

GREAT BEDWYN PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 2019, AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr Howell (Chair), Cllr Barry, Cllr Clack, Cllr Kershaw, Cllr Sheerin, Cllr Younger, Cllr Stone, The Clerk, 12 members of the public.

WELCOME AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

1. Mr Braybrooke gave a presentation on Speedwatch and appealed for volunteers.
2. A resident submitted information on speed signs.
3. A resident reported that the white lines, near the entrance to the flats in The Knapp are too short and it is causing problems with parking and the bus route.
4. Mr Wilkinson updated the Council on the GBNDP which is currently paused and raised concerns about Aster Properties policy of selling its housing stock.
5. Mr Pease presented a birthday card to Cllr Stone.
6. A resident requested that Open Spaces are managed on an insect friendly policy. Cllr. Sheerin volunteered to research the matter and report to the Clerk.
7. A resident reported that changes have been made to planning application 18/11901/FUL and it is still possible to make comments on the application.
8. The Footpaths group spoke about their grant application and distributed the new walking guide leaflets which are available in the Kiosk, the Post Office, The Three Tuns and local B&Bs.

163.18 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Brunskill, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Bushby, Cllr Nunn

164.18 – MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings held on Thursday, 10 January 2019 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

165.18 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

166.18 – COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

The Council, using its powers under the Local Govt Act 1972 s.144, agreed to spend £110 (net of VAT) on the purchase of a plaque to commemorate the opening of the Telephone Kiosk and approved the plaque's wording.

167.18 – GRANT REQUEST, LINK SCHEME

The Council discussed the grant request from the Link Scheme for 2018/19 budget year. It was noted that the Council had previously received and approved the same request in May 2018 but had not paid the money. Cllr Barry proposed that the latest request be considered and approved as the Link Scheme's 2019/20 grant request using the Council's powers under the Local Govt Rating Act 1997. Agreed by all.

168.18 – GRANT REQUEST, FOOTPATHS GROUP

The Council, using its powers under the Highways Act 1980 ss 43 50 & LGA 1972, s 144, approved the grant request of £208 from the Footpaths Group. The money will be spent on printing costs for walking guides.

169.18 – ALLOTMENT MAINTENANCE

The Council discussed the three quotes to prune the Ash tree on the vacant allotment and agreed to accept the Countryside Contractors quote at a cost of £400 (net of VAT); the money to come from next year's budget. The Clerk will contact Ramsbury Estates and confirm who is responsible for the tree. It was noted that planning permission is required. All approved. **Action: Cllrs Clack & Younger, The Clerk.**

170.18 – RETENTION OF RECORDS POLICY

The Council discussed and approved the Retention of Records Policy.

171.18 – RISK ASSESSMENTS

The Council reviewed the risk assessments and agreed two changes: 1. To merge all the assets under one heading and attach a list of assets to the document. 2. To increase the risk scoring on uncovered water butts on the allotments. Cllrs Clack and Younger will bring the latter up at the allotment AGM. **Action: Cllrs Clack & Younger, The Clerk.** The Risk Assessments were approved.

172.18 – HIGHWAYS REPORT

Cllr Howell presented the Highways Report.

173.18 – CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – SALE OF ASTER HOUSING

The Council discussed the sale of the Aster Housing bungalow in Castle Road. It was agreed that the sale of the bungalow compounds the shortage of low-cost housing in the village. It was agreed that Cllr Howell will write to Claire Perry MP, Wiltshire Council, Aster Housing and respond to the NALC's request to submit evidence to the Affordable Housing Commission.

174.18 – PLANNING REPORT

Cllr. Clack reported on the Planning Committee's comments on the following applications –
18/11901/FUL 39, Farm Lane, Great Bedwyn. Object.
18/11833/FUL Hillcrest, Forest Hill, Great Bedwyn. No objections.
18/12042/FUL Haredown. Support subject to conditions.
18/12156/FUL The Old Vicarage St Katharine's. No comment.
18/12157/FUL The Wharf, Frog Lane. No comment.
19/01274/FUL, 9/10 Bedwyn Common. Application withdrawn.
19/01489/FUL Oak Lodge, Wilton Road. No comment.

175.18 – FINANCE

Bank balances as of 28 February 2019:

Treasurer's Account: £ 28,813.60

Business Int. Account: £ 14,536.67

The following payments were approved:

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Cheque</i>	<i>£ Net</i>	<i>£ VAT</i>	<i>£ Gross</i>
Bedwyns' Link Scheme	Grant 2018/19 approved 10/05/18 minute ref 108.18	1433	350.00	0.00	350.00
Last Landscaping	Mowing Oct-Dec 2018 less £73.20 prepayment	1434	1,017.80	218.20	1,236.00
Vision ICT Ltd	Web hosting Feb 2019 to Jan 2020	1436	125.00	25.00	150.00
SLCC	Membership 2019	1435	43.00	0.00	43.00
<i>Total</i>			1,535.80	243.20	1,779.00

The meeting closed at 9.02pm.

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting on 11 April 2019