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Brilley Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Parish Council meeting on
Monday 11 March 2024 at 19.30 in Brilley Village Hall

In attendance: Adrian Chapman (AC, Chair) Alasdair Stevenson (AS, Vice Chairman), Liz Tucker (LT), Steve Anning (SA), Gareth Bufton (GB) and Amber Littleworth, Parish Clerk
Ward Councillor, Tree Warden and PC Felix Rawlinson

1. **To receive apologies of absence** – none to declare
2. **To receive declarations of interest and written applications for dispensation** – none received
3. **To adopt minutes of previous meeting** – 8th January 2024 – the Minutes were agreed by all present to be a true account of the meeting- ~~AS~~ proposed the minutes be adopted and AC seconded – the minutes were therefore ADOPTED and SIGNED. AS
4. **Public Forum** – Local Residents – At Chairman's discretion, up to 10 mins will be allocated for the public to make representations, ask questions & give evidence in respect of any item on the agenda. Maximum of 2 mins per person is allowed. Item is not for comment on parish council discussions or decisions. Issues raised will be in public minutes and may be videoed or recorded.

4.1 Ward Councillor - 4.99% increase of council tax will come into place next month. Council confirms a manageable budget and hope to not increase debts in any way. Benefits include increasing services, subsidising the Lengthsman scheme to match the current year, money available for drainage schemes (more information due), further authority to parishes which will be popular – money on roads, parishes will have more say in the future. Balanced budget achieved by reducing the number of people in the council by approximately 12% by voluntary retirement, for example.

He is in agreement the roads are appalling and a special meeting was held about this and the poor quality of repairs. The Council have secured extra funds to spend on road maintenance in the near future but very concerned about spending the money unwisely as current repairs aren't lasting. New strategy in affect from 1st April 2024. Wettest February on record. He confirmed lots of repairs this coming summer. Central government have £101m for road infrastructure such as the southern link bypass within the next 3 years - Rotherwas A49 to continue as far as the Abergavenny Road to enable all of South Wales traffic to avoid the centre. There are talks of a western bypass to continue to the Roman Road back to the A49. Difficulties in lots of areas with riparian responsibility. Environment Agency are trying to claim nothing on land is anything to do with them including sluice gates. Ward Councillor has taken a personal interest in this. Overhanging trees issue 16ft from the edge of the road and the rest should be clear. Footpath meeting is still being arranged. Unnamed and abandoned roads will be taken over in the near future by council. Talk by professor about hedges in the near future at plough lane – invite to councillors to follow.

If a ditch runs along the edge of your land the landowner is responsible - unless in extreme circumstances i.e elderly unable to carry out the job themselves. The Council is responsible for the road **and a metre**.

4.2 Tree Warden made contact with other Tree Wardens in the area. Tree Warden confirmed, provided they obtain necessary DBS Certification, they are able to help the community by taking children to areas to identify different trees etc and also be available for advice for use of planning comments if a tree is involved in an application.

5. Planning –

5.1 P230061/FH - Full Householder

Upper Bridge Court Whitney-On-Wye Hereford Herefordshire HR3 6HG

Proposal to rebuild a partially collapsed barn and to convert it into an ancillary annex to the main dwelling
APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS – NOTED

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5.2 P230062/L - Listed Building Consent

Upper Bridge Court Whitney-On-Wye Hereford Herefordshire HR3 6HG

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5.3 P231800 – Planning Re-Consultation

Spring Cottage, Whitney-On Wye, Hereford, Herefordshire HR3 6JP

Proposed renovation and extension to the existing dwelling

The Parish Council have considered the Planning Re-Consultation and note the slight alterations made.
The Parish Council **SUPPORT** this application.

Clerk to make comment on Herefordshire Council

5.4 P240298/F – Planning Permission

Land at Mahollam Road, Huntington, Kington, Herefordshire HR5 3PU

The siting of eighteen seasonal agricultural workers static caravans, 1 No. facilities trailer and installation of associated 2 No. package sewage treatment plants, access track, landscaping and biodiversity enhancement measures (part retrospective).

AS & LT to compose comments and forward to Clerk

6. Financial Procedures –

6.1 The following payments were AGREED in accordance with the budget

6.1.1 Clerk salary for February as per the Contract of Employment

6.1.2 P G Watts Lengthsman B23.11 - £280.00

6.1.3 HMRC Q3 PAYE £326.60

6.1.4 Clerk overpaid tax £22.67

6.1.5 Information Commissioner's Office Data Protection Fee £40.00

6.2 The following payments made between Parish Council meetings in accordance with budget were NOTED–

6.2.1 P G Watts Lengthsman B23.10 - £385.00

6.2.2 HALC/NALC subscription fee 2024/25 H2017 - £460.12

6.2.3 Clerk January salary in accordance with Contract of Employment £488.64

6.3 Bank reconciliation acknowledged and NOTED by all Councillors

7. Parish Reports and Issues –

7.1 Police Update – PC Felix Rawlinson confirms they have 13 parishes and this was his first time at the Brilley Parish Council meeting. Brilley is a quiet part of the county. PC Dean Wall moved on and replaced by PC Emma Turberfield. Only one crime reported by way of a vehicle crime on 27 January 2024 near Rhydspence – a car was stolen from driveway, garden maintenance equipment taken from an open shed. Unfortunately, no lines of enquiry with the car - no update, now on Number Plate Recognition so it will hopefully get picked up.

Littering still an issue near the Common, concerns for the elderly residents from the Parish Council, littering is phenomenal at times, mainly alcohol and nitrous oxide gas bottles, not only overnight but during the day too, gang of drivers hanging out around the area, scaring sheep and local residents. Police were informed but visited during a quiet time, issue with the cross border, catching them at the time would be key. Same group, every week. None of the bikes seen have number plates on them. Parish Council to spread the word to get in touch with police if they see this occurring. Littering would be more of a council issue. Anti-social behaviour is Police. Police officer on shift will take a drive up there to see if he can spot them. If anti-social behaviour occurs, try 101 and Felix's number if he is on shift - 07971051480

Enquiries whether the elderly may want a visit from Felix for reassurance – good idea from the Parish Council's perspective.

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Brilley burglar – has been seen in the area again and again keep Felix in the loop about his sightings.

PC Felix left the meeting.

8. Items for next agenda (no discussion) – Annual Parish Council meeting 13th May 2024, hedges and verges in the parish, procedures and policies update

10. To consider date of next meeting Monday 13th May 2024

Meeting closed at 08:22pm

These minutes are draft only and will be presented to the parish council on 13th May 2024 for Adopting.