

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council  
held at Whitewell Parish Rooms  
on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.00 pm**

<b>Present</b>	Cllrs, Sue Clarke, Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin (Chairperson), Robert Millington (attended part of the meeting), Steve Swinden. The Clerk. One member of the public. Ward Cllr Jeremy Newton and PCSO Saunders attended part of the meeting.													
<b>1- Apologies</b>	Cllrs Ryan Adams, Sarah Birch, Anna Edwards, Mark Watson.													
<b>2- Declarations of Interest</b>	There were no interests declared.													
<b>3- Police Update</b>	The police report had been circulated previously. PSCO Saunders updated the meeting regarding recent crimes in the area. The request for the GoSafe van was unsuccessful as the location did not meet with the criteria. He advised that he will utilise the speed gun in the area.													
<b>4- Open Forum</b>	Ward Cllr Jeremy Newton updated the meeting regarding the following in the ward:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clearing of gullies;</li> <li>- Pothole repairs;</li> <li>- Work due to start in Llanbedr Lane.</li> </ul> Cllr Evans reported the loose water cover at Bank Farm.													
<b>5- Adoption of the minutes</b>	<b>Resolved:-The Council approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</b> <b>Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Evans.</b>													
<b>6- Casual Vacancy</b>	One candidate has submitted an expression of interest to be co-opted. <b>Resolved:- The Council agreed to co-opt Ethna Norris to represent the Iscoyd ward. She is to sign the Acceptance of Office form.</b> <b>Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Clarke.</b>													
<b>7- Matters Arising</b>	There were no matters arising.													
<b>8- Corres.</b>	List previously circulated.													
<b>9- Audit</b>	The Clerk is to take the audit paperwork for the triennial audit to the Audit Wales office in Abergele.													
<b>10- Accounts</b>	<p>10.1 <u>Additional Hours:-</u> <b>Resolved:-</b> The Council confirmed agreement to pay the Clerk the additional hours worked in respect of work carried out in respect of the triennial audit. <b>Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Swinden.</b></p> <p>10.2 <u>Financial Year 2023 – 2024:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £ 20,493.73.</p> <p>10.2 <u>Payments:-</u> To approve the following payments:-</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Chq</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Payee</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Running Costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 34.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Little Red Tractor Company</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 262.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>ROSPA - Annual Inspection Barry Barlow Play</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£144.60</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Chq	Payee	Amount	Online	Running Costs	£ 34.35	Online	Little Red Tractor Company	£ 262.80	Online	ROSPA - Annual Inspection Barry Barlow Play	£144.60
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Online	Grant – Whitewell Church	£1,500.00
Online	One Voice Wales – Training	£ 76.00

The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.

**Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments.**

**Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Swinden.**

10.1 Budget to Date:-

To Council received and noted the budget to date figures as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

## 11- Planning

11.1 Applications Received:-

P/2023/0341 - Erection of agricultural workers dwelling and associated works at Land at Higher Lanes Iscoyd

**Observations:-**

**The Council agreed to strongly oppose this application for a farm house on a green field site and it is not convinced there is a sufficient need for the dwelling and the siting is inappropriate.**

**Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Swinden.**

P/2023/0359 - LBC for internal and external alterations including demolition of walls to piggery (partly in retrospect) at Bank Farm Higher Lanes Iscoyd

**Observations:-**

**The Council agreed to oppose this application based on the following:-**

- **Concerns regarding the documentation in the planning application which is misleading and inaccurate;**
- **Structural changes ought not to be carried out to a listed building without having obtained prior planning approval to do as it can cause irreparable and irreversible damage to the building.**

**Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Swinden.**

P/2023/0360 - Rebuilding and change of use of piggery building to provide ancillary residential accommodation including glazed recessed linkway and alterations to lean to (partly in retrospect) at Bank Farm Higher Lanes Iscoyd

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**Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Swinden.**

