

Minutes of the Biddenham Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at The Pavilion, Deep Spinney, Biddenham starting at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs P Chase – Chairman, G Bates, A Jacobs, S Briggs, C Gee, H Fowler, F Slade, K Osuch, J Warren and Mrs Lyn Lyman (Clerk). In addition there were 3 members of the public.

In attendance: Borough Cllrs J Gambold & M Rigby.

89. Apologies for Absence:

No apologies received.

90. Declaration of Interest regarding items on the Agenda:

No Declarations were made.

91. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2019:

The Minutes of the Parish Council previous meeting were unanimously accepted and duly signed.

92. Public Open Session:

1, Proposal of Deep Spinney, Lioncourt/ Keir

2. It was noted that subscriptions for membership of Great Denham Golf Club are now only offered on a 6 months renewable basis and the Parish Council were asked if it was known why. It was wondered whether there may be a planning application in the pipeline but Borough are not aware of anything.

93. To consider planning:

The updated list which had been circulated was discussed.

Cllr Chase had been trying to contact the resident at Lavender Lodge. It was noted that the fence is falling down but nothing else has taken place. Development may start later in the year.

94. To Agree Financial Matters:

i) To approve accounts for payment: The statement of expenses which had been circulated was accepted.

ii) To note spend against budget for the Parish Council and the Pavilion. The statement which had been circulated was accepted.

95. To Accept Reports:

Clerks Report: was circulated previously.

Mrs Slade has advised that the cost of the mowers for the coming year should be:

Normal servicing	1,049.00 (the same as last year)
Essential repairs	189.00

Possible repairs	<u>467.00</u>
	£1,605.00

It was agreed this should go ahead.

Andy Prigmore has forwarded an e.mail regarding the proposed raising of the speed limit on Bromham Road advising that there are 2 for and 51 against. He would like to know how we wish to go forward.

B Cllr Rigby said a number of new properties have been built, and he has concerns, he sees a lot of justification for keeping it at 30mph. The bus stop in Deep Spinney can be difficult to access. It was agreed we should not go against opinion. Cllr Chase agreed to put an article in The Loop. The Democratic process has taken place and ultimately we should leave the borough to make the decision. Cllr Chase agreed to contact Andy Prigmore.

Action: PC

NPower are charging the PC quarterly which is a standing charge for the meter for the Christmas Tree lights. Npower is now wanting to install a smart meter and are trying to make an appointment to do this. If the appointment is not confirmed, they will not install the smart meter.

As the meter is on the grass verge and not a property, it was agreed to confirm the appointment.

Action: LL

Borough Cllrs Reports:

B Cllr Rigby: Borough Roads Improvement Programme was circulated. Orange is what is ongoing. Blue is anticipated and green is advanced utility diversion works.

The Borough and Boundary Commission have agreed on 46 councillors, the consultation is now beginning to establish where the new Councillors will be required following the new housing growth in the Borough.

The Biddenham and Bromham Ward is more then not unlikely to be affected as for a two person ward we are under-populated currently.

Budget has been passed but there have been some more changes/additions.

B Cllr Gambold: Nothing further to add.

96. Preparation for Annual Parish Meeting: 7pm.

Large hall has been booked and Mrs Slade will produce a Pavilion Report.

The normal speakers are to be organised. (Cricket Club, Gardening Club, sports facility – not known who won the tender, (classes are taking place but no-one seems to be in charge). Golf Club. Chris Jones – Footpaths, The Loop, David Fowler knowledgeable about Biddenham, Biddenham Pit Nature reserve and Cllr Chase as Parish Council Chairman.

97. VE Day Celebrations:

Cllr Chase asked for assistance and for a sub-committee to be formed. It was agreed that the sub-committee would consist of Cllrs Chase, Jacobs and Slade. To date the piper and the bugler have been arranged.

98. Matters in Progress:

Yellow lines on Deep Spinney are working out well.

SID Sign has been turned round in Gold Lane and statistics will need to be checked/compared.

Speedwatch: 3 sessions have been carried out. (Biddenham Turn, Main Road, Bromham Road - in the vicinity of 102 Bromham Road). Another 3 sessions have been planned. Speed aware signs (plastic) have been put up in at the entrances to Biddenham. Cllr Osuch expressed a wish that enamelled signs would be preferred next time.

30 mph repeater sign on the corner of The Paddocks has been knocked down 3 times and erected twice. Cllr Bates keeps reporting it. This sign is obviously being targeted. B Cllr Rigby will take this further. *Action: RR.*

99. Parish Concerns:

Trees on Darlow Drive which came down in the recent winds are residents trees. They have fallen down on to the grass Verges. B Cllr Rigby it to be advised of the house numbers and he will ask Gary Gardner (Borough) to take this in hand. *Action: RR*

Position of dog bins was discussed. There don't appear to be any in the vicinity of the school. Cllr Briggs agreed to draw up a plan of where bins would be appreciated. This is to include the new houses and the northern end of Biddenham Turn. *Action: SB.*

Who is responsible for cleaning up the verges on the Great Ouse Way as there is a lot of rubbish on them? B Cllr Rigby will follow this up. *Action: RR*

Is there likely to be any compensation from Outreach towards the verges which they ripped up in the centre of the village? Chris Horne is to be asked if he can do something to repair the damage. *Action: LL*

There is a new app (from play store) for reporting highways issues which need attention called 'Love clean streets'.

100.. Date of next meeting:

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th April 2020 starting at 7pm. This will be followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Cllr Fowler gave his apologies as he will be on holiday.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.