

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council
held at Bronington Community Room
on Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 7.45 pm**

Present	Cllrs Ryan Adams, Sarah Birch, Sue Clarke, Anna Edwards, Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin (Chair), Robert Millington, Ethna Norris, Steve Swinden, Mark Watson. The Clerk. Three members of the public.		
1- Apologies	Ward Cllr Jeremy Newton.		
2- Declarations of Interest	Cllr Swinden declared a pecuniary interest in item 11.1.1 and 11.1.2 of the minutes as the planning applications are for his property. Cllr Martin declared a pecuniary interest in item 11.1.1 and 11.1.2 of the minutes as the planning applications are for his neighbours property.		
3- Police Update	The police report had been circulated previously. The Council noted that the recent theft of a trailer was not included on the report. The Council are to write to agree to the PCSO's suggestion of a ward walk.		
4- Open Forum	4.1 Community Room:- Jayne Mc Call spoke to the meeting regarding the arrangement for the monthly coffee mornings including a request for improvements to the Community Room (e.g. new chairs, new vacuum cleaner) and supplies for the coffee mornings. 4.2 Planning:- The applicant spoke to the meeting regarding the proposed works in his planning application, P/2023/0621 - Single storey extension, raising of eaves to form first floor storage / rest area at Bronington Village Stores School Lane Bronington.		
5- Adoption of the minutes	Resolved:- The Council then approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on Wednesday 20th September 2023. Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Lyndsay.		
6- Matters Arising	There were no matters arising.		
7- Corres.	List previously circulated.		
8- External Audit	There is no update regarding the external audit.		
9- Dates for 2024 meetings	The Council agreed to the following dates and venues for Council meetings in 2024:- Wednesday 17 th January – Whitewell Parish Rooms Wednesday 21 st February – Bronington Community Room Wednesday 20 th March – Whitewell Parish Rooms Wednesday 17 th April – Bronington Community Room Wednesday 15 th May – Whitewell Parish Rooms Wednesday 19 th June – Bronington Community Room Wednesday 17 th July – Whitewell Parish Rooms Wednesday 21 st August - Bronington Community Room Wednesday 18 th September – Whitewell Parish Rooms Wednesday 16 th October – Bronington Community Room Wednesday 20 th November – Whitewell Parish Rooms Wednesday 18 th December - Bronington Community Room		
10- Accounts	10.1 <u>Financial Year 2023 – 2024:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 1 st October 2023 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £ 23,968.07. 10.2 <u>Payments:-</u> To approve the following payments:-		
	Chq	Payee	Amount
	Online	Running Costs	£ 44.98

	Online	Little Red Tractor Company	£ 262.80
	Online	Domain Renewal	£ 60.00
	<p>The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.</p> <p>Receipts:- None were received.</p> <p>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Watson.</p> <p>10.3 <u>Budget to Date:-</u> The Council received and noted the year to date figures as at 30/09/23 and forecast figures to 31/03/24.</p> <p>10.4 <u>Payments:- To consider the following payments for the current financial year April 2023 – March 2024:-</u> The Council considered the following payments for the current financial year April 2023 – March 2024:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Churchyard Donations in the Community (£2,000.00 allocated) - Upkeep of War Memorials in the Community (£165.00 allocated) <p>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to the following:-</p> <p>Churchyard Donations in the Community – the Council are to ask Bronington Church and Whitewell Church to submit a request for funds.</p> <p>Upkeep of War Memorials in the Community:- the Council agreed to pay Richard Clorley £165.00.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Millington.</p>		
11- Planning	11.1	<p><u>Applications Received:-</u> P/2023/0608 - Single storey side extension at Redbrook House Ellesmere Road Redbrook</p> <p>Resolved:- The Council agreed to support the application.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Evans.</p> <p>P/2023/0609 - LBC Single storey side extension at Redbrook House Ellesmere Road Redbrook</p> <p>Resolved:- The Council agreed to support the application.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Evans.</p> <p>P/2023/0621 - Single storey extension, raising of eaves to form first floor storage / rest area at Bronington Village Stores School Lane Bronington</p> <p>Resolved:- The Council agreed to support the application.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Evans.</p>	
	11.2	<p><u>New Applications Received:-</u> Section 78 Appeal at Glebe Farm Bronington appeal against Condition 4 of Planning Permission P/2022/0496 (regarding height and design of the fencing at the site). Cllr Martin is to prepare and circulate a paragraph to Cllrs before submitting it to the Planning Inspectorate in response to the appeal.</p>	
	11.3	<p><u>Decisions:-</u> <u>Granted</u> P/2023/0143 - Chapel House The Chequer Bronington</p>	
12- Barry Barlow Play Area	Cllr Adams advised that the working party is planning to repair the remaining posts.		

	The Brownies have made a hedgehog house to be sited at a suitable location in the play area. Cllr Adams is to write to thank the Brownies and to look into putting up an information board about hedgehogs.
13- Community Room	<p>13.1 <u>Terms of new lease agreement:-</u> Cllr Martin updated the meeting of the meeting with the school governors to discuss the new lease for the community room. To consider and agree action</p> <p>13.2 <u>To consider a proposal to take over the whole building for an annual rental:-</u> The Council considered the proposal to take over the whole meeting and discussed the advantages to the local community. In addition there are funding opportunities to improve the facilities at the Community Room. The Council agreed in principle to hold further discussions / negotiations with the school governors. Cllr Martin is to contact the headteacher to arrange a meeting to obtain further information.</p> <p>13.3 <u>Management:-</u> Cllr Birch is due to stand down from managing the Community Room as she will be moving away from the area. Cllr Birch updated the meeting regarding a request received to hold a private function on New Years Eve in the Community Room. The Council are to charge £7.50 per hour. The Clerk is to look into PPL / PRS licencing. To receive report and agree any actions</p> <p>13.4 <u>Maintenance:-</u> No update.</p> <p>13.5 <u>Risk Assessment:-</u> Cllr Birch updated the meeting regarding the Risk Assessment, Hirers Agreement and check list for users of the Community Room. Individual groups using the Community Room on a regular basis are required to have insurance in place.</p> <p>13.6 <u>Coffee Mornings:-</u> Update:- September – Higher Wych School Charity - £185.00 was raised at the coffee morning, the Council agreed not to match fund. October – Friendship Club November – Guide Dogs (not match funded) December – Bronington Church (not match funded)</p>
14- Christmas	The Council agreed to hold a Christmas event in the Community Room, Bronington. Cllr Evans agreed to provide the tree. Whitewell Parish Rooms are looking to put on an event for the community.
15- Community Ownership Funding	Various suggestions were made including new play equipment at the Barry Barlow Play Area; purchase of a community minibus and improvements to the Community Room.
16- Annual Report	The annual report for 2021 – 2022 has been posted on the website. Work is in progress to prepare the annual report for 2022 – 2023.
17- Roads Working Group	The highways questionnaire is to be distributed to residents living near to the A495.

18- Defibrillators	<p>Cllr Norris has taken over the guardianship for the defibrillator located in Iscoyd.</p> <p>Cllr Martin has taken over from Cllr Birch the guardianship for the defibrillator located in Bronington. The defibrillator was used recently; confirmation regarding replacement pads is required.</p> <p>A site visit is to be arranged by the defibrillator guardians.</p>
19- To receive update(s) from outside organisations	<p>There were no updates.</p>
20- AOB	<p>Cllr Martin thanked Cllr Birch for all her work in the community as she is moving to a new area and will be standing down from the Council.</p>

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm