

Brinsworth Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PREMISES MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 2020

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr A Buckley

Vice-Chairman : Cllr J Williams

Councillors : Cllr Mrs P Gregory, Cllr Mrs M Hughes, Cllr S Ridge, Cllr Mrs M Rollinson, Cllr Mrs K Saxton, Cllr P Soper, Cllr Mrs J Tompkins

Officers : Mrs G Blank, Mrs J Huddleston

879P Apologies

There were no apologies received.

880P Declaration of Members Interests

The Chairman asked Councillors to express any declarations of interest either now or prior to the relevant agenda item being discussed.

881P Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on:-

12th November 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th November 2020 are approved as a true and accurate record.

882P To receive information on ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary

There were no ongoing issues to discuss.

883P Update on Bookings

The Clerk informed Councillors that the football season had been able to recommence now that the country is out of lockdown.

The Pavilion remains closed to users due to our area remaining in tier 3 restrictions. The Clerk felt it very unlikely that the Pavilion will reopen before the Christmas break.

884P St George's Drive Common Land

The Clerk asked Councillors to consider landscaping the land on St George's Drive to make it look more appealing. Once the Council garden is complete two of the Attendants have said they are willing to spend some time landscaping the area which can be easily maintained in the future. They have suggested a rockery area and planting some trees and shrubs we have received through the Woodlands Trust.

Councillors agreed the area needed more attention and asked for plans to be circulated to them before work commences.

Cllr Buckley said that he would be happy to donate money towards bulbs or plants from his Ward CLF budget.

RESOLVED: That approval is given for landscaping works on St George's Drive Common Land to be completed in 2021, plans are to be circulated to Councillors for their input prior to work commencing.

885P Brinsworth Playing Fields

The Clerk reminded Councillors of last year's complaints from residents whose gardens flooded due to water running off the field. The Deputy Clerk has spoken to RMBC who have looked into the field drainage and have spotted an issue with a build

up of silt in the drains preventing rain water from being diverted in the appropriate way. The Clerk has approved the drains to be cleared at a cost of £500 and will be suggesting that the Councillors consider this as a regular maintenance job to keep on top of the situation at an appropriate meeting.

In addition RMBC have suggested that the field could benefit from more trees and shrubs being planted which will help to alleviate the flooding problem.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Parish Council had recently taken delivery of over 300 shrubs and trees from the Woodlands Trust that were currently being established ready to be replanted next year. These can be used to create a more park like feel to the field in areas that will help with flooding. More trees and shrubs can be ordered in the new year so the planting can be an ongoing project with little cost to the Parish Council. Councillors discussed the Clerk's suggestion.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council approves the planting of trees and shrubs on Brinsworth fields to help alleviate the flooding issues.

886P Play Equipment

To discuss and approve repairs required to the MUGA on Brinsworth playing fields

The Clerk asked for this item to be differed to a future meeting as she was still awaiting costs.

887P Pavilion Maintenance

To discuss and approve repurposing of pavilion changing rooms.

The Clerk asked Councillors if they had any thoughts on how the changing rooms could be repurposed. Ideas to date had been a commercial kitchen and storage for The Centre, and the Clerk had suggested a purpose built dance studio at a previous meeting. The Clerk had also been asked if there was any office space available to rent by a company who regular use the Centre.

The Clerk had emailed the current layout of the changing rooms to Councillors who asked for a hard copy to be circulated for them to study.

Cllrs Gregory and Hughes both felt the area should remain as a changing facility. The Clerk suggested if the area was used for another purpose the Parish Council could look at funding opportunities to provide an alternative solution such as a cabin. The current layout of the changing rooms do not meet the FA requirements and would need upgrading if they stayed in situ. The Clerk has already had 2 quotes of approximately £50,000 to complete this work with only 50% funding available from the FA. Cllr Saxton reminded the meeting that the Council had already agreed at a previous meeting to permanently close the changing rooms and repurpose the space and asked the Chairman to move progress.

Cllr Williams suggested that the Council approach a professional to get a quote for the works and the Clerk agreed that this would happen once the Council had decided what they would like to use the space for.

Cllr Saxton proposed that the Attendants are allowed to use the winter months to strip out the existing changing rooms in readiness for when the Council makes its decision. Cllr Williams felt that advice maybe required on the safely removing the walls. The Clerk said she would look at the previous set of plans and complete a risk assessment before any work is completed.

RESOLVED: That if safe to do so the changing rooms can be stripped back to make one area ready to be repurposed once the Council has made its decision on the way forward.

MEETING CLOSED: 20:10