

**MINUTES of a MEETING of BRINGTON and MOLESWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
held on 24th January, 2018 in BRINGTON SCHOOL at 7:15pm.**

Present: Cllrs. Vanessa Littleboy (Chair), Paul Naples (Vice Chair/RFO), Geoff Burn.

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

Parishioners: Jan Pennell, Stephen Power

Parishioners Open Meeting:

There were none.

18/1 Apologies for Absence or Non-Attendance:

There were none.

18/2 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

There were none.

18/3 Reports from District and/or County Councillors:

There were none.

18/4 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held 6th December, 2017.

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

18/5 Matters Arising:

Cllr. Littleboy had tried been informed that there is no power supply in the telephone but it was relatively easy to get it put back on once defibrillators are ordered.

18/6 Correspondence:

All emailed correspondence had been circulated.

18/7 Planning and Tree Works Applications:

There were none.

18/8 Millennium Green:

Pond Area Decking – Cllr. Burn was still in discussion and awaiting quotations on various options.

Action: Cllr. Burn.

18/9 MUGA:

No noted concerns to report.

18/10 Highways and Maintenance:

i) Cllr. Burn had received notification of agreement to the speed reduction and would now follow up with the request that both villages could be considered..

ii) It was noted that the drain at the top of Church Lane, Brington near the church was blocked. It needed to be ascertained who was responsible for clearance.

Action: Cllrs. Burn and Littleboy

18/11 Footpaths:

There had been no further observations or comments received regarding improper use from motor bike riders.

Several complaints had been noted regarding the increase in dog excrement being left on Footpaths, pavements and private accesses to properties particularly in Brington.

It was also noted that a request for a 'Dog Poo' bin to be placed on the footpath leading from Hill Place into the main village. These bins are the responsibility of parishioners to empty and maintain and so it needed to be confirmed that there would be willing volunteers before a bin was purchased and placed.

18/12 Brook in Molesworth and Flood Risk:

It had been observed that the ditches in Molesworth were in process of being cleared.

18/13 Parish Development:

Cllr. Naples was continuing to collate information and obtain quotes for repairing or replacing parish assets.

Action: Cllr. Naples.

18/14 Finance:

- i) Bank Reconciliation for period ending 31st December, 2017 was circulated and agreed.
- ii) Approval of payments to be made – proposed by Cllr. Burn and seconded by Cllr. Littleboy as follows:
- £930.00 - HDC Services (village grass cutting). Chq. 762
 - £768.00 - HJ Horticultural Services – MMG maintenance 2017 }
 - £355.20 - HJ Horticultural Services – MMG hedge cutting 2017 } Chq. 766
 - £121.00 - R. Foulds – Children’s Christmas party 2017. Chq. 763
 - £1.61 - West Leightonstone Benefice – printing. Chq. 764
 - £50.00 - Brington School – meeting hire. Chq. 765

Precept:

Notification to be acknowledged.

18/15 Clerk and Councillors Vacancies:

Continued canvassing and advertising would be carried out. It was suggested that there would be some difficulty for new councillors dealing with the many ongoing and ‘on the horizon’ issues in the event that the current councillors were resigning in May. Cllrs. Burn and Littleboy indicated that they would be willing to continue on as councillors temporarily to ensure the meetings were quorate and to allow new councillors to ‘get up to speed’.

Action: All Cllrs.

18/16 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.

18/17 Co-option:

Jan Pennell, having observed proceedings expressed her wish to become a councillor and was co-opted onto the council. Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Members Interests forms were completed and signed.

18/18 Any Other Business and items for Information only:

There was none.

18/19 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 21st March, 2018. 7:15pm in Brington School.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:02pm

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