

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council-  
Held at Bronington School on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30 pm**

<b>Present</b>	Cllrs. V Brodie, D Evans, R Hill, B Martin, R Millington, P Robinson, A Warren, M Watson.  The Clerk. Ward Cllr Rodney Skelland. Three members of the public attended part of the meeting.	
<b>1- Apologies</b>	Cllrs A Edwards, R Mottershead, A Lewis, A Reardon.	
<b>2- Declarations of Interest</b>	None were declared.	
<b>3- Police Update</b>	The monthly police report has been circulated to Cllrs. November's Report:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No ASB to report.</li> <li>- Fraud – Bronington – telephone scam.</li> <li>- Theft – Bronington – theft of a cow.</li> <li>- Theft – Redbrook – attempt to take the hired digger (unsuccessful).</li> <li>- There is currently an operation ongoing tackling thefts and burglaries in the area, officers are patrolling and targeting areas overnight.</li> </ul> December's Report:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Theft – Bronington - family member has stolen money.</li> <li>- Assault – Bronington – report of a historical assault.</li> <li>- Modern Slavery – Bronington – ongoing.</li> <li>- Speed checks conducted on Ellesmere Road A495, 32 vehicles checked, 3 were speeding fastest at 65 mph.</li> </ul>	
<b>4- Adoption of the minutes</b>	<b>Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the business meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Brodie.</b>	
<b>5- Casual Vacancies</b>	Cllrs Reardon and Lewis have resigned as community councillors. The Clerk is to notify WCBC and place notification of the Casual Vacancies on the website and the Council noticeboards.	RS
<b>6- Matters Arising</b>	6.1 <u>Highways:-</u> Speed Limit:-The Clerk has sent a request for a reduction in speed limit on the A495 to GoSafe. The Council discussed the location and agreed to request that a 40 mph speed limit be introduced on the A495 from Boundary Garage to Green Dragon. Road Condition:- Cllr Brodie has been informed by WCBC that the A495 is due to be resurfaced before Easter using funds from the Road Safety Fund.	RS
<b>7- Open Forum</b>	Members of the public raised the following concerns:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Footpath:- The dangerous condition of the footpath on the A495 from Chapel Lane to Bronington village which is impassable in places with residents having to walk on the A495 where they are exposed to vehicles who are driving up to speeds on 60 mph. In addition, there are pieces of tarmac on the pavement causing an obstruction to pedestrians.</li> <li>- Chapel Lane - Potholes:- The potholes on Chapel Lane were filled in recently but they reappeared the following day after the rain washed away the repairs. The road surface on both Chapel Lane and Narrow Lane is disintegrating. Concerns were</li> </ul>	

	<p>raised as there are several elderly residents living on Chapel Lane and the dangerous state of both roads is causing them great difficulty when they wish to use the road to gain access to the A495.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A495 – Potholes:- There are a number of potholes beyond Chapel Lane on the A495 which are affecting the properties nearby as they are vibrating when large vehicles drive over the potholes. Cracks have started to appear in one property as a result of the vibrations caused by vehicles driving over the potholes. In addition, there have been a number of accidents and vehicles breaking down as a direct result of the potholes at the location.</li><li>- School Bus:- Concerns were raised for the school children using the Lakeside bus and the current location for collecting / dropping off. When the children are dropped off, they have to cross the busy A495 (the current speed limit is 60 mph) to walk home. The resident suggested that the school children be dropped off outside Oddfellows Hall as it is a safer location.</li><li>- Duty of Care:- A resident stated that the local authority has a duty of care to maintain the roads in a safe condition (as stated in the Highways Act 1980 : section 44 part 1). He stated that the local authority is failing in their duty to do so.</li></ul> <p>The Clerk is to report the above concerns to WCBC.</p> <p>Ward Cllr Skelland spoke to the meeting about the proposed boundary changes in the local area.</p>	RS																		
