

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held on **Wednesday 5 September 2018** at **7.45pm** in the Parish Office

Present:

Councillors Ms Dulieu (Chair), Mrs Barnard, Ms Gierth, Ms Gill, Fitzwilliams, Harrison, Jones, Strudley, Thorin, Towle and Wilson

Cllr Dr Barnard joined the meeting part way through.

In attendance:

Jason Mawer - Parish Clerk, PCSO Magdalena Molenda and PCSO Lucia Watkinson

538. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received.

539. Declarations of interest and dispensations

It was noted that Cllr Dr Barnard has a standing interest as a borough and town councillor.

540. Minutes of the meeting of 11 July 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2018 were circulated to members ahead of the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Strudley, seconded by Cllr Ms Gill and APPROVED by members present.

541. Matters arising from the previous meeting

The Clerk advised members that the Governance Working Group had met and the report from the meeting was being prepared.

In August the Allotment land transfer document was signed by Cllr Ms Dulieu and Cllr Fitzwilliams.

The replacement EkoGrip decking for the multi-deck unit at Memorial Ground play area had been ordered.

542. Neighbourhood Policing and Sentinel funding

Cllr Ms Dulieu welcomed PCSO Magdalena Molenda and PCSO Lucia Watkinson of Thames Valley Police Bracknell Northern Parishes Policing Team to the meeting.

The PCSO's introduced themselves to members and explained the work they undertake locally. One focus is Speedwatch which has been successfully introduced in Hayley Green. Thame Valley Police will be running a major road safety campaign in mid-November and members were encouraged to propose sites of concern.

The PCSO's advised members on the latest incidents of banking scams that had been taking place in the North Ascot area and reminded members to be vigilant, not to give away personal details and if they had concerns for themselves or other to contact 101. There were ongoing youth issues to report in the area.

Members also discussed the potential purchase of the Sentinel speed detection device along with other parish councils locally. The total cost to purchase is £3.4k and the council had allocated £1k in the 2018/19 budget and had a further £500 in the NAG budget for speed awareness. Members were made aware that Binfield Parish Council and Winkfield Parish Council were interested in Sentinel but had not proceeded at this stage.

Cllr Strudley proposed that the council should purchase the equipment outright give the opportunity to Binfield and Winkfield to buy in at a later stage. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Mrs Barnard and it was RESOVED by members present to purchase the Sentinel and give the opportunity to Binfield and Winkfield to buy into the scheme on a shared basis.

Cllr Ms Dulieu thanked PCSO Magdalena Molenda and PCSO Lucia Watkinson for attending the meeting and invited them to stay if they wished.

543. Finance & General Purposes Committee

- a. to receive an update from the Cllr Wilson on the Finance & General Purposes Committee*

Cllr Wilson updated members on the August Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting. The committee reviewed the grant awarding arrangements for 2019 and signed the allotment land transfer agreement.

- b. to note the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of 26 June, 24 July and 7 August 2018*

The minutes of the meetings of 26 June, 24 July and 7 August 2018 were noted by members

- c. to note the financial report to the end of June 2018.*

The financial report to the end of June 2018 was noted by members. The Clerk was asked to update members in the next report on the budget figures for rent and heat and light.

Cllr Dr Barnard joined the meeting

544. Insurance 2018/19

In advance of the meeting the Clerk circulated a paper to members outlining the three insurance proposals received ahead of the insurance renewal on 1 October 2018. The three proposals had been prepared by Came & Company, the councils insurance broker.

Ahead of the quotation process a review of the current policy arrangements was carried out to establish the requirements for the new policy. It was explained that this is required under the Insurance Act 2015 known as 'fair presentation' of the risks to insurers.

Came & Company approached a panel of insurers and obtained three quotes. The quotes were obtained from Hiscox, Ecclesiastical and Inspire (Axa). The three quotes ranged from £3,786 to £4,141 for the year.

Members reviewed the three quotes and the paper presented by the Clerk. Members noted the request of the Clerk to allow further time to clarify elements of the Ecclesiastical policy and the recommendation of the Clerk that they note the paper and provisionally the recommendation of Came & Company to accept the Ecclesiastical quote and that they delegate the final decision to the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of 30 September.

Members agreed to delegate the decision to the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting. Members also agreed that a new three-year agreement should be entered into.

