

LITTLE BRICKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE BRICKHILL ANNUAL PARISH / VILLAGE MEETING - HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THE 13th MAY 2014 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN LITTLE BRICKHILL.

Present:

Cllr G Bushell
Cllr D Lewis
Cllr T Wheaton

In attendance:

Alan Kemp (Parish Clerk)
Cllr D Hopkins (Ward Councillor)
PS Chris Winks (TVP)
PCSO Rob Dabnor (TVP)
Mrs D Bushell (Resident)
Mr C Roberts (Resident)
Mrs A Packer (Resident)
Mr D Packer (Resident)
Mrs P Walduck (Resident)
Mr G Burke (Resident)

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr's J Moseley and S Lewis

2. Election of Chairman.

Cllr. Bushell was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman.

Cllr. Moseley was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.

4. Confirmation of Responsible Finance Officer.

Cllr. D Lewis was proposed, seconded and unanimously elected.

5. To approve the minutes of the last meeting of 21st May 2013.

The minutes of the meeting of 21st May 2013 were approved and signed as a true record.

6. To discuss any urgent Parish Council Business.

The Clerk gave an update on the WREN grant application for the play equipment and two urgent cheques were signed, full details will be recorded in the June 2014 Parish Council meeting minutes.

Annual Meeting Actions:

It was noted that all Councillor's agreed to accept the receipt of Agendas and Draft Minutes via email.

7. To receive report from Thames Valley Police.

PS Chris Winks and PSCO Rob Dabner attended on behalf of Thames Valley Police and presented the crime figures for Little Brickhill covering the period from the 1st April 2014 to the 28th April 2014. There were 32 reported incidents (very few connected with the Village) with the details reported below.

- 19 - Shell garage – making off without payment / theft of fuel.
- 03 - Possession of Class B drugs. None connected to the Village.
- 02 - Theft of Motor Vehicle.
- 04 - Theft Other (1 x McDonalds, 3 x Village)
- 01 - Theft of Pedal Cycle (Woburn Golf Course)
- 03 – CR1 (all at McDonalds)

It was noted that they were still working out of the Woburn Sands premises until they relocate to the Broughton Fire Station.

8. To receive the Chairman's Report.

Cllr Bushell explained the role of the entire Councillor's representing the Parish and welcomed Tim Wheaton as the newest member of the Council. He also thanked his fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their efforts during the past year.

He was pleased to report that the village has experienced no major issues during the past year. We are close to finalising the improvement to the play equipment on Watsons Field. We are obviously keeping a watchful eye on the potential development of The Old Green Man. We remain frustrated at the appalling state of the petrol garage and frankly there does not seem to be a simple solution as the owner is not interested in the visual damage that it does to our village. We still battle with Milton Keynes about keeping own hedgerows trimmed regularly and we have an issue with rubbish at either end of the village. And finally, speeding remains a persistent problem. However all in all, we are a village without any major threats to our peace and tranquillity.

He was also sad to report of the death of local resident, Penny Frost.

9. To receive report from Unitary Authority.

Cllr Hopkins gave a summary of the past year with the major concern for Little Brickhill Villagers being the poor state of the former garage site. He explained his role at Milton Keynes Council and that he was working with Cllr Wheaton to try and obtain better Broadband facilities for the Village with the appropriate authorities.

On the 22nd May 2014 he reminded people that the Local Elections were taking place and stated that it was a privilege to have served Little Brickhill as Ward Councillor for the last four years.

Following several concerns being raised on the layout and road markings of the recent completed upgrade of the A5 roundabout, he explained that he had received an assurance from Brian Mathews MKC (Head of Transport) that the Highways department would be arranging for a safety audit to be completed in the near future.

10. To receive the Parish Council's provisional accounts for the Financial Year 2013-14.

Presented by Cllr D Lewis, for details see appendix 1.

11. To receive report from the Residents' Association.

Tim Wheaton presented the following report on behalf of the Residents Association.

The Residents Association came together recently for the first time since Carol Nicholls stood down as Chair and David Packer stood down as Secretary. Many thanks to Carol and David for the sterling work they've carried out on behalf of the village over the last few years. Greatly Appreciated

The Residents Association is here to campaign on the village's behalf on any issues, pull together events that the whole village can get involved in and arrange the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch and the Jenny Wheaton Children's Party.

