

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council  
held at Bronington School on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm**

<b>Present</b>	Cllrs Vanessa Brodie, Sue Clarke, Anna Edwards, Dave Evans (Vice Chairman), Rob Hill, Ben Martin (Chairman), Richard Mottershead (attended part of the meeting), Diane Nunnerley, Steve Swinden, Annemarie Warren. The Clerk. Twelve members of the public attended part of the meeting.
<b>1- Apologies</b>	Cllrs Robert Millington, Mark Watson.
<b>2- Declarations of Interest</b>	Cllr Edwards declared a pecuniary interest in item 10.4 of the minutes.
<b>3- Police Update</b>	The police report was previously circulated. PCSO Dean Sawyer sent his apologies. The Council discussed the request for a financial contribution towards Target Hardening Equipment and agreed to ask the residents if they wished the Council to participate in the scheme.
<b>4- Open Forum</b>	<p><u>Planning:-</u> Concerns were raised regarding planning application P/2021/0640 - Change of use of agricultural land to caravan site and associated works at Land between Holly Cottage and Chapel Farm, Whitewell. These included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of notification by WCBC to neighbouring properties;</li> <li>- The proximity of the proposed site to the Grade two listed Whitewell Church;</li> <li>- Noise levels that could potentially be generated at the site;</li> <li>- The site would create an adverse visual impact which would be detrimental to the local area;</li> <li>- The proposed location to site the caravans is close to the neighbouring boundary fence;</li> <li>- Concerns regarding the landscaping and the height of the hedges as they affect light into the neighbouring property;</li> <li>- Loss of agricultural land (as per the Local Plan);</li> <li>- Questioned the sustainability of the proposed site as there are no nearby amenities and there is a lack of public transport;</li> <li>- The proposed access to the site is off the A525 near to Broad Oak Industrial Estate, speeding and visibility concerns were raised;</li> <li>- Noise generated by extra traffic will impact on the hamlet;</li> <li>- Fear of crime;</li> <li>- Increase in vermin levels due to food waste;</li> <li>- Request that the position of the caravans be relocated.</li> </ul> <p><u>Footpath:-</u> A resident raised the protruding hedges which are covering footpaths on New Hall Lane. Cllr Martin advised that he had met with a representative from WCBC Highways to discuss various issues including the state of footpaths. WCBC advised the lack of resources available to carry out the work and confirmed that volunteers can help tidy up roads off the main A roads. WCBC Highways have agreed to provide an updated schedule of works every two months which is to be circulated in The Bugle.</p>

