

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council-  
Held using the Zoom Platform on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm**

<b>Present</b>	Cllrs. Vanessa Brodie, Sue Clarke, Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Ben Martin, Richard Mottershead (attended part of the meeting), Diane Nunnerley, Steve Swinden, Annemarie Warren. The Clerk.
<b>1- Apologies</b>	Cllrs. Mark Watson.
<b>2- Declarations of Interest</b>	Cllr Brodie declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9 of the minutes.
<b>3- Casual Vacancy</b>	Two candidates applied to be co-opted to fill the casual vacancy. They have written previously to the Council to express their interest and introduce themselves to the Council. <b>Resolved:- Councillors agreed to co-opt Sue Clarke to represent Iscoyd ward. Cllr Clarke is to sign the Acceptance of Office form. Proposed by Cllr Brodie and seconded by Cllr Warren.</b> <b>The voting took place as follows:-</b> <b>For:- Cllrs Brodie, Evans, Hill, Martin, Nunnerley, Swinden, Warren</b> <b>Against:- None.</b> <b>Abstained:- None.</b>
<b>4- Police Update</b>	There was no report. The Council have been made aware of various scams; these have been posted on the Council's website.
<b>5- Adoption of the minutes</b>	<b>Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the business meeting that was held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020.</b> <b>Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Warren.</b> <b>The voting took place as follows:-</b> <b>For:- Cllrs Brodie, Evans, Hill, Martin, Nunnerley, Swinden, Warren</b> <b>Against:- None.</b> <b>Abstained:- Cllr Clarke.</b>
<b>6- Matters Arising</b>	There were no matters arising.
<b>7- Open Forum</b>	There was no consideration of this item.
<b>8- Corres.</b>	List previously circulated.
<b>9- Grant Applications</b>	The Council has received the following grant applications:- Bumblebees Pre school - £500.00 to carry out repairs to sheds belonging to Bumblebees. St Mary's Church Whitewell - £1,000.00 to replace the fence alongside the graveyard as the original fence blew down in a gale. <b>Resolved:- The Council agreed to the following grants:-</b> <b>£500.00 to Bumblebees Pre-school to carry out repairs to sheds belonging to Bumblebees.</b> <b>Proposed by Cllr Warren and seconded by Cllr Evans.</b> <b>£1,000.00 to St Mary's Church Whitewell to replace the fence</b>

	<p>alongside the graveyard.  Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Clarke.  The voting took place as follows:-  For:- Cllrs Brodie, Clarke, Evans, Hill, Martin, Nunnerley, Swinden, Warren  Against:- None.  Abstained:- None.</p>																					
10- Laptop	<p>Resolved:- The Council agreed to purchase a laptop and software for the Clerk to the value of £500.00 plus VAT.  Proposed by Cllr Brodie and seconded by Cllr Warren.  The voting took place as follows:-  For:- Cllrs Brodie, Clarke, Evans, Hill, Martin, Nunnerley, Swinden, Warren.  Against:- None.  Abstained:- None.</p>																					
11- Accounts	<p>11.1 <u>Financial Report</u>:-  The reconciled bank balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 is as follows:-  Lloyds Current Account £23,556.75.</p> <p><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>Online</td> <td>Little Red Tractor Company</td> <td>£ 525.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Running Costs / Hand Sanitiser and dispenser for the Community Room</td> <td>£ 163.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>COMMUNITY ROOM:- paint reimburse V Brodie</td> <td>£ 39.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>GRANT:- Bumblebees</td> <td>£ 500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>GRANT:- St Mary's Church, Whitewell</td> <td>£1,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Laptop for Clerk</td> <td>£ 600.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.  <u>Receipts</u>:-  Precept:- £6,333.33.  <b>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and approve the above payments.</b>  Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Martin.  The voting took place as follows:-  For:- Cllrs Brodie, Clarke, Evans, Hill, Martin, Nunnerley, Swinden, Warren.  Against:- None.  Abstained:- None.</p>	Chq No	Payee	Amount	Online	Little Red Tractor Company	£ 525.60	Online	Running Costs / Hand Sanitiser and dispenser for the Community Room	£ 163.85	Online	COMMUNITY ROOM:- paint reimburse V Brodie	£ 39.66	Online	GRANT:- Bumblebees	£ 500.00	Online	GRANT:- St Mary's Church, Whitewell	£1,000.00	Online	Laptop for Clerk	£ 600.00
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12- Annual Audit	There is no update.																					
13- Change of	Cllr Martin is to compose a questionnaire regarding the change of Council																					

