

## Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30 pm at The Village Hall, Filkins		
	<p><u>Present</u> Cllr Irwin-Singer (Chairman), Cllr Robbins, Cllr Ford, Cllr N Walsh, Cllr Tridgell, Cllr Jones</p>	
41/20	<p>41.1 District &amp; County Councillors Report None</p>	
42/20	<p>42.1 Apologies for Absence None</p>	
43/20	<p>43.1 Declaration of Personal, Prejudicial and Pecuniary Interests None</p>	
44/20	<p>44.1 Adjournment for Public Participation None</p>	
45/20	<p>Minutes 45.1 Minutes of the meeting 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were accepted and signed. 45.2 Matters arising: None</p>	
46/20	<p>External Liaison 46.1 First meeting of the CLP Steering Committee was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, next scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> November. Annika Hansen will be asked to move the CLP page from within the Parish Council heading as it is independent. 46.2 Street Signage – Cllr Robbins has erected the new Rouses Lane sign and Matt Simpson will be asked to erect the new pole for the sign at the end of Hazells Lane. There is no update from James Wright OCC concerning the village entry signs. Clerk is chasing him. The postcode change will only be progressed if the new signage does not reduce the problem. The sign at Pear Tree Farm has been knocked over. This will be reported on Fix My Street. 46.3 Replacement for the gantry streetlight at Hazells Lane is due to be carried out on 14<sup>th</sup> November. Clerk has written to the householders concerned. The donation of £1000 towards new street lighting could be used to update the halogen light in Hazells Lane. If a light is self-funded there is no reason not to replace it. If we had to contribute towards the cost, then it would have to be budgeted for. Clerk will obtain a quote from SSE. 46.4 Cllr Ford has received confirmation that we will be keeping the Villager Bus Service until October 2020. It is very well used and we are reasonably confident it will carry on.</p>	
47/20	<p>Planning &amp; Cemetery 47.1 19/00317/FUL Pear Tree Farmhouse – approved. Barn is now to be sold. 47.2 19/01674/01673 Rectory Cottage – approved 47.3 19/01696/01974 Demarca – awaiting decision. 47.4 19/02674/02657 Pear Tree Cottage – awaiting decision, 47.5 Cllr Jones reported that the pathway up the centre of the cemetery will be cleared and re-gravelled and the trees trimmed. Parkfield Tree Care will be asked for a quote.</p>	
48/20	<p>Finance 48.1 Cheques paid list was circulated and cheques were signed. 48.2 Draft precept figures were presented to the Council by the RFO. It was proposed that the precept be raised by £1k then the year would have a deficit of £217. However,</p>	

Signed:

Date:

	<p>there was a surplus of £2-2.5k from this year that can be taken over. After some discussion it was agreed as we are taking on a new Groundsman and have been requested by many residents to take on extra areas of cutting. The precept for 2020/21 will be £18k.</p> <p>48.3 The tree survey, as required by the Insurance company and the terms of the Lease, was undertaken by Bowood Tree Care. They have given a quote of £150 plus VAT to cut back the overhanging branches on the highway opposite The Old School House. This was accepted and they will be asked to carry out the works as soon as possible. The costs of managing the trees is expensive and, subject to feedback from residents, we would consider surrendering the Lease.</p> <p>48.4 Pavement alongside Clarks Field is impassable in some places due to overhanging branches. This will be reported on Fix My Street.</p> <p>48.5 Letter has been received from West Oxon Citizens Advice concerning funding. The Council agreed to donate £75.</p> <p>48.6 Letter was received from St Filica Society requesting funding from the Hayes Palmer Trust for money towards a new trailer. This was approved.</p>	
49/20	<p>Matters Relating to Parish Council and Village Centre Trust Properties</p> <p>49.1 Cllr Robbins has met with three builders to quote for the works. JA Shirley, Cotswold Building Co and Ian Grey. One builder returned to take extra measurements and all the quotes are imminent. Once they are received they will be circulated.</p> <p>49.2.1 This project may be taken as part of the CLP. An email has been received by the Clerk from a resident saying that she and her husband are both surveyors and her brother works for a playground equipment company and they would like to help with any future works. Details were given to Cllr Jones and he will contact them.</p> <p>49.2.2 Cllr Robbins and Jones organised the delivery of bark for the playground. The Council wish to express their thanks to Matt Simpson, Josh and Trevor for moving and spreading the bark on the Friday. It saved considerable time and effort.</p>	
50/20	<p>50.1 Chris Maunder retired at the end of September. Cllr Irwin Singer and Walsh visited him and presented him with a gift from the Council for his many years' service.</p> <p>50.2 Application has been received from Les Goward concerning the vacancy for a Groundsman. Cllr Jones will arrange to visit him.</p>	
51/20	<p>51.1 Email has been received from the Gardening Club advising they have planted 600 bulbs around the village. The Parish Council expressed their gratitude for their works.</p> <p>51.2 The May Bank holiday has been moved this year to commemorate VE day. Diane Blackett has booked the hall and it has been suggested that all organisations in the village join in in some way. Clerk has received a communication from SAFA with quite a structured timetable. PC recognise that it is an important event. Cllr Ford and Robbins will take this forward and a swing band will be investigated.</p> <p>51.3 It was noted by the Council that Ena Constable was recognised for 30 years' service in the Post Office at the Village Centre. She does provide an important service to the village and the Council are very grateful. We must encourage residents to use it.</p> <p>51.4 Cllr Ford and Tridgell asked the Council to consider refurbishing the bus shelter noticeboard and re-instating the one that used to be at Bulls Close on the road side of the wall. Cllr Jones will obtain a quote for one the same size as the one at Broughton Poggs.</p>	
52/20	<p>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC</p> <p>The Committee is asked to consider passing the following resolution: "That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act."</p> <p>This was agreed. Item Clerks remuneration will be taken as a confidential item.</p>	

40/20	Next Meetings will be held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2020 These dates are far in advance and are subject to change.	
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