5- Adoption of the minutes	<p><b>Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr Brodie and seconded by Cllr Warren.</b></p>																		
6- Matters Arising	<p>6.1 Dog Waste Bins:- The Clerk has contacted WCBC and is waiting for a response.</p> <p>6.2 Road Signage to warn of Horse Riders:- The Clerk has contacted WCBC and is waiting for a response.</p> <p>6.3 Recycling Wagons:- The Clerk has reported the matter to WCBC. This is still an issue.</p> <p>6.4 Potholes:- The Clerk has reported the potholes on Broomers Lane and from Holly Bank to Whitewell Parish Rooms to Highways.</p> <p>6.5 WiFi at Whitewell Parish Rooms:- The Clerk is to contact the committee to make arrangements to pay 50% towards the cost of the WiFi.</p>																		
7- Corres.	List previously circulated.																		
8- Accounts	<p>8.1 <u>Financial Year 2021 – 2022:-</u>  The reconciled bank balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 is as follows:-  Lloyds Current Account £ 16,928.87.  To approve the following payments:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="432 815 1458 1211"> <thead> <tr> <th>Chq No</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Running Costs</td> <td>£ 38.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Little Red Tractor Company (BBPA maintenance)</td> <td>£ 262.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Bronington School - Rent for Community Room (01/01/21 - 30/06/21)</td> <td>£ 40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Rainbow Centre - Living Wage supplement contribution</td> <td>£ 160.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>BBPA - Playquest (Children's Cardio Unit)</td> <td>£3,498.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.</p> <p><u>Receipts:-</u>  BT Refund - £14.29  Hire of Community Room (WCBC) - £250.00</p> <p><b>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Warren.</b></p> <p>8.2 <u>Budget to Date:-</u>  The Council received the Budget to Date figures as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. This is to be revisited at the September meeting.</p>	Chq No	Payee	Amount	Online	Running Costs	£ 38.90	Online	Little Red Tractor Company (BBPA maintenance)	£ 262.80	Online	Bronington School - Rent for Community Room (01/01/21 - 30/06/21)	£ 40.00	Online	Rainbow Centre - Living Wage supplement contribution	£ 160.00	Online	BBPA - Playquest (Children's Cardio Unit)	£3,498.00
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9- Annual Audit	The audit notices have been posted on the website and noticeboards. The paperwork is with the External Auditor.																		
10- Planning	<p>10.1 <u>Applications Received:-</u>  P/2021/0579 – prior notification for erection of agricultural building at Land at Iscoyd, Whitchurch</p> <p><b>The Council made no observations.</b></p> <p>P/2021/0621 - erection of outbuilding at Bron Haul Farm Drury Lane Tybroughton</p> <p><b>Resolved:- The Council agreed to support the application.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr Brodie and seconded by Cllr Mottershead.</b></p> <p>P/2021/0612 – change of use of building to gym (class D1 use) at The Nurseries School Lane Bronington</p>																		

	<p><b>Resolved:- The Council agreed to support the application. Proposed by Cllr Brodie and seconded by Cllr Warren.</b>  P/2021/0675 - Two storey and single storey side extensions, erection of porch and conversion of garage to additional living space at The Fields School Lane Bronington</p> <p><b>Resolved:- The Council agreed to support the application. Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Nunnerley.</b>  <u>Appeal:-</u>  P/2021/0137 - Demolition of existing building and outline application (All matters reserved except for access) for 9 dwellings at Happy Days Coaches Mill Lane Little Green Bronington</p> <p><b>The Council made no further observations as the original observations will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate.</b></p> <p>10.2 <u>New Applications Received:-</u>  P/2021/0640 - Change of use of agricultural land to caravan site and associated works at Land between Holly Cottage and Chapel Farm, Whitewell</p> <p><b>Resolved:- The Council agreed to support the application but had reservations regarding the following:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Density:- The proposed eight pitches for caravans is too many for the site (six pitches would be more appropriate);</b></li> <li>- <b>Highways:- The access road from the A525 to the proposed site is unsubstantial;</b></li> <li>- <b>Neighbouring Properties:- Concerns were raised regarding the close proximity of the site to neighbouring properties which could be intrusive.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>If WCBC is minded to grant approval for this planning application, the Council would request that consideration of a time limit for five years is made a condition. This will assess the impact of the development in the local area.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr Brodie and seconded by Cllr Swinden.</b></p> <p>10.3 <u>Decisions:-</u>  <u>Granted:-</u>  P/2021/0221 - Sheepfold Farm Ellesmere Road Bronington</p> <p>10.4 <u>Letter:-</u>  The Council agreed to send a letter to the Planning Department regarding the refusal of planning application P/2020/0738 as discussed at the June meeting.</p>
<p><b>11- Highways</b></p>	<p>11.1 <u>Meeting with Gareth Matthews:-</u>  Cllr Martin updated Councillors regarding the meeting between Gareth Matthews and Cllrs Martin and Swinden. Various highways issues were discussed including ways of working together in the future.</p> <p>11.2 <u>Vehicle Speed Activated Signage:-</u>  The Council discussed ways to reduce speeding in the wards based on what neighbouring councils have done.  A speed limit review due to take place, the Clerk is to find out further details.  The Council agreed to defer any decision regarding installing vehicle</p>