<b>Council Name</b>	name.
<b>14- Annual Report</b>	<p>Cllrs Brodie, Nunnerley, Swinden and Mottershead.</p> <p>are to meet to design the layout of the Annual Report which is to include the questionnaire regarding the change of Council name. Cllr Martin is to prepare the questionnaire.</p> <p>Both the Annual Report and Questionnaire are to be circulated to all residents. Cllr Brodie is to look into the distribution options.</p>
<b>15- Barry Barlow Play Area</b>	<p>Cllr Brodie updated the meeting as follows of works at the play area:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Play equipment and the benches have been cleaned / painted;</li> <li>- The swing seats and chains have been replaced;</li> <li>- The roundabout has been adjusted;</li> <li>- Goalposts have been installed;</li> <li>- A butterfly garden has been planted;</li> <li>- The Burma Bridge has been removed;</li> <li>- The hedge is due to be cut in October by the Little Red Tractor Company;</li> <li>- Replacement bark is due to be installed.</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk is to instruct the Little Red Tractor Company to cut all the hedges at the site.</p>
<b>16- Planning</b>	<p>16.1 <u>Applications Received</u></p> <p>P/2020/0349 – Listed building consent for new internal doors, first floor bathroom and lean-to refurbishment at Iscoyd Cottages, Mannings Lane, Iscoyd</p> <p><b>Resolved:- The Council had submitted the following observations previously:-</b></p> <p><b>The Council note that this is clearly knocking two listed cottages into one house bearing no resemblance to what was there originally internally and to some extent externally. The Council are concerned that this is a retrospective planning application for a listed building and are concerned that this may set a precedent.</b></p> <p><b>1. The impression is given that these remain two separate cottages, only with access doors added between.</b></p> <p><b>In fact, the cottages have been knocked through into one dwelling, and one of the two staircases was removed in the process.</b></p> <p><b>This is now a five bedroom, five bathroom house in a single garden plot.</b></p> <p><b>2. The plans suggest that there has been no increase in the footprint of the property with the 'refurbishment of the lean-to'.</b></p> <p><b>In fact, the 'before' plan has no bearing on what was actually there, and the clear increase in footprint with the new extension can be seen when compared with the Block Plan elsewhere in the application.</b></p> <p><b>3. The application gives the impression that prior to the works the cottages were in very poor repair and 'in great need of refurbishment'.</b></p> <p><b>However, less than 2 years ago Carter Jonas was advertising No 1</b></p>

for rent as follows:

*"A delightful 2 bedroom semi-detached country cottage. Inside the property comprises a newly fitted kitchen and a reception room, upstairs there are two bedrooms and a newly fitted bathroom. The property is currently undergoing renovation will be available for viewing by appointment from 21st November 2018."*

Overall, the Council regret that this is a loss of two potential households from the community and a loss of two historically important dwellings.

**P/2020/0313 – Change of use from agricultural to paddock and erect field shelter and ménage at Llethr Mill, Agden**

**Resolved:- The Council had submitted the following observations previously:-**

**No observations**

P/2020/0356 - Erection of an agricultural storage building, a stable building and a timber garage at The Holding Redbrook Maelor

**Resolved:- The Council had submitted the following observations previously:-**

**The proposed stable block and proposed garage are reasonable.**

**The Council have concerns with the largest building with regards to both its size and its stated purpose. The size of the proposed barn is 60 foot by 40 foot (2,400 square feet) and 17 feet 6 high. This appears to be a large building for a smallholding which is mainly horse grazing.**

**The Design and Access Statement is misleading for the proposed barn as it gives the impression that the applicants run sheep and produce hay and straw:**

