

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council
held at Bronington Community Room
on Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 7.30 pm**

Present	Cllrs Ryan Adams, Sue Clarke (acting as Clerk), Anna Edwards, Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin (Chair) Ethna Norris, Steve Swinden, Mark Watson. 4 Members of the Public.											
1- Apologies	Ruth Shackleton, Robert Millington, Ward Councillor Jeremy Newton.											
2- Declarations of Interest	There were no interests declared.											
3- Police Update	The police report has been circulated previously. The Clerk has asked the PCSO for dates in the New Year for a walk around as the dates previously offered are now past. She will advise as soon as she has heard back from him.											
4- Open Forum	Bronington residents Jane Jones and Val Stockton attended the Open Forum to discuss the hire of the Community Room for a New Year's Eve Party. This request had previously been rejected by the Council and they had attended the meeting to ask the Council to reconsider its decision. Cllr Martin explained in detail the reasons for the decision by Councillors not to allow the party to take place - specifically those of security, safety and public liability.											
5- Adoption of the minutes	Resolved: The Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th November 2023. Proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Swinden.											
6- Matters Arising	Cllr Swinden reported that he had managed to get the original Christmas lights for the tree at Bronington to work more effectively. He also reported that there was now a new set of lights available for use.											
7- Casual Vacancy	WCBC have advised that no election has been called therefore the Council can co-opt to fill the vacancy. The co-option notice is available on the website and also on the Council notice boards. Anyone wishing to apply should contact the Clerk for further information regarding the process. Cllr Martin stated that he had spoken to a Fenns Bank resident re. co-option to the Council and that person is considering joining the Council particularly as Fenns Bank is currently under represented on the Council. Co-option of a new Councillor will be considered at the January meeting.											
8- Corres.	List previously circulated.											
9- Accounts	<p>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the RFO's Report and to approve 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>Little Red Tractor Company</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 262.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Whitewell Parish Church - Donation towards churchyard maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,000.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Proposed by Cllr Swinden, seconded by Cllr Lindsay. Resolved:- Councillors further agreed to consider the email from Edward Wardle and to award Bronington Church £600 as requested. Proposed by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Evans.</p>			Chq	Payee	Amount	Online	Little Red Tractor Company	£ 262.80	Online	Whitewell Parish Church - Donation towards churchyard maintenance	£1,000.00
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10- Planning	<p>10.1. P/2023/0341 (Amended)</p> <p>Councillors decided to drop their objection to the siting in light of the amended plan, but still question the need for a dwelling to be in place.</p>											

	<p>Proposed by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Lindsay. 10.2 P/2023/0802 It was agreed that the Clerk would reiterate the Council’s previous position on this planning application. Proposed by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Swinden.</p>
<p>11- Barry Barlow Play Area</p>	<p>Cllr Adams stated that he would write a letter to the Brownies Group to thank them for the donation of the Hedgehog House. Cllr Adams and Cllr Martin will commence repairing 8 posts on the multi play equipment on 17/12/23. Cllr Evans also offered his assistance.</p>
<p>12- Community Room</p>	<p>Cllr Martin gave a year-end update on the Community Room: 12.1 Review of the year’s usage There have been 185 sessions held in the Community Room during 2023 to date. 12.2 Future Plans Monday pm, Thursdays and most weekends are currently available, and there are other classes and sessions that could be usefully added. These might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An exercise class - possibly Pilates - Provision for a beaver or scout group to add to the rainbow, brownie and guide activities - A drama group <p>12.3 Coffee Mornings The monthly coffee mornings have been very well attended and have successfully raised £1772 to date. Add to that the Council’s Match Funding initiative undertaken this year and the total in donations to groups is increased by a further £1060. The match-funding trial was discussed by councillors and felt to have been a success. Resolved:- Councillors agreed unanimously to continue the match-funding throughout 2024, to a maximum of £150 for each coffee morning. Proposed by Cllr Swinden, seconded by Cllr Norris. 12.4 Future Coffee Mornings Cllr Martin stated there would be a coffee morning on Saturday 16th December for Bronington Church. The following organisations have confirmed their interest in a coffee morning fundraiser in 2024: The Friendship Club, Higher Wych School Trust, Bronington Church, Guide Dogs and the Craft Club. Resolved:- It was agreed that the January Coffee morning would be in aid of the Air Ambulance. Proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Martin. Councillor Martin will contact the Air Ambulance to advise. 12.5 Proposed Equipment Purchases Cllr Martin had received some samples and a quote for wipeable tablecloths from Jane McCall. The quote for 12 cloths was £500 which was considered expensive. Cllrs Norris and Martin have agreed to research options and discuss further at the January meeting. 12.6 PPL/PPS Licence Resolved:- It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase of this licence for the Community Room.</p>

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13- Christmas	<p>2 events will take place - at Whitewell Parish Rooms on 16/12 and at Bronington on 20/12.</p> <p>All organising/publicity in hand and under way. All those involved have agreed to keep receipts for all purchases made for these events in order to reclaim costs.</p>
14- Roads Working Group	<p>200 questionnaires regarding the A495 have been delivered to the local community. To date 8 responses have been received.</p> <p>14.1 Highway Concerns</p> <p>Top of Broomers Lane, Iscoyd - still flooding badly. The Clerk to contact Ward Cllr Newton.</p> <p>Whitewell Parish Rooms Committee request a speed limit change to 20 mph.</p> <p>Severe flooding on Rhospoeth Lane Tybroughton.</p> <p>Blocked gully on Higher Wych Road between Westwood and Iscoyd Cottages.</p> <p>The Clerk to contact Highways regarding all these issues.</p>
17- Defibrillators	<p>Cllr Martin reported that there has been some confusion regarding defibrillators. Cllrs Martin, Clarke and Norris to meet with Andy Watt at a date to be confirmed.</p> <p>Resolved:- It was agreed that replacement parts for the defibrillator at Whitewell Parish Rooms should be ordered from Atrium.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Evans.</p>
18- To receive update(s) from outside organisations	There were no updates.
19- AOB	There were no items for discussion.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm