

LITTLE BRICKHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE BRICKHILL ANNUAL PARISH / VILLAGE MEETING - HELD AT 7.30 PM ON THE 12th MAY 2015 IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN LITTLE BRICKHILL.

Present:

Cllr G Bushell
Cllr J Moseley
Cllr D Lewis
Cllr T Wheaton

In attendance:

Alan Kemp (Parish Clerk)
Cllr D Hopkins (Ward Councillor)
PC 3626 Grewal (TVP)
PC 809 Abimelech (TVP)
Mrs D Bushell (Resident)
Mr C Roberts (Resident)
Mrs A Packer (Resident)
Mr D Packer (Resident)
Mr G Burke (Resident)

1. To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr's V Hopkins & A Bramall (Ward Councillors)

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 13th May 2014.

The minutes of the meeting of 13th May 2014 were approved and signed as a true record.

6. To discuss any urgent Parish Council Business.

Four cheques were authorised to the value of £400.16 and details will be recorded in the minutes of the next scheduled Parish Council meeting on the 1st June 2015.

Following the decision at the April 2015 Parish Council to apply for a Parish Partnership grant for support with the costs of installing two Speed Indicator devices, the Clerk asked for advice whether to apply for a second grant for help with the planned works this summer at the Community Centre. All present thought that it was worthwhile applying for a second grant and the Clerk was tasked with this action.

7. To receive report from Thames Valley Police.

PC Grewal and PC Abimelech 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 2015. There were 4 reported incidents connected with the Village with the details reported below.

- 1 - Possession of Class B drugs.
- 0 - Dangerous driving.
- 0 - Burglary Non Dwelling.
- 1 - Car Crime.
- 2 – CRI (Including domestic incidents).

The following three issues were raised and TVP were asked for any assistance to resolve these issues.

- Vehicles speeding through the village along Watling Street.
- Parking near to the Zebra crossing.
- Parking close to the Great Brickhill Lane / Watling Street junction.

8. To receive the Chairman's Report.

Cllr Bushell explained the role of the Councillor's representing the Parish. 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.

Your council is very pleased with the children's play equipment on Watsons Field. It is heart-warming to see how frequently it is being used. We owe a huge vote of thanks to WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd.) for awarding our village the substantial grant in August 2014 that has made the project possible. Additionally, we received a grant from Milton Keynes Council. Also we must offer thanks to past PC chair Alison Packer who originally started the ball rolling thereby allowing us to simply complete the task.

The Old Green Man development is just about underway and I am pleased that we have ensured that the two extra houses will be in keeping with our conservation area status.

Without offering any detail, I can confirm that there are ongoing discussions regarding the development of the garage site and the removal of the telephone mast.

We continue our battle with Milton Keynes about keeping our hedgerows trimmed regularly and we have an issue with rubbish at either end of the village especially beer cans at the north end of Watling Street.

I am pleased to report that we have taken delivery of our Defibrillator and we will now determine where the best site to install it. We will let villagers know how to access the equipment in the event of an emergency.

The tree removal and replacement programme is now underway in Wyness Avenue.

And finally, speeding remains a persistent problem which we are looking to solve with Speed Indicator Devices at either end of the village.

However, all in all, we are a village without any major threats to our peace and tranquillity.

9. To receive report from Unitary Authority.

Cllr Hopkins stated that it was a privilege to serve Little Brickhill as Ward Councillor and gave a summary of the past years activities.

It was anticipated that better Broadband provision for the village would be available in 2015/2016.

Following the recent Council elections the make-up of Milton Keynes Council is 23 Labour, 22 Conservatives and 12 Liberal Democrats.

Milton Keynes Neighbourhood plan was also approved on Election Day.

Plan:MK and Site Allocations processes are being worked on by Milton Keynes Council.

10. To receive the Parish Council's provisional accounts for the Financial Year 2014-15.

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

- 18th July 2015 Family Fun Day – Watsons Field.
- Autumn Dance.
- October 2015 - Halloween Party
- December 2015 - Jenny Wheaton Children's Christmas Party
- December 2015 - Senior Citizens Lunch

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.

A reminder was given for a date when the 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 will be completed.

Action: Tim Wheaton.

12. To receive report from the Community Centre Committee.

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

Internal and external decorating together with other items will be undertaken in August 2015.

Grateful thanks were given to Paul and Teresa Simpson for all their hand work in promoting the Community Centre which has resulted in an increase in bookings.

Also 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.

No report was available this year.

14. To receive a report from the Walking Club

David Packer gave the following brief presentation.

- The aim is to hold 8 to 10 events a year and the intention is to work with the Resident Association in order to plan events to avoid a clash of dates.
- There is a small charge but the intention is to breakeven.

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

David Packer presented the report on behalf of the Church.

Efforts to boost the congregation have been successful with family services the most popular. Several newcomers to the village are now regular attendees at the family services.

The building was inspected in 2014 and it was confirmed that the building is structurally sound, although several issues for repair have been identified to be undertaken within the next couple of years.

Investigations are in hand to update and restructure the seating arrangement in order to be able to use the Church for other purposes, for example for concerts etc. This would not have any impact on the Community Centre.

Towards the later part of 2014 a ladies lunch club was been established and this has raised £1000 to date with the funds going to help with the upkeep of the Church.

16. Any other business.

No other business was raised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

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Chairman for Little Brickhill Parish Council

Little Brickhill Parish Council - Annual Accounts 2014/15**Receipts and payments for year ending 31st March 2015****UN - AUDITED ACCOUNTS**

<u>Payments</u>	2013/14	2014/15	<u>Receipts</u>	2013/14	2014/15
			Precept	£ 8,934.00	£ 8,970.00
Community Centre - Repairs etc	£ 83.23	£ 83.23	Community Centre	£ -	
			Dividends	£ 16.64	£ 20.40
			MKC - Council Tax Reduction	£ 554.26	£ 561.97
			MKC - Parish Partnership Grant		£ 450.00
			MKC - Grant for Defibrillator		£ 500.00
			AFC Brickhill Rangers	£ 450.00	£ -
Clerk Salary (Including TAX)	£ 1,992.00	£ 2,042.80	Leighton Colts FC	£ -	£ 300.00
Administration	£ 87.91	£ 70.48	Mr Payne (re 1 High View)	£ 150.00	£ 150.00
Associations - BALC	£ 52.32	£ 50.56	WREN (Play Equipment)	£ -	£ 12,997.50
Grass Cutting	£ 1,610.00	£ 1,690.00	Barclays Bank (Compensation)		£ 100.00
Tree Maintenance / Playing Field	£ -	£ 70.00			
Donation to Great Brickhill Young Club		£ 250.00			
Insurance	£ 1,196.00	£ 1,282.61			
Playing Field - Pest Control	£ 240.00	£ 240.00			
Village Newsletter	£ 600.00	£ -			
Website (Hosting Charges - 2yrs)	£ 164.99	£ -			
New Play Equipment	£ -	£ 15,680.95			
H M Revenue & Customs - Charge	£ -	£ -			
Bench Repair	£ -	£ 500.00			
MKC - Dog Waste	£ 591.69	£ 497.50			
Audit Fees	£ 120.00	£ 120.00			
VAT	£ 244.06	£ 2,771.40	VAT Refund	£ 801.71	£ 244.06
Totals	£ 6,982.20	£ 25,349.53		£ 10,906.61	£ 24,293.93