

## Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at  
7.30 pm

	<p><u>Present</u> Cllr Robbins, Cllr Ford, Cllr Tridgell, Cllr Irwin-Singer, Cllr Jones Members of the Public: Diane Blackett</p>	
38/22	<p>Apologies for Absence: 38.1 Cllr Walsh, Cllr Suzi Coul, Cllr Nick Leverton</p>	
39/22	<p>Declaration of Personal, Prejudicial and Pecuniary Interests 39.1 None</p>	
40/22	<p>To Accept Minutes of Last Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 40.1 Minutes have been circulated to Councillors. All agreed – they were accepted and signed.</p>	
41/22	<p>Matters for Information only arising from these last minutes 41.1 None</p>	
42/22	<p>Open Forum: 42.1 Report from Cllr Leverton – will be covered on agenda items 4.2 D Blackett – here for bus service and storage unit</p>	
43/22	<p>Planning, Cemetery &amp; Highways: 43.1 21/01849/HHD Stable Cottage, Broughton Poggs – approved 43.2 21/01987/FUL Broughton Hall Cottage – approved 43.3 21/02065/OUT Pear Tree Farmyard – approved – It has been approved for outline permission but there are detailed guidelines especially on some of the items we raised. layout, water, drainage, privacy, tree surveys. The dutch barn will be retained. 43.4 21/02535/LBC The Bakehouse – awaiting decision 43.5 21/02827/PDC The Haven – awaiting response 43.6 Oxfordshire Plan 2050- a debate at the moment about how Oxfordshire should look at going forward. Please look at documents online. 43.7 Cemetery – Cllr Jones reported. Works have been completed. It had been thought that 2 different types of gravel had been delivered as colour differed, but this was due to some having been washed before delivery. A few remaining branches will be taken out as there is a bit overhanging. Some of the gravestones have long grass and will talk to Groundsman about tidying up. Gates will be removed to be cleaned off and re-painted. Clerk will put up notice. Backing filling by the boarding was suggested but if mulched grass will grow over the border. If we think it is a problem he will come back. Contractor has also been asked to quote for cutting ivy back over the walls as it is overgrowing the graves. Cllr Robbins asked if there are any plans for it to be enlarged in the future and raised the question of how many plots remain in the site. Clerk will estimate the number left and report back at the next meeting. It was originally gifted by Henry Hervey Campbell to the Church and then given to Parish Council in 1973. If required perhaps Goodenoughs could be asked if they would give some land. There is also very little space left in the Church. Cllr Jones asked that we try and encourage ashes buried instead of plots. Cllr Jones reported that works will be finished week after next and the bench is in need of replacement. This should be hardwood. Clerk will see who it is dedicated to and see if they can be contacted about replacement.</p>	
44/22	<p>Village Matters: 44.1 CLP update- In Cllr Walsh absence. Clerk reported to the Chair that CFO have contacted Clerk and contact details were forwarded to T. Irwin Singer 44.2 Trees Bulls Close – There may be a possibility that one tree could be replaced. This is being pursued by Cllr Leverton.</p>	

Signed:

Date:

	<p>44.3 Goodfellows White bridge railings – No updates currently but we are pursuing. As soon as we receive an update we will go back to interested parties.</p> <p>44.4 Gassons Ramp- Cllr Leverton looked at the ramp which he thinks is quite steep but there seems no easy alternative. He does have someone who can come and look if we want them to. WODC have inspected without our prior knowledge as Cllr Coul reported but we have nothing in writing. The question we raised is does WODC feel it is dangerous, but we need formal confirmation from them of their decision. We need to formally bring this matter to a close.</p> <p>44.5 Taylors Close- waiting for an update from Ernest Cook Trust. New lease has arrived with no changes. We have asked for use of the access between the barns for delivery of bark but no reply to date.</p> <p>44.6 Telephone Box – Had been a suggestion that Lee Bennett would come forward – he is now not sure and has not come back to Cllr Ford. Cllr Irwin Singer suggested we go ahead and do it ourselves. Cllr Jones said that he thought we should do it ourselves and we have a budget of £500 to paint it and replace the glass. This should be achievable based on previous estimates and will now be actioned.</p> <p>44.7 Transport Links – Villager Bus Service – Sadly it now has only 1 or 2 people using – 3 this morning but it is the same with all the villages probably Covid related and confidence. We are going to put notices about the use and put it in the newsletter. We will contact people who used to use it before.</p> <p>L Bennett has done a large amount of work and research on who and how the 64 bus was used previously. He has contacted all surrounding Councils and Bus Companies, with the support of Cllr Leverton. They are now having bus reviews which will report back in October. The dialogue is that the Government need to put in more resources to rural bus services, whether it is schools, colleges or work. There is a large amount of communication and updates will be forthcoming.</p> <p>Cllr Jones left the meeting</p> <p>44.8 Hazels Lane –Groundsman has cut the grass but no response from the Goodenoughs regarding ivy on their wall. We are concerned that if the ivy is taken off the wall may collapse but PC have undertaken as much as we can.</p> <p>44.9 Planter at new Filkins sign- Communication from OCC – Highways do have requirements of plans and proposals. Clerk will pass on to residents and see if they want to continue with the project.</p> <p>44.10 All About Our Village 26<sup>th</sup> September – Cllr Walsh has the boards from the last one so we hope we can update them. Cllr Ford and Clerk will be on the stand.</p> <p>44.11 Ash Trees at The Gassons – These were reported to OCC</p> <p>44.12 Correspondence re traffic at Cotswold Wildlife Park – Communication was received from Karen Todner complaining about the traffic and asking us if we can do anything. Letter was read to meeting. Question asked if any other residents had raised this issue with PC, none known however D. Blackett did provide the PC with a copy of an email she had been sent by Reg Heywood. There was a traffic survey conducted in the Bradwell Village/Wildlife Park about 7 weeks ago but we have not seen the results and have will ask them to let us see them. We have very little power but we will report to Highways and Cllr Leverton for help. They could alter their gateway for entry and we will keep in contact with OCC Highways. There must have been discussions in the past as it is a long standing issue. Thames Valley Police have also looked at the situation.</p>	
45/22	<p>Finance</p> <p>45.1 Cllr Tridgell explained transactions from the current account. No questions from Councillors and all approved. Finance Committee is meeting on a regular basis quarterly. One transaction on deposit account receiving £10,000 from current account Village Centre transactions were read – no questions all approved. These reports are posted on the website.</p>	
46/22	Matters Relating to Parish Council & Village Centre Trust Properties	

