines. It was agreed to try to obtain a good price to install parking off the road. Maybe use Grasscrete. Cllr Chase to take this further.

*Action: PC*

Pavilion Debtor. Solicitor was to be engaged.

*Action: PC*

Village Green repairs: not sure whether we are likely to receive compensation from BT.

47. **Parish Concerns:**

Noise is coming from equipment being used in Queens Park in the evenings. It is unlikely to be in this parish.

Shrubbery list to be compiled by Cllr Gambold but so far he only has one issue noted, no one has come back to him with issues. Greg Lawrence is going to do the work.

3 Lime trees on west end of Main Road – have tpo's as in Conservation Area. The Clerk is to do this once Cllr Gambold has contacted her .

*A resident has sent two photos of vehicles parking on the verge at Biddenham Turn thus damaging the verges. Does the PC plan to issue any notices to stop / prevent vehicles parking on the verges? We are waiting to see if we need to ask Borough to put in yellow lines when they do the Bromham Road railway bridge, otherwise no.*

Various other areas are overgrown.

Speeding traffic in Gold Lane was discussed again.

Footpath 4 is impassable, resident to contact Borough directly.

48. **Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Meeting closed at 20.18.