

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council  
held at Whitewell Parish Rooms  
on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00 pm**

<b>Present</b>	Cllrs Ryan Adams, Sue Clarke, Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Ben Martin (Chair), Ethna Norris, Ian Rowley, Steve Swinden, Mark Watson. The Clerk. Two members of the public attended part of the meeting.																																														
<b>1- Apologies</b>	Cllrs Louise Lindsay, Robert Millington. Ward Cllr Jeremy Newton.																																														
<b>2- Declarations of Interest</b>	None were declared.																																														
<b>3- Police Update</b>	The police report had been circulated previously. The ward walk has been set for Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.																																														
<b>4- Open Forum</b>	A resident spoke to the meeting in support of their planning application P/2024/0128.																																														
<b>5- Adoption of the minutes</b>	<b>Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024. Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Clarke.</b>																																														
<b>6- Matters Arising</b>	There were no matters arising.																																														
<b>7- Internal Procedures</b>	<b>Resolved:- The Council adopted the updated Standing Orders. Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Watson.</b>																																														
<b>8- Corres.</b>	List previously circulated.																																														
<b>9- Accounts</b>	<p>9.1 <u>Financial Year 2023 – 2024:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £ 23,511.73</p> <p>9.2 <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;">£ 40.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Reimburse R Adams BBPA costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 149.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Little Red Tractor Company (maintenance Dec 23, Jan 24, Feb 24)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 788.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Councillor Expenses Payment:- R Adams</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 156.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Councillor Expenses Payment:- S Clarke</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 156.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Councillor Expenses Payment:- S Swinden</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 156.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Councillor Expenses Payment:- A Edwards</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 156.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Councillor Expenses Payment:- R Hill</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 156.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Councillor Expenses Payment:- L Lindsay</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 156.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Councillor Expenses Payment:- B Martin</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 156.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Councillor Expenses Payment:- R Millington</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 156.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Councillor Expenses Payment:- S Birch 7 mths</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 91.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Councillor Expenses Payment:- E Norris 8 mths</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 104.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Councillor Expenses Payment:- I Rowley 1 mth</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 13.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Cllrs Evans and Watson have written to opt out of the Councillor Expenses Payment. The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order. Receipts:- Community Room rental - £120.00</p>		Chq	Payee	Amount	Online	Running Costs	£ 40.80	Online	Reimburse R Adams BBPA costs	£ 149.51	Online	Little Red Tractor Company (maintenance Dec 23, Jan 24, Feb 24)	£ 788.40	Online	Councillor Expenses Payment:- R Adams	£ 156.00	Online	Councillor Expenses Payment:- S Clarke	£ 156.00	Online	Councillor Expenses Payment:- S Swinden	£ 156.00	Online	Councillor Expenses Payment:- A Edwards	£ 156.00	Online	Councillor Expenses Payment:- R Hill	£ 156.00	Online	Councillor Expenses Payment:- L Lindsay	£ 156.00	Online	Councillor Expenses Payment:- B Martin	£ 156.00	Online	Councillor Expenses Payment:- R Millington	£ 156.00	Online	Councillor Expenses Payment:- S Birch 7 mths	£ 91.00	Online	Councillor Expenses Payment:- E Norris 8 mths	£ 104.00	Online	Councillor Expenses Payment:- I Rowley 1 mth	£ 13.00
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	<p>Community Room Donations:- £524.00  <b>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments.</b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Hill.</b></p> <p>9.3 <u>Membership of One Voice Wales 2023 - 2024:-</u>  The Council considered the renewal of membership of One Voice Wales.  <b>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to renew membership of One Voice Wales for 2024 – 2025.</b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Evans.</b></p> <p>9.4 <u>Bank Signatories:-</u>  The Clerk is in the process of adding Cllrs Martin and Adams as bank signatories.</p>
<b>10- Grant Application Process</b>	The notice has been placed on the noticeboards and website, Cllrs are to share on social media. Closing date is 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024.
<b>11- Grant – Bronington School</b>	There was no consideration of this item.
<b>12- Planning</b>	<p>14.1 <u>Applications Received:-</u>  P/2024/0086 - Replacement of toilet block with new utility building and associated works at Chapel Farm Meadows Whitewell  <b>Resolved:- Councillors agreed to oppose the application due to drainage concerns and the footprint of the replacement building. Cllr Martin to prepare a response which is to be circulated to Cllrs and then, subject to approval, submitted to WCBC Planning.</b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Adams.</b></p> <p>P/2024/0128 - Erection of extension to link house and garage, conversion of garage to living accommodation at Laurel Bank, Grange Road, Bronington  <b>Resolved:- Councillors agreed to support.</b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Watson.</b></p> <p>14.2 <u>New Applications Received:-</u>  No new applications have been received.</p> <p>14.3 <u>Decisions:-</u>  <u>Granted</u>  P/2023/0621 - Bronington Village Stores School Lane Bronington</p>
<b>13- Barry Barlow Play Area</b>	Cllr Adams updated the meeting regarding work to the multi use play equipment due to take place in April. The work will require a generator, Cllr Rowley offered to provide the equipment to carry out the works.
<b>14- Community Room</b>	<p>14.1 <u>To receive report and agree actions:-</u>  Cllr Martin has submitted the hours used to Bronington School for invoice purposes (351 hours used between 01/03/23 – 29/02/24).</p> <p>14.2 <u>To consider and agree the coffee morning donations:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Funds of £144.00 were raised at the February coffee morning in aid of The Rainbow Foundation. The Council are to match fund the amount.</li> <li>- The March coffee morning is in aid of Hope House Hospice.</li> </ul>
<b>15- Annual Report</b>	The annual report for 2022 – 2023 is virtually completed.
<b>16- D Day Request for donation</b>	The Council received a request from Whitewell Church for the Council pay for canvases to be used for the D Day commemorations.

	<b>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to pay up to £90.00 to reimburse for the cost of the canvases to be used for the D Day commemorations . Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Norris.</b>
<b>17- Roads Working Group</b>	Cllr Martin updated the meeting with Ward Cllr Newtons report including:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recent ward inspection taken with the Head of Highways to identify works required;</li> <li>- Potholes are being repaired as and when required.</li> </ul>
<b>18- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)</b>	<p>18.1 <u>To consider and agree location of VAS on the A525:-</u> and</p> <p>18.2 <u>To consider and agree location of VAS on the A495:-</u> The suggested locations to install VAS's on the A525 and A495 have been submitted to Highways. Highways do not see any problem with the proposed sites and have suggested that the Council has a site meeting with the companies who supply the VAS to ensure that the sighting of any signs will provide maximum visibility to traffic. The Clerk is to set up meetings with the two VAS companies which have been recommended by WCBC. The Council discussed the various options of where to locate the VAS's and on which road; this is subject to receiving quotes.</p> <p>18.3 <u>To consider and agree costings to purchase two VAS's for the A525 and for the A495:-</u> This was deferred until the Council has received quotes for the VAS.</p>
<b>19- Defibrillators</b>	The Clerk has contacted Atrium to request information regarding defibrillator training.
<b>20- To receive update(s) from outside organisations</b>	There was no consideration of this item.
<b>21- AOB</b>	<p>21.1 Footpath A525:- Trees are overhanging onto the footpath and causing an obstruction at Oxon park to The Bhati. The Clerk is to report the matter.</p> <p>21.2 Hedges on New Hall Lane:- Hedges are causing an obstruction. The Clerk is to report the matter.</p>

**The meeting closed at 8.20 pm**