

**Minutes of the Meeting of Biddenham Parish Council held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at The Pavilion, Deep Spinney, Biddenham starting at 7.30pm.**

**Present: Cllrs P Chase – Chairman, G Bates, C Gee, K Osuch, F Slade, J Warren and Mrs Lyn Lyman (Clerk). In addition there were 6 member of the public.**

**60. Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from: Cllrs A Jacobs, T Platt, B Cllr R Rigby and B Cllr J Gambold may be late.

**61. Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations were made.

**62. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018:**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were unanimously accepted and duly signed.

**63. Public Open Session:**

Could members of the public have a copy of agenda in future – agenda's are normally on the website anyway. It would be appreciated if Parish Council meeting dates were also on the website.

Cllr Chase gave an update on the Gold Lane situation. Andy Prigmore had confirmed that the speed survey will either take place next week or on w/c 5 November (he is awaiting confirmation from the contractor). They are avoiding the two week in the middle as this is half term. The costs will be £350. A resident wanted Borough to be aware that there is certainly a problem especially around the Hamden Court junction. It is hoped that the speed check will be carried out in the vicinity of Hamden Court.

The general state regarding weeds: seems to have gone now that they have been treated.

**64. Planning:**

To note and comment on any new applications.

18/02539/Full 65 Deep Spinney. Single story rear extension and alterations to front entrance. Decision yet to be agreed.

See clerk's list.

18/00061

Oak trees in Thorpe Close. Root severance on oak trees. Can affect the roots growing. Residents have objected. Correct under pinning would solve issues. Do not support the plan. The Arboriculturalist should be asked to look at this.

7 Bromham Road: Cllr Slade gave her opinion to BCllr Gambold who has looked at the property and the application. BCllr Gambold agreed to respond and has the application.

250 houses off Gold Lane. May or may not make the meeting in November.

66 Bromham Road: Cllr Warren has looking at the application.

(BCllr Gambold joined the meeting.)

Road works are taking place by the school but it is not known why. BCllr Gambold will find out what is happening.

The Footpath outside school didn't take place during the Summer. Good job, as the road works (above) would have dug up part of it.

65. **Financial Matters:**

i) It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment.

ii) Spend against budget for the Parish Council and The Pavilion was accepted.

- The overall Salaries payments and the costs for the pavilion, which had increased, were discussed. If necessary the budget set aside for the Footpath (£12,000 which hasn't been used as yet) could be available.
- Grass cutting was more expensive due to weeding needed, but there have been less cuts. (normally between 17/19 cuts). Time will tell how it turns out - to be watched.
- Pavilion hire fees were discussed, as seem low, but it was agreed bookings are rather seasonal and normally improve over Christmas.

66. **Reports:**

***Clerks Report:***

The annual external audit had been completed successfully.

The Clerk has ordered the Poppy Wreath which is to be delivered to Cllr Bates. Cllr Platt would like to lay the wreath. BCllr Gambold has the Borough wreath.

The Tommy silhouette is to be ordered for delivery to Cllr Chases home. Gary Creek is to be asked to install it in the vicinity of the flagpole/war memorial. It is to be bolted into concrete. When it is not in use, it is to be stored in the Pavilion. Although the Church was under the impression that the Parish Council were going to buy it for them, this is not the case. The Parish Council will purchase it and be responsible for it.

At the moment, it is not known who will take the service.

The road is normally closed for the Remembrance Day Service. This will need to be arranged through the Borough. ***Action: LL***

***Borough Cllrs Report:***

***BB Cllr Rigby*** - No report available.

***CB Cllr J Gambold*** – nothing to add.

67. **Matters in Progress:**

The list had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Speed Survey in Gold Lane: Andy Prigmore has advised BCllr Gambold that the speed survey will either take place next week or w/c 5<sup>th</sup> November (they are awaiting confirmation from the contractor). They are avoiding the two weeks in the middle as this is half term.

Coffin Footpath: Although shingle is preferred, Bidwells don't want it shingled. It is not Parish Council owned land, there is just a public right of way over it. Historically work is carried out every few years. Cllr Chase is continuing to talk to Bidwells.

**Action: PC**

Village Entrance Feature: Further sub- committee meeting to take place.

**Action: TP/sub committee**

Railway Bridge Closure: takes place from next June for 13 months. Borough / Network Rail still to advise re traffic movements during the closure. Utilities were of concern and compulsory purchase of the land.

Parking provision in the new country park: More details are to be requested from the Borough. May try to get the site name to Biddenham.

**Action: JG**

Nodders Way to Gold Lane footpath: As the work was not carried out during the school summer break, it may be that it will be carried out next summer. Cllr Chase reported this was due to the cost of arranging partial road closure. Will try again for summer 2019.

**Action: PC**

Foliage round the pavilion: BCllr Gambold has compiling a list of what needs doing. The hedges all around the Pavilion down to the shed are to be cut back. Greg Lawrence has carried out some of the work but not all of it so he to be asked if he could finish it off.

**Action: LL**

The three Lime trees are not the responsibility of the Parish Council, they belong to the Borough but Borough no longer have a programme for tree maintenance but don't mind if the PC do the work so long as they are advised. TPO forms have to be obtained from the Borough and Jack Hawksworth (Bidwells) has to be advised. Greg Lawrence will be asked to do the work.

**Action: LL**

Car parking near T-junction with deep Spinney: Grasscrete proposal could be considered.

**Action: PC**

Pavilion Debt has now been written off.

Speed limit change to 40mph on Bromham Road: Jon Shortland to be asked to proceed with consultation.

**Action: JG**

Fence/hedge at Lavender Lodge: we are going to put in a new hedge, using Chris Haydon-Jones and working party. It was resolved to set a budget at £500 for this. This should take place in about a month's time.

Cycle rack request for the Pavilion: There is already one there.

68. **Parish Concerns:**

Resident concerned about noise during the early morning. This was thought to be to do with Network Rail workings.

A street lighting column which has not been alight since it was installed is to be followed up with the Borough by BCllr Gambold. *Action: JG*

The ground on the roundabout on Bromham Road is in a terrible state. It needs weeding. Not agreed as to what action needs to be taken.

Boundary hedges to the bypass, who is responsible for cutting the grass etc? The splays are overgrown. BCllr Gambold agreed to follow this up. *Action: JG*

69. **Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Meeting closed at 9pm.