	speed activated signage.
<b>12- Whitewell Parish Rooms</b>	There was no consideration of this item.
<b>13- Council Priorities</b>	<p>Cllr Martin spoke to the meeting about setting up three working groups to deal with the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Young People in the Community – Cllr Clarke to lead;</li> <li>- Older People in the Community – Cllr Brodie to lead;</li> <li>- Highways – Cllr Martin to lead.</li> </ul> <p>Each working group is to carry out the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish what is available in the local area;</li> <li>- Ask residents what their priorities are;</li> <li>- Formulate a plan to achieve the priorities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved:- The Council agreed to set up the working groups to carry out the actions as detailed above.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Swinden.</b></p>
<b>14- Community Group</b>	Cllr Brodie advised that older people are not keen to get involved at the present moment in time but will meet to discuss future plans.
<b>15- Council Logo and Letterhead</b>	There was no consideration of this item.
<b>16- Barry Barlow Play Area</b>	<p>Cllrs Brodie, Millington, Mottershead and Hill have met to go through the Annual Inspection to establish what works are required at the play area. Cllr Brodie suggested that the wooden slats on the bench be replaced with recycled plastic boards using the same frame. A combination padlock is to be purchased for the gate. Bark is required to cover four square metres. The new play equipment has been installed.</p> <p>The Clerk has asked Little Red Tractor Company about the pegs for the football goals, but has not received a reply.</p> <p>At present, WCBC make arrangements for the annual inspection of the play area. The Clerk is to check whether the Council can use another provider to carry out the inspection.</p> <p><b>Resolved:- The Council agreed to purchase the following:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Recycled plastic boards at a cost of £320.00 plus VAT for the bench;</b></li> <li>- <b>Combination padlock;</b></li> <li>- <b>Bark to cover four square metres.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Evans.</b></p>
<b>17- Land Opposite Shop in Bronington</b>	<p>Cllr Martin updated the meeting regarding the legal costs and annual rent for the land opposite the shop in Bronington.</p> <p><b>Resolved:- The Council agreed to accept the agreement and pay up to £300.00 plus VAT to set up the legal agreement and a further £50.00 per annum in respect of rent for the land opposite the shop in Bronington.</b></p> <p><b>Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Brodie.</b></p>
<b>18- Operation London Bridge</b>	This item was deferred to the September meeting.
<b>19- Bronington School Representative</b>	Nothing to report.

<p><b>20- To receive update(s) from outside organisations</b></p>	<p>20.1 Rainbow Centre:- The Stakeholders meeting has been rescheduled.</p>
<p><b>21- AOB</b></p>	<p>21.1 Camper Van on Maesllwyn Lane:- Reported to WCBC that a camper van has been parked overnight on Maesllwyn Lane. WCBC has requested that the situation is monitored and reported to them. The Council are to contact the PCSO regarding the matter.</p> <p>21.2 Finance Training:- Cllr Swinden has attended a course on Council finance and informed the meeting about the requirement for training of Councillors; the Council should increase the precept each year; virements and setting up a Finance Committee / Working Group. This is to be considered at the September meeting.</p> <p>21.3 Signage:- The tourist information sign in the layby before Redbrook Maelor is damaged. The Clerk is to report this to WCBC.</p> <p>21.4 Water Board:- The Clerk is to report the control valve needs attention on the grid at the top of Bank Farm on the A525.</p> <p>21.5 Grids:- Attention is required for all the grids on the A525 between Redbrook Maelor and Tybroughton and on the A495 between Redbrook Maelor and Bronington. The Clerk is to report this to WCBC.</p> <p>21.6 Hedge:- There is an overgrown hedge on New Hall Lane (opposite Welsh View) which is causing an obstruction on the highway. The Clerk is to report this to WCBC.</p> <p>21.7 Hedge obscuring speed sign:- There is an overgrown hedge turning right out of School Lane onto the A495 (property called Karmie); which is obscuring the speed repeater sign. The Clerk is to report this to WCBC.</p>
<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p>	<p>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at Whitewell Parish Rooms</p>