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<b>9- Accounts</b>	<p>9.1 <u>Financial Report:-</u>  The bank balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019 is as follows:-  Lloyds Current Account £ 21,759.58  <b>To approve payments / receipts:-</b>  Payments:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Chq No</th><th>Payee</th><th>Amount</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>266</td><td>Christmas Costs</td><td>£ 100.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>267</td><td>COMMUNITY ROOM:- Equipment / Furniture</td><td>£1,561.62</td></tr> <tr> <td>268</td><td>COMMUNITY ROOM:- Richard Chadwick (fencing)</td><td>£1,275.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>269</td><td>BBPA:- Ace Play</td><td>£ 219.19</td></tr> <tr> <td>270</td><td>Bronington School - toilet repairs</td><td>£ 335.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>271</td><td>COMMUNITY ROOM:- Birch Property Maintenance (decorating)</td><td>£2,904.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>272</td><td>COMMUNITY ROOM:- difference to pay vacuum cleaner</td><td>£ 70.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>273</td><td>Running Costs</td><td>£ 53.52</td></tr> <tr> <td>274</td><td>COMMUNITY ROOM:- running costs</td><td>£ 35.19</td></tr> <tr> <td>275</td><td>Little Red Tractor Company</td><td>£ 489.60</td></tr> <tr> <td>276</td><td>Whitewell Church (churchyard maintenance)</td><td>£1,000.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>277</td><td>Christmas Trees</td><td>£ 60.00</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.  <u>Receipts:-</u>  Precept - £6,334.00  <b>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and the above payments. Proposed by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Hill.</b></p> <p>9.2 <u>Financial Year 2020 – 2021:-</u>  <b>Resolved:- The Council agreed to approve the budget for 2020– 2021 as attached. Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Warren.</b></p> <p>9.3 <u>To set the precept for 2020 – 2021</u>  <b>Resolved:- The Council agreed to set the precept for 2020– 2021 at £19,000.00. Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Warren.</b></p> <p>9.4 <u>To consider setting up online banking and to agree action:-</u></p>	Chq No	Payee	Amount	266	Christmas Costs	£ 100.00	267	COMMUNITY ROOM:- Equipment / Furniture	£1,561.62	268	COMMUNITY ROOM:- Richard Chadwick (fencing)	£1,275.00	269	BBPA:- Ace Play	£ 219.19	270	Bronington School - toilet repairs	£ 335.00	271	COMMUNITY ROOM:- Birch Property Maintenance (decorating)	£2,904.00	272	COMMUNITY ROOM:- difference to pay vacuum cleaner	£ 70.00	273	Running Costs	£ 53.52	274	COMMUNITY ROOM:- running costs	£ 35.19	275	Little Red Tractor Company	£ 489.60	276	Whitewell Church (churchyard maintenance)	£1,000.00	277	Christmas Trees	£ 60.00	
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	<b>Resolved:- The Council agreed to set up online banking for urgent adhoc payments that have to be made between Council meetings. The Clerk is to obtain written authorisation by email from two bank signatories before any online payment can be made. Proposed by Cllr Brodie and seconded by Cllr Martin.</b>	RS
<b>10- Planning</b>	<p>10.1 <u>Applications Received</u>  P/2019/0873 - Partial demolition of two storey rear gable, single storey kitchen and associated single storey store rooms to facilitate a new two storey rear extension, demolition of existing garage and brick wc block and erection of replacement smaller garage and store / workshop building at Ryecroft The Chequer Bronington  <b>No observations were made.</b></p> <p>P/2019/0951 and P/2019/0952 - Sub division of Whitewell Lodge into 2 No. separate dwellings at Whitewell Lodge, Whitewell  <b>No observations were made.</b></p> <p>10.2 <u>New Applications Received:-</u>  None have been received.</p> <p>10.3 <u>Decisions:-</u>  <u>Granted:-</u>  P/2019/0696 - The Nurseries School Lane Bronington  P/2019/0733 - 3 Oakfield Close Bronington  <u>Refused:-</u>  P/2019/0536 - Field North West of the Old Vicarage, Moss Lane, Bronington  <u>Appeal Dismissed:-</u>  P/2018/1061 - Land Opposite Maesllwyn Close, East of Mill Road, Bronington</p>	
<b>11- Council Priorities</b>	The Council moved to a Part 2 to discuss Bronington Shop.	
