

**MINUTES of a MEETING of BRINGTON and MOLESWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
held on 31st August, 2017 in MOLESWORTH VILLAGE HALL at 7.15pm.**

Present: Cllrs. Vanessa Littleboy (Chair), Paul Naples (Vice Chair/RFO), Rupinder Innes.

Parishioners: Mr. John Cutting, Reverend Brenda Stewart, Mr. Geoff Burn.

Meeting chaired by Cllr. Naples. Temporary Clerk/Notetaker - Cllr. Littleboy

Parishioners Open Meeting:

Rev. Stewart asked if the Parish Council would delay their decision process regarding use of the £50,000 Campbell Buchanan funds in order that the Brington P.C.C could seek a second opinion on the advice the council had been given regarding the ineligibility of funds being granted to the Church. Councillors felt this was unreasonable as the PCC had been made aware of this advice many months prior to this meeting and had also been provided at that time with all relevant information and documents in order to carry out any investigation they felt was needed.

Mr. Cutting stated that he felt that the funds being used for any other proposal was a mis-use.

Rev. Stewart and Mr. Cutting left the meeting.

Due to a delayed start to the meeting Mr. Burn had to leave before proceedings commenced.

17/103 Apologies for Absence or Non-Attendance:

There were none.

17/104 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

There were none.

17/105 Reports from District and/or County Councillors:

There were none.

17/106 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held 13th July, 2017.

These were then confirmed as a true record and signed by Cllr. P. Naples.

17/107 Matters Arising:

There were none.

17/108 Correspondence:

All emailed correspondence had been circulated.

Molesworth P.C.C – A reply received from Mr. G. Burn did not answer all questions asked but stated that non-contribution would not mean the Parish Council would be excluded from having submitted information in future issues of Village Matters. Councillors agreed that as this had not been budgeted for then no contribution would be made this year.

Action: V. Littleboy

17/109 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

There were none.

17/110 Millennium Green:

Pond Area Decking – Cllr. Innes had received a second quotation for works on the whole pond area and quite a different opinion on what work would be necessary. With such a huge difference in costs and opinions on what was required to make the area safe and useable Councillors felt it was prudent to seek further quotations. Public safety is paramount. Discussion about closing off access to the pond area concluded it was going to be a costly and somewhat ineffective move and so until any further decision is made warning signs asking public not to enter or use the decking area would remain in place.

Action: All Cllrs.

Charities Commission – the Annual Return had been submitted for year ending 2017.

- 17/111 MUGA:**
No noted concerns to report.
- 17/112 Highways and Maintenance:**
Adoption of Telephone Kiosks – Cllr. Littleboy had investigated the procedure for obtaining free paint to use on the kiosk in Molesworth. This is available once confirmation of ordering a defibrillator is produced. Councillors agreed that this should be researched and defibrillators placed in both Brington and Molesworth kiosk as soon as possible. Cllr. Littleboy had received offers of help from residents to paint the kiosk as soon as paint became available.
- 17/113 Footpaths:**
A concern from a Brington resident about the pavement along High Street being impassable in places, and dangerous from fallen leaves creating slippery areas, had been dealt with. Cllr. Naples had previously lodged a complaint to C.C.C and had now lodged another complaint in the hope some action was taken.
- 17/114 Brook in Molesworth and Flood Risk:**
No further updates had been received from C.C.C. Cllr. Littleboy to contact Flood Risk Team to ask for some action for a resolution to the issue in view of the wetter weather being almost upon us.
Action: V. Littleboy
- 17/115 CIL, Parish Plan, Neighbourhood Plan:**
Use of CIL funds to be included on upcoming Agendas.
Discussion on Parish and Neighbourhood Plans to be deferred until there was a full Council to take on the extra necessary research required to consider these options.
- 17/116 Risk Assessment Register:**
After some considerable work being carried out by Councillors to try and create a register such as had been suggested by the former Clerk, they were made aware that this was far more in depth than legally required or expected from a small Parish Council. It was agreed to use similar templates to other small councils.
Action: All Cllrs.
- 17/117 Finance:**
i) Bank Reconciliation for period ending 31st July, 2017 was circulated and agreed.
ii) No invoices had been received or payments requiring approval to be made.
- 17/118 Clerk and Councillors Vacancies:**
It was agreed that with no interest from parishioners to join the Council and no response from the extensive advertising for a Clerk that Councillors now had no option but to contact HDC for a representative to attend meetings to help with Clerk and RFO duties.
- 17/119 Website, Grapevine and Publicity:**
Cllr. Littleboy noted that the website was being updated regularly and the Brington & Molesworth Grapevine continued to be a useful communication platform.
- 17/120 Use of the £50,000 Offer of Funds from Campbell Buchanan:**
Councillors had spent time carefully looking at the proposals submitted and drawn up a list of points to discuss in order to make a final decision. All Councillors felt this had been a very difficult task based on the more recent divided opinions of residents that had been voiced, past consultations within the community and the legal restrictions the Parish Council had to adhere to. After discussing each point in turn Councillors unanimously agreed to the following:
£35,000 allocated to St. Leonards Hall solely to adapt, modify and furnish the upper level 'loft' space into a Community room with dedicated stairs to the upper level from the foyer that is fitted with chair lift to enable disabled access. Enhancement of the foyer, front entrance approach and signage relating to the Community space could also be considered within these available funds.

The remaining £15,000 allocated to be used along with held CIL funds for the enhancement and, pending full assessment of their condition, the replacement or refurbishment of community owned assets in Brington which could include:

Provision of a Defibrillator in the now adopted Telephone kiosk

Replace the Bus Shelter

Replace the Bench next to the Village Noticeboard

Install traffic calming measures - possibly speed indication flashing lights

Improve the pavement along High Street

Village Sign and Noticeboards treated with wood preserve

17/121 Any Other Business and items for Information only:

Due to work commitments and ongoing health issues Cllr. Innes tendered her resignation with effect 4th September.

The Council was now no longer able to continue until someone comes forward to make up a quorum in order to hold valid meetings.

17/122 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 28th September, 2017. 6.45pm in Molesworth Village Hall –
To be confirmed dependent on confirmation of HDC representative availability and/or Parishioners agreeing to join the Council and able to attend to be co-opted.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:01pm

Vanessa Littleboy. These minutes are considered draft until approved at the next Parish Council meeting.