*"The applicant wishes to upgrade the storage facilities associated with their sheep farming enterprise"*

*"the building creates a space to store and handle the hay and straw produce farmed"*

**The applicants do not have any sheep and do not produce straw.**

**The Council would therefore question what the purpose of such a large building would be, as it may be put to a non-agricultural purpose.**

P/2020/0453 - Conversion of stables and outbuilding to holiday let accommodation ( in retrospect) at Highbrooke House, Higher Wych Road, Higher Wych, Malpas

**Resolved:- The Council is to submit the following observations:-**

**The conversion is too bright as it is cream and very visible from Higher Wych.**

**On the last page of the planning application there is a question as to whether the site can be seen from a public road. The applicant has answered NO. This is incorrect as the site can be clearly seen from**

	<p>Higher Wych village (from the road leading to Higher Wych from Malpas) and from the road leading from the Old Malpas road to Higher Wych.</p> <p>16.2 <u>New Applications Received:-</u> None have been received.</p> <p>16.3 <u>Decisions:-</u> No decisions to report.</p>
<b>17- Policies</b>	<p>The Council considered adopting the following policies as previously circulated and amended by Cllr Brodie:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Email and Address Contact Privacy Notice</li> <li>- Information Available from</li> <li>- Information Data Protection Policy</li> <li>- Equality and Diversity Policy</li> <li>- Health and Safety Policy</li> <li>- Risk Assessment</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved:- The Council agreed to adopt the following policies:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Email and Address Contact Privacy Notice</b></li> <li>- <b>Information Available from</b></li> <li>- <b>Information Data Protection Policy</b></li> <li>- <b>Equality and Diversity Policy</b></li> <li>- <b>Health and Safety Policy</b></li> <li>- <b>Risk Assessment</b></li> </ul> <p><b>In addition, the Clerk is to back up data each month and pass it to the Chairman for safe keeping.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr Brodie and seconded by Cllr Warren.</b></p> <p><b>The voting took place as follows:-</b></p> <p><b>For:- Cllrs Brodie, Clarke, Evans, Hill, Martin, Mottershead, Nunnerley, Swinden, Warren.</b></p> <p><b>Against:- None.</b></p> <p><b>Abstained:- None.</b></p>
<b>18- Community Room</b>	<p>Update as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Risk assessment has been carried out;</li> <li>- The room is due to re-open in October;</li> <li>- The carpets are due to be cleaned;</li> <li>- Hand sanitiser and dispenser has been purchased;</li> <li>- Rainbows and Brownies are hoping to re start in November.</li> </ul>
<b>19- Bronington Shop</b>	<p>The signage is due to be erected at the shop.</p>
<b>20- Land Opposite Shop in Bronington</b>	<p>The terms of the draft Memorandum of Understanding have been sent to Lady Hanmer for consideration. No further update.</p>
<b>21- Bronington School</b>	<p>Cllr Brodie updated the Council about the school including the repairs to the roof and that the children are now back at school.</p>
<b>22- AOB</b>	<p>22.1 Footway on A495:- concerns raised regarding the state of the pavement / footpath as it is overgrown and dangerous for pedestrians. Cllr Hill is to prepare a report with photos.</p>

	<p>22.2 Footway on A525:- the footpath from Redbrook Maelor to Eglwys Cross is not passible in places. The Clerk is to report to Highways.</p> <p>22.3 Planning:- Cllr Martin requested that Cllrs are copied in when the planning observations are submitted to WCBC.</p> <p>22.4 Road signs:- the signage on the A495 has not been removed. The Clerk is to report to Highways.</p> <p>22.5 Speeding:- concerns were raised regarding the speed of the traffic in and around Iscoyd Park and for the safety of pedestrians and horse riders.</p> <p>22.5 Dog Waste:- dog owners are not picking up dog waste bags and causing a hazard.</p> <p>22.6 BBPA:- the Clerk is to contact The Little Red Tractor Company and request that the hedges are cut back inside the play area where is growing through the fencing.</p>
<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p>	<p>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 (Venue TBA.)</p>