<b>12- Barry Barlow Memorial Play Area Update</b>	The Council discussed the drainage problems at the play area. The Council plan to purchase new play equipment for the play area during the 2020 – 2021 financial year.	
<b>13- Reporting on Section 6 - The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty:-</b>	The Clerk has prepared a report based on what the Council has done to maintain and enhance biodiversity. Cllr Martin agreed to look further at the report and amend as required.	BM
<b>14- Bronington School</b>	Cllr Brodie updated the meeting:- work is being carried out on the roof of the school; the school has now taken over the running of the playgroup; the school are looking to send out a mailshot to promote the school; the school banners are to be redesigned.	
<b>15- AOB</b>	<p>15.1 <u>Community Room:-</u>  Update as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The coffee morning held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January was well attended by residents;</li> <li>- There will be another coffee morning on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, it is hoped to</li> </ul>	

	<p>hold regular coffee mornings in the Community Room with a small charge made for coffee and cake to cover the costs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A screen and projector have been donated to the Community Room;</li> <li>- It is hoped that items of catering equipment will be donated to the Community Room;</li> <li>- Confirmation of the insurance arrangements for regular and non-regular users;</li> <li>- Advice of the room rates;</li> <li>- Regular users are to provide a copy of their insurance certificate (for insurance purposes);</li> <li>- A risk assessment is yet to be carried out.</li> </ul> <p>15.2 <u>Rainbow Centre:-</u> Cllr Brodie attended the recent meeting and previously circulated notes to Cllrs.</p> <p>15.3 <u>Summer Fair:-</u> A meeting of the committee is due to take place. The Chairman of the committee is to attend the February Council meeting.</p> <p>15.4 <u>Grant Process:-</u> The Clerk is to make arrangements to advertise the new Grant Process which is to replace the Participatory Budget scheme.</p> <p>15.5 <u>Highways:-</u> The Clerk is to report the following to Highways:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pothole:- located at The Hulley.</li> <li>- Blocked Grid:- between Meadow Vale and Holly Bank, Tybroughton.</li> <li>- Collapsing Grids:- potholes are starting to form around the grids on the A495 between Oddfellows Hall and Green Dragon – wagon drivers are having to swerve to avoid the grids and are causing a hazard to other vehicles.</li> <li>- Potholes:- located from Eglwys Cross to Bank Farm on the A525 (the road is like a colander).</li> <li>- Road Surface:- between Nook Lane and Smithy Farm on the A495 is broken up badly in places.</li> <li>- Road Surface:- between Fenns Lane and Pinfold Corner – the road was only resurfaced a couple of years ago yet has deteriorated rapidly to the point that cars are driving on the verge and getting stuck as the verges are too low compared to the height of the road.</li> <li>- Potholes:- located on several locations on the road from Eglwys Cross to Strip Lane.</li> <li>- Potholes:- located on several locations on the road from Brook Farm to The Pines.</li> <li>- Road Condition:- the road by Llan Bedr wood is unpassable; the Council has heard that tankers are using the road at 2.00 am as a short cut; as a result this has wrecked the road.</li> <li>- Potholes:- located from The Lodge to Higher Wych Road.</li> <li>- Low Hanging Trees:- located at Higher Barns.</li> </ul> <p>15.6. <u>Attempted Break In:-</u> An Iscoyd resident recently stopped someone trying to break into his shed.</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>RS</p>
<b>Date of next meeting</b>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Bronington School	
<b>Part 2</b>	<b>Resolved:- To resolve to exclude the press and members of the public as any publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Brodie.</b>	

