

GREAT BEDWYN PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF GREAT BEDWYN ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2018, AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr Howell (Chair), Cllr Barry, Cllr Brunskill, Cllr Clack, Cllr Kershaw, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Stone, Cllr Younger, Cllr Wheeler (Wiltshire) and 23 members of the public.

126.18 – 1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PCSO Paul Whiteside, our permanent PCSO introduced himself. He spoke about recent burglary at the Great Bedwyn stores; this is being investigated and an arrest is hoped for soon. Also spoke about “door knockers” who solicit work on the doorstep. Many are visiting to assess the house for a future burglary. Advice is not to invite people into your house. Also advice is to lock doors at night and when you go out. Recent opportune burglaries in Ham and Shalbourne due to people not locking their door when they go out. He also spoke about speeding problems in the village and in support of the community speedwatch activities with attendance by the PCSO and police car. PCSO Paul Whiteside took questions from the public in relation to hare coursing and speeding. PCSO Paul Whiteside is happy to receive contact from members of the public via phone on 07471 029624 or email on paul.whiteside@wiltshirepolice.pnn.police.uk or in person at meetings when he can attend.

Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Wiltshire Council) spoke about review from LGBCE about Wiltshire councillor numbers who concluded there would still be 98 councillors but divisions may change as they need to be close to circa 4900 voters each. Although Burbage and The Bedwyns is thought unlikely to change. This does not affect Parish Council boundaries. Stuart Wheeler encouraged the PC to support the status quo.

Hermon Dowling spoke on his and 2 of his neighbours’ behalves who struggle to gain safe access to their houses on Back Lane and wish to resurface 100m outside of these houses. Wiltshire council have confirmed that Back Lane is a byway (technically a B.O.A.T.) and it is their responsibility. However they have stated they have no plans to resurface it as the surface is adequate and that residents are welcome to make improvements themselves outside their properties. Mr Dowling has arranged for a quote from Chris Brennan, as a regular Wiltshire roads contractor, to resurface this with 150mm planings which should last 10 years. Dianne Billing representing 6 other Back lane residents present gave a statement on their behalf. This statement made arguments against the partial resurfacing due to increased flood risk, increased traffic (and therefore increased noise and safety risk to those properties that directly front the lane) and most importantly destruction of the character of Back Lane. They called for greater consultation to determine a suitable compromise. This topic is discussed in agenda item 9.

Question about how far in advance of the meeting letters from the public should be submitted. Cllr Howell’s view was 1 week.

127.18 – 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Bushby, Cllr Nunn and Cllr Sheerin.

128.18 – 3. MINUTES

All voted in favour of a motion that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2018 were a true record of that meeting.

129.18 – 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

130.18 – 5. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Howell proposed a motion to approve the draft Neighbourhood Plan and submit it as a guidance document to Wiltshire council. Also that GBPC would speak with Little Bedwyn Parish Council about the potential boundary change of the Church field to the north of the school. The motion was approved by all councillors.

131.18 – 6. ADDITIONAL STATION PARKING

Cllr Howell proposed a motion to support GWR who are leading an activity to look at increased railway parking and that Cllr Brunskill would lead the meetings with GWR. This motion was approved by all councillors. It was noted that this additional railway parking may not be viable without residents parking. It was further noted that a petition of 45 people was received in favour of residents parking although this was submitted too late to be discussed at this meeting.

132.18 – 7. DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH

Cllr Howell stated that the footpath diversion and siding extension has been completed.

133.18 – 8. CINEMA FUNDING

Cllr Howell proposed a motion to support Mike Younger's request for a one-off grant for £200 to improve the village hall audio/video capability to support a village cinema. Motion approved by all councillors.

134.18 – 9. BACK LANE

Cllrs expressed a range of views in favour and opposed to the Back Lane proposals discussed in agenda item 1. Cllr Stone proposed that the parties use planings or a mixture of planings & scalplings to fill the potholes and that this would last a few years. 5 councillors supported this view.

135.18 – 10. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Clack and Cllr Younger gave a detailed update on progress on allotments including:

- moving to annual charging from October in line with national guidance
- reviewing the forthcoming tenancy agreement to make it more robust
- no change in rents for 2018/19 although these will be reviewed for 2019/20
- vacant plots are allocated to the waiting list
- entry point to Foxbury will be closed to improve security
- drain and culvert will be cleared

136.18 – 11. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence regarding entry gates into village on Browns Lane. Cllr Brunskill will investigate.

137.18 – 12. PLANNING

No Objections:

- 18/05459/LBC...Crofton Pumping Station....Refurbishment of Launder Basin
- 18/06384/FUL...Smoke Acre Forest Hill...Porch Alteration

PC Comment

- 18/06503/FUL... 16 High Street...Pedestrian gateway in sidewall in Farm Lane.... Gate should be in alignment with upper window, nearer to existing door
- 18/07495/VAR...3 Forestry houses...Variation of conditions... referral to Wiltshire council Planning Officer for advice

The removal by crane and subsequent replacement of a 'mobile' building from a garden at 5 Spaines was noted. Wiltshire Council are dealing with enforcement. Cllr Howell to write to Wiltshire Council in support of concerns by residents.

138.18 – 13. CHEQUES

Cllr Barry reported that Jo Pike has been appointed on a freelance basis to arrange for the 2017/18 internal and external audit submissions.

The following cheques were approved for payment:

<i>Payee</i>	<i>£ Gross</i>
CPA Horticulture ref 37337 - Bark for playground	245.00
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Andy Ford - Allotments maintenance including emergency fallen tree clearing	260.00
Vision ICT ref 8453 - Gov.uk domain registration Nov '18 – Oct '20	66.00
Judith Haynes - Strimmer oil	4.99
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,066.00</i>

The meeting ended 10pm.

The next full council meeting is on the 8 November 2018.