46.1 Siting of shed for Museum – Clerk has contacted Peter Grey but no update. No planning permission has been applied for.

46.2 Village Centre Garden – Trees have been removed from garden. Cllr Irwin Singer reported that there is still some work to be done now we can see it. It has great potential . It makes a large difference to the playground but the path to the allotments is uneven and Cllr Robbins will look at it. Chippings need to be spread out – they cannot be used for the playground and then we will have a tidy up. If excess needs to be removed Cllr Ford may be able to help. We will need a working party and set a date at next meeting.

46.3 Playground Refurbishment – We have a proposed allocation from the Covid Grant of £6k. The proposal is that we give this to the refurbishment. The proposals from the group are rather more than refurbishment. We should agree tonight that we donate this towards a specific area of the refurbishment. The group have had their 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and it has moved on considerably. Colvin & Moggridge have been involved through Kenan Ali and they have allowed him to draw up the plans. We were to relocate bark and the containment area but it is now quite different and a much larger project. The group have worked very hard setting up Facebook and Just Giving pages. WODC grant has been applied for, crowd funding, supermarkets etc are being looked into. The type of equipment has been decided and a schematic has been drawn. They are contacting people for quotes on equipment and landscaping. This will now cost up to £80k- it involves digging up the tarmac and replacing with grass and grass mount. Rubber surfacing and retaining the bark where the swings and slides are. There is other landscaping proposed. It is a great plan, and we have to ensure this is best suited to our community. We also have to consider the ongoing maintenance and landscaping upkeep. Question was asked by Cllr Irwin-Singer as to likelihood of group being able raise funds required, this could be achievable dependent on grant applications. Do they need any funds immediately? To do this in one hit is a very large task. It was proposed the project be phased over possibly an 18-month period which would help if people see things moving on they maybe more likely to give money. We have some jobs to do before next May – metal sleeves on the wooden poles, bark area needs improving/repairing, bark needs topping up. This is where Parish Council funding should be focused as phase one. The playground group should be asked to attend the next Village Centre Trustee meeting and present a phased project plan. The playground continues to be extremely expensive year on year the amount of money we spend is substantial. Compare it with the swimming pool which is a real attribute – could it be run this on the same basis set up a committee – could you pay to use the playground? Questions were raised by Councillors as to whether we need to evaluate the ongoing cost on a facility that doesn't appeal to a large proportion of the village, it was also suggested that the same could be said of extending the kick about field and Vale Wood as they also have a small appeal to a few people. The playground with the pool will make a large difference to the village. It would help bring people to the village as a community asset and may also bring more people to the shop.

The Parish Council had proposed the inclusion of adult exercise equipment, but it has now been disregarded due to possibility of safe guarding issues. It is not only about raising the money to complete the project but the ongoing maintenance. We have an added expensive for the Groundsman maintaining the grass etc... If they could present us with a project plan these issues could be covered. It was also noted that the committee would be time limited as children grow up and this needs to be factored into the next steps. Returning to the point councillors were asked to confirm agreement that the £6k is committed to Phase one of the project – all agreed. This will be carried out over the winter.

The Parish Council would like to express how pleased they are with the progress and enthusiasm from all involved with the project so far. The next playground meeting is the

	<p>12<sup>th</sup> October. The group are intending to write the project plan between themselves or work with others who can help. The detail of the plan will be looked at before the next Parish Council meeting. Whilst Colvin &amp; Moggridge have contributed heavily in the production of the masterplan document as it is, and are happy to be associated with the project, they wish this to be seen as the community project it is and therefore do not expect to have their logo on documents.</p> <p>46.4 Dry Stone Wall – Bowls Club- Andy Cole has started work but where the wall was taken down on the car park end there is a massive ivy root through the wall. This will need to be removed. It will have to have another 2.5 mtrs taken down and the total works will cost another £500 for the works including the stone. It was agreed this will need to be done and the budget will be revised accordingly. The other walls surrounding the playground are all good currently. We need to have a walk a round so we can highlight any items going forward. We have talked about the gate at Hardcastles Field and these need to be added into the budget. Clerk will canvas any dates just after the next meeting for Councillors to attend.</p>	
47/22	Next Meeting will be held on 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 and will be held in the main Village Hall.	