

Minutes of the Meeting of Biddenham Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at The Pavilion, Deep Spinney, Biddenham starting at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs J Warren – Vice Chairman, J Gambold, C Gee, T Platt, K Osuch and Mrs Lyn Lyman (Clerk). In addition there were 6 members of the public.

In attendance: B Cllr R Rigby.

81. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from: Cllrs P Chase, G Bates, A Jacobs & F Slade

82. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Osuch declared an interest in a planning application.

83. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2018:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th November 2018 were unanimously accepted and duly signed.

84. Public Open Session:

Issues on Gold Lane: B Cllr Gambold reported that according to the recent traffic checks, the white lines which had been installed in Gold Lane haven't made any difference – the speed hasn't altered. At present the way forward is un-known. Last November, two residents had met with Andy Prigmore who indicated he would go back to Highways to see whose responsibility the hedges were to be cut back on the elbow of Gold Lane. Andy would recommend we have a mobile speed indicator device so it could be moved round the various critical areas within the vicinity, the cost would be in the region of £3,500 including fitting. The two SIDS (speed indicator devices) are in Bromham and set at 30mph. Not sure of the location for Biddenham. Maybe borrow one from Bromham to be able to check if the trial will work. This was agreed. *Action: JG*

Could it be clarified how objections to the Gold Lane Development can be registered with the Borough? It was confirmed that every individual objection will be counted, so it is important to get your responses registered. The date for responses has been extended to 30th January. Bromham are being leafleted today.

Policy 19 was discussed again where it was stated that the planning application will have to be dealt with, irrespective of the Policy being amended. The Local Plan is now going to the Inspector for Hearing.

85. Pavilion use in a public emergency:

A request has been made by Borough asking if the pavilion could be included on their list for public emergency use. This was agreed in principle and the Borough are to be asked who will be paying any incidental costs ie clearing up etc. *Action: LL*

86. Planning:

To note and comment on any new applications. Cllr Chase had circulated the planning list.

17/01553/TPO 6 & 7 Thorpe Close, fell two oak trees has been withdrawn. Root barrier has been installed.

18/02618/Full: 24 Biddenham going to planning meeting to be recommended for approval.

18/02677/Full: 12 Main Road: B Cllr Gambold has called it in to planning committee. (Not delegated powers).

18/02970/Full: 11 Church End: May not go forward.

18/03093/Full: 92 Bromham Road, large extension: B Cllr Gambold has asked for that to be called in.

18/03251/Full: 2 Vicars Close. Cllrs Osuch & Platt agreed that these proposals are an improvement on the existing extension.

The fence on Bromham Road opposite Windmill Hill has been replaced but it is not known whether it is on Borough land. Cllr Platt will confirm to B Cllr Gambold.

Action: TP/JG

87. **Financial Matters:**

i) Accounts for payment and ii) Spend against budget for the Parish Council and The Pavilion for December and January are to be was accepted in February.

iii) Budget figures were discussed and one or two queries were raised.

iv) Precept: Following discussions regarding reserves for the footpath & roundabout works and Gold Lane development, it was **RESOLVED** to keep the Precept request the same as last year £43,000.

88. **Reports:**

Clerks Report:

There have been three arson attacks around Kempston Rural. The offender has been arrested and remanded in court.

Borough Cllrs Report:

BB Cllr Rigby: Work may start on the Bromham Road Rail Bridge in March and may take 12 months. It is intended to work on the bridge and move the services in one job. Traffic may not be allowed to turn into Queens Park.

Bromham River Bridge – consultation is taking place as to what they will do. B Cllrs Rigby & Gambold can put comments in before the public consultation in February. It is not sure whether Biddenham will be included in the consultation.

Gold Lane planning application: traffic flow figures in Bromham Road to Gold Lane roundabout are trying to be ascertained. They are trying to get figures from the

Borough as to whether the roundabout has reached its capacity. Borough lost the original figures but will work through figures and re-work them. Figures have gone from 16,000 to 32,000 and new capacity figures hopefully be received soon. At 4.30pm today, traffic was stop start all the way and will only get worse.

CB Cllr J Gambold: Nothing further to add.

89. **Matters in Progress:**

The list had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Gary Creek has been asked to check out a couple of issues around the play equipment and an oak post in Biddenham Turn.

The Clerk is to ask for the Christmas Tree to be taken down and removed. *Action: LL*

90. **Parish Concerns:**

The plastic frame of the placard at Observer Close at Bromham Road/Gold Lane is filthy and need jet washing. The Clerk is to ask Gary Creek if he could do this.

Action: LL

Automatic booking system for the Pavilion on the parish council website: Cllr Warren has figures from the company who would carry out the work on the website. There will be an installation cost and an annual cost. Payment for bookings cannot be made using the website.

Action: JW

Additional slow sign in Gold Lane had been discussed but B Cllr Gambold is querying this.

91. **Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 13th February 2019.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.