11.2 New Applications Received:-

11.3 Decisions:-

Granted:-

P/2021/0640 - Land between Holly Cottage and Chapel Farm,

	<p>Whitewell</p> <p>11.4 <b><u>Planning Meetings:-</u></b>  The Council considered approaching neighbouring community councils to send a collective letter to WCBC regarding the WCBC planning process.  When a planning application is considered by the Planning Committee the current protocol by WCBC for verbal representations in the meeting is one person for the proposal; one person against the proposal and the local ward councillor.  Other planning departments in both England and Wales invite representatives from community and parish councils to speak at planning committee meetings.  It was felt by the Council that the current system at WCBC is an undemocratic process.  <b>Resolved:- The Council agreed to write to neighbouring community councils to send a collective letter to WCBC regarding the undemocratic WCBC planning process.</b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Millington.</b></p>
<p><b>12- Bronington School</b></p>	<p>Cllr Swinden updated the meeting regarding the federation between Bronington Primary School and Madras Primary School which will not take place.  There is to be a collaboration between Bronington Primary School; Borderbrook Primary School and St Pauls VA Primary School. This is to be formalised at the Governors meeting in September.</p>
<p><b>13- Barry Barlow Play Area</b></p>	<p>13.1 <b><u>Update:-</u></b>  Cllr Adams sent a message to advise that the storage box of toys are to be put out at the play area.  Cllr Evans advised the rubbish at the play area has been removed.</p> <p>13.2 <b><u>Annual Inspection:-</u></b>  Cllr Adams sent a message to advise that the steering group are working through the list of issues raised in the annual inspection.</p>
<p><b>14- Community Room</b></p>	<p>14.1 <b><u>Management:-</u></b>  Cllr Martin updated the meeting about the coffee mornings.  Cllr Clarke informed the meeting of the sum raised to be donated to Christie's Hospital.  Cllr Birch had sent an email regarding the storage cupboard for the Brownies.</p> <p>14.2 <b><u>Maintenance:-</u></b>  No update.</p> <p>14.3 <b><u>Quiz:-</u></b>  Cllr Birch had previously circulated details about holding a quiz evening on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August in the community room.</p> <p>14.4 <b><u>Deep Clean:-</u></b>  The Council is to set a date to deep clean the community room</p> <p>14.5 <b><u>Risk Assessment:-</u></b>  This item was deferred</p>
<p><b>15- Annual Report</b></p>	<p>Work is in progress to prepare the annual report for 2022 – 2023.</p>
<p><b>16- Defibrillators</b></p>	<p>The Council agreed to register the defibrillators with Circuit; the persons responsible are as follows:-</p>

	<p>Whitewell Parish Rooms – Cllr Clarke (to register with Circuit - to speak with Andy Watts first)</p> <p>Bronington School - Cllr Birch (to register with Circuit)</p> <p>Iscoyd Wellness Clinic - Cllr Martin (to register with Circuit)</p> <p>Cllr Martin is to circulate a checklist for the defibrillator checks.</p>
<b>17- Roads Working Group</b>	The Council agreed to discuss speed signage at the September meeting.
<b>18- Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report</b>	<p>Cllr Clarke circulated a Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report.</p> <p>The Clerk is to arrange for the report to be checked by the Local Places for Nature Officer before it is posted on the Council's website.</p>
<b>19- Councillors Training</b>	The ROSPA training is to be added to the training schedule.
<b>20- To receive update(s) from outside organisations</b>	There were no updates.
<b>21- AOB</b>	<p>21.1 Bank Signatories:- Cllrs Martin and Swinden are due to visit a branch of Lloyds bank with the form.</p> <p>21.2 Change of Council Name:- This is to be considered at the September meeting.</p> <p>21.3 Green Space opposite the Shop:- There is no update; it is hoped to progress when plans for the shop are known.</p> <p>21.4 Oak Tree Saplings:- The Council are to consider and agree locations at the September meeting.</p>

**The meeting closed at 8.50 pm**