

GREAT BEDWYN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 16th JANUARY 2024 6.30PM
IN GREAT BEDWYN VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Sheerin, Cllr White (Council Chairman), Cllr Wyatt.

1. Election of Chairman for the Committee for the current meeting.

Cllr Sheerin was proposed as Chairman for the current meeting. The proposal was seconded and all Cllrs were in favour.

The role of Committee Chairman will be voted on, at each meeting.

2. Welcome and public participation.

2 members of the public, comments were as follows:

- Funds requested to extend footpath beyond Mill Lane. Required the assistance of a policeman to cross the road during a community walk.
- Lighting and footpath safety raised on the 2 bridges.
- Can white lines be added to Brook St to create a pedestrian walkway?
- Flooding. w/c 8th Jan flooding in Brook St. The level of flooding not seen in 72 years. Water comes down Sandpit Hill from surrounding slopes, also from The Brails. Ditches around Jockey Green need clearing out or enlarged as the existing capacity is insufficient. No19 had to use a pump to pump out water. 16 Brook Street was flooded due to water coming from up the street.

3. Apologies for absence and vote to approve them.

Cllr Sanday and Cllr Sims sent apologies. The apologies were approved by the committee.

4. Declarations of interest. There were none.

5. Approval of December 23 minutes.

A proposal was made to approve the minutes from the December 23 meeting. The proposal was seconded and all Cllrs were in favour.

6. Action Points.

Owner	Minute ref	Action
Cllr Sheerin	Dec 3	Check on generator location and report back to council. THERE IS NO GENERATOR.
Clerk	Dec 3	Add flooding at Meadow Farm to next full council agenda. DONE
Clerk	Dec 6	Add TOR to next Full Council meeting agenda for approval DONE
Clerk	Dec 7	Add Flood plan to next Full Council meeting agenda for approval DONE
Cllr White	Dec 7	Combine flood plan information ready for approval at the next Full Council meeting

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Clerk	Dec 7	Approach the parish handyman with a view to the new flood safety officer. Work and payment to start once Jan 24 Full Council has approved. DONE
Clerk	Dec 7	Purchase £500 of sandbags – Information will be provided to the Clerk to enable this purchase – once Jan 24 Full Council has approved. AQUA SACKS OBTAINED FROM WCC. NO NEED TO PURCHASE EXTRA AT THIS TIME.
Clerk	Dec 8	Add emergency plan to next committee agenda DONE
Cllr White/Cllr Wyatt	Dec 9	Provide exact spec for the marker gates for approve at the next committee meeting. Cllr Wyatt to provide exact spec information and Cllr White to confirm the site location is suitable.

7. FLOOD PLAN. Approval or amendments to the plan

It was agreed that the newly created plan would be the main document for policy guidance, with the historical documents acting as supplemental documents or guides.

The council will ask Mr Hitchman if he can join a visit to local residents to understand the issues upstream of Brook St. and consider further flood prevention plans. The committee to consider if its reasonable and lawful to compensate Mr Hitchman financially for his time as a consultant.

The council to ask the residents at the same end of the village (Picadilly) if they can help to mitigate flood risks.

A community gully clearing session could help if residents were willing to get involved.

Need to utilise local connections and networks.

8. EMERGENCY PLAN. Progress on updating/amending the plan.

This item was deferred to the next committee meeting as flooding is the current focus.

9. Browns Lanes 30mph marker gates x2. Purchase details.

Refer to confirmation at the Jan full council meeting for details on what to order.

10. Discussion and vote on any action to take with regards to the storm events on w/c 1st Jan which resulted in landlines being down for 4/5 hours, plus no electricity or mobile phone signal.

Cllr Wyatt will draft a letter to BT on behalf of the committee, outlining the councils concerns and send to the committee and Clerk before sending to BT.

11. Discussion and vote on making a request to the LHFIG to extend the pavement from Mill Close to Hatchet Lane to improve the safety of walkers.

The safety committee agreed that the footpath should be extended by 20mtres on the right hand side towards Crofton.

It will be arranged to have this submitted to the LHFIG as a request and will be progressed accordingly.

12. Items for the next agenda.

Review the 30mph zone at the Crofton end of Church St, with a view to moving the 30mph signs to before the bridges when entering the village from Wilton. To note this will require WCC approval and consultation.

This should be reviewed in conjunction with whether the PC should request the installation of white marker gates and re-painting of white lines in the same location.

To arrange a walkaround of the village during darkness to review pedestrian safety.

The meeting closed at 7.26

Date of next meeting: To be confirmed.

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Clerk to make arrangements	Jan 7	Ask Mr Hitchman to join the village walk around for flood issues
Clerk to make arrangements	Jan 7	Ask the residents of Picadilly if they can help mitigate flood risks
Cllr Wyatt	Jan 10	Draft a letter to BT with council concerns. Send draft to committee and Clerk before sending to BT.
Clerk	Jan 11	Arrange for LHFIG paper to be submitted for extra footpath from Mill Close towards Crofton.
Clerk	Jan 12	Add items to next agenda. 30mph zone at Crofton end of Church St. Along with consideration of white marker gates and re-painting of white lines.