545. Planning & Transport Committee

- a. To receive an update from Cllr Jones from the Planning & Transport Committee*

Members were updated by Cllr Jones on the recent Planning & Transport Committee meetings. The committee had recommended refusal of an application for 34 dwellings at land to the north of Herschel Grange, Warfield Street. Objections had also been raised regarding applications at Nestings for the erection of a fence and at Rose House, Bracknell Road for the erection of polytunnel and greenhouse. An objection from the meeting of 23 August was made regarding the retention of an outbuilding at 5 Cressida Chase.

- b. to note the minutes of the Planning & Transport Committee*

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 12 July 2018 and 2 August 2018 were noted.

546. Neighbourhood Plan & Asset Transfer

Members were provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and potential Asset Transfers.

The council's consultants on the Neighbourhood Plan, Oneill Homer have reviewed the comments received from Bracknell Forest Council, discussed at the last council meeting, and have concluded that the council can proceed with submission of the neighbourhood plan. The Clerk will complete the amendments required and bring the plan to the next council meeting.

The Clerk updated members on asset transfers from Bracknell Forest Council. Discussions were continuing over potential sites, although significant work was still required to understand the costs associated with transfer. The Clerk advised the BFC representatives that the council would not be proceeding with any potential transfer ahead of the elections in May 2019.

547. Updates from Committees

There were no updates to be received.

548. Standing reports

a. to receive an update from the Community Facility Working Group

Members discussed the latest communication from BFC. Members asked the Clerk to emphasise to BFC that they were not prepared to compromise on the requirements. The Clerk was asked to follow up with BFC their questions regarding s106 monies being provided to the council for the project and what reassurance the borough was looking for from the council as to their participation in the project.

b. to receive an update on Jealotts Hill Community Landshare

The AGM for the project would be taking place on Wednesday 12 September. Members were invited to attend.

c. to receive an update on youth provision

The Sports Club was restarting on the evening of the meeting so there was no update.

549. Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Dr Barnard, seconded by Cllr Harrison and RESOLVED by members present to approve the following accounts for payment:

Cheque Payments			invoice total
4470	ABA (Construction) Ltd	play area repairs	£226.20
4471	Bracknell Pest Control	inspections and wasp nest removal	£120.00
4472	BTS Ltd	supply and Installation of UPS	£508.68
4473	Circle Cleaning Services	contract cleaning	£760.00
4474	In2Sport	sports club provision	£288.00
4475	Stevens Cleaning Services	office cleaning	£52.00
4476	Suds Window Cleaning	window cleaning	£168.00
4477	Thames Valley carpeting	replacement carpet at Whitegrove	£1,184.40
4478	HMRC	PAYE & NICS	£652.70
4479	Berkshire Pension Fund	pension contributions	£564.69
			£4,524.67

550. Representatives Reports

Cllr Dr Barnard updated members on Bracknell Forest matters. The Lexicon was celebrating the first anniversary of its opening at the weekend. BFC were also considering the economic impact of Brexit and if this was a factor that is leading to blue chip companies reducing their estate footprints in the borough.

Cllr Strudley told members that Cabbage Hill had been stunning over the summer. The Clerk was asked about the sleepers at Frost Folly and when they would be fixed into place. The Clerk advised this would be done as part of the stage two weeks in the coming months.

Cllr Towle advised members that the Biodiversity Plan for 2018-2023 was out for discussion.

Cllr Jones said he had been contacted by a resident asking if a crossing could be installed across Harvest Ride near Larks Hill. Members noted that BFC had received a similar request last year and advised that a crossing could not be safely installed in this area.

Cllr Ms Thorin had been involved in the recent Speedwatch activity in Haley Green.

Cllr Wilson noted that the proposals for the development east of Priory Lane and west of Maize Lane did not include a roundabout at the entry to Priory Lane that had been included in the original masterplan. Local residents had provided feedback on this through the consultation process.

Cllr Ms Dulieu thanked members and staff for supporting the Summer of Fun day. The event was a great success with 1500-2000 attendees.

551. Clerks Report

The Clerk presented his report of activity which was noted by members.

552. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the council will take place at 7.45pm on Wednesday 10 October 2018.

553. Closure of the meeting

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.55 pm