Focus for this year:

This year we're working with the Parish Council to get the broadband speed improved upon for the village, plus to raise awareness of the campaign regarding Dorcas Lane Wind Turbines.

You can put your views and catch up with other's views

via <http://www.stopdorcaslaneturbines.com/Howtoobject/WindTurbineObjection.aspx>.

We're also pulling together a welcome pack for any new people who move into the village, telling people what's going on, who to contact and when, with a brief history of the village. This should be completed by the summer.

The activities planned so far for the village to raise cash for lunches and campaigns are:

- 5th October 2014 - Cider and Apple Festival
- 31st October 2014 - Halloween Party
- 6th December 2014 - Jenny Wheaton Children's Christmas Party
- Mid December 2014 - Carol Singing date TBA
- 14th December 2014 - Senior Citizens Lunch

In 2015 we are going to arrange a full Village Fun Day - this is planned for the 18th July 2015.

If anybody wants to get involved with the Residents Association, or has any ideas, or issues they think should be taken up - please contact Tim Wheaton on 01525 261000.

12. To receive report from the Community Centre Committee.

The report was presented by Denise Bushell on behalf of the Community Centre Committee.

The Community Centre is in need of both internal and external decorating and that they were liaising with the Parish Council to explore if any external grants are available to help with the costs.

It was proposed to utilise the defunct shower room space for better storage for the chairs.

Regular bookings have dropped but it hoped to rectify this by regular advertising and inclusion in the Parish Council website, when it is fully developed.

Health and Safety documentation is currently being reviewed / documented and the person responsible for the booking process (Paul Simpson) has developed an email booking process.

All members of the Community Centre Committee were thanked for all their support during the past year.

13. To receive report from the Gardeners' Club.

David Packer presented the report on behalf of the Gardening Club and highlighted that it was again a very difficult year in 2013 for the club and it was not clear if there would be an annual show this year. If anyone from the Village was interested in joining the committee then they would be more than welcome.

14. To receive report from St. Mary Magdalene C of E Church / PCC.

Cllr Packer presented the report on behalf of the Church.

The Church is now in need of some major renovations and as this will cost a large amount of money to undertake they are looking in into what grants are available and that an appeal for funds will be launched in the near future. Some fund raising events are already being planned.

They are also looking into other uses for the Church that would not have any impact on the Community Centre.

Efforts are being made to boost the congregation with family services the more popular.

15. Any other business.

It was suggested by a local resident that some parts of the Village need a litter sweep and it was noted that this issue would be addressed at the June 2014 Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

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Chairman for Little Brickhill Parish Council

Little Brickhill Parish Council - Annual Accounts 2013/14**Receipts and payments for year ending 31st March 2014****UN - AUDITED ACCOUNTS**

<u>Payments</u>	2012/13	2013/14	<u>Receipts</u>	2012/13	2013/14
			Precept	£ 8,674.00	£ 8,934.00
Community Centre - Repairs etc	£ 2,222.19	£ 83.23	Community Centre	£ 838.96	£ -
			Dividends	£ 16.64	£ 16.64
			MKC	£ -	£ 554.26
			AFC Brickhill Rangers	£ -	£ 450.00
			Mr Payne (re 1 High View)	£ -	£ 150.00
Clerk Salary (Including TAX)	£ 1,872.00	£ 1,992.00			
Administration	£ 50.16	£ 87.91			
Associations - BALC	£ 52.16	£ 52.32			
Grass Cutting	£ 1,400.00	£ 1,610.00			
Tree Maintenance / Playing Field	£ 84.66				
Insurance	£ 1,221.70	£ 1,196.00			
Playing Field - Pest Control	£ 240.00	£ 240.00			
Village Newsletter		£ 600.00			
Website (Hosting Charges -		£ 164.99			
H M Revenue & Customs - Charg	£ 100.00	£ -			
MKC - Dog Waste	£ 773.04	£ 591.69			
Audit Fees	£ 120.00	£ 120.00			
VAT	£ 801.71	£ 244.06	VAT Refund	£ 500.31	£ 801.71
Totals	£ 8,937.62	£ 6,982.20		£10,029.91	£10,906.61