

# **BROCKHAMPTON WITH MUCH FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council meeting held  
on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm

**Attending** Cllrs: Bernard Morris (BM) Chairman, Christopher Allen (CA) Vice Chairman,  
Richard Garnett (RG), Tim Gaunt (TG).

Cllr: Barry Durkin

Clerk Linda Yapp

**Also attending** 2 members of the public and an audio attendee.

Rodney Walker (RW) and Hazel Wood (HW)

**1) To Receive apologies for absence.**

No apologies received all members attended.

**2) Confirmation of minutes** of the previous meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December. 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record of proceedings.  
Proposed and seconded by BM and CA

**3) To receive declaration of interest and dispensation.**

None received.

**4) To receive Ward Councillors report.**

Cllr Durkin summarised his monthly report . Outlining the changes to the use of the Maylords shopping centre in Hereford, this would become a Library. Also the need for more foster carers in the locality. The need to be vigilant against scams especially those offering Covid 19 vaccines. BD confirmed the 4.99 rise in this year's Council Tax. The chief executive of Hereford Council was retiring and would be replaced by Paul Walker from Harrow Council. Numerous help line and support information available in BD's ward report.

The flooding problem in the Parish was discussed and RG reported that the area that was affected was at Totnor and he believed if the stream at Falcon bend was cleared and widened this would help and possibly solve the problem.

**5) To receive Report from PFO**

RW had circulated his report and reported on items of concern. These include the lack of response and commitment from BBLP. RW also reported no progress had been made regarding the broken gate location BKR4. The clerk had reported this on 8<sup>th</sup> December and will contact P Hunter at BBLP again.

**6) To receive representation from the public.**

RW reported his concerns at the lack of Broadband in the Parish Church and lack of Speed in the locality. The lack of interest show by Hereford Council and BT in resolving this. The problem has been ongoing for several months but with the Covid 19 pandemic

parishioners and all local residents are struggling with the lack of speed. Residents having to work from home, home schooling and most essential services depending on a speedy and reliable internet connection. Cllr Durkin and the clerk will address this. TG is aware of better solution that could be in place before the year end.

Also, RW reported his disappointment at the lack of attendance to matters reported to BBLP. Several problems that had arisen and been reported had not been attended to and meetings not confirmed as suggested. This is to be addressed by BD and clerk also to follow this up.

RW reported on the concerns of residents regarding the speed of the traffic using the village road through Brockhampton. The suggested 30mph speed limit was not an option due to the lack of street lighting in the village. It was suggested that the clerk contact, the Traffic Management Advisor West Mercia Police, Ian Connolly for advice and invite him to join the next PC meeting

#### 7) To receive Financial report-

All financial statements had been circulated to members prior to the meeting;

- a) Balances at Bank,  
Current account balance after payments this month £5449.45  
Reserve account balance £1125.27  
Total funds available **£6574 .72**
- b) Expense against budget summary.  
The expenses were all within budget with the exception of the audit fee which covered two years fees.
- c) Finalise Precept request.  
Members agreed that a precept of £3600.00 to be requested. The clerk had obtained an extension of submission date of 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Funds were available for the defibrillator purchase in this financial year and funding from local sources has been requested.

#### 8) Planning Applications

None received to date.

A complaint received from a Parishioner regarding application 203189 for a digestate store this had been discussed at the P.C. meeting in November.

RG had met with the Parishioner and ascertained this complaint should be referred to the environment agency. RG was informed the use of the digester was perhaps not as recorded in the planning application.

#### 9) Chairman's update.

The chairman BM reported that as he had agreed to stand as caretaker chairman at the beginning of 2019 he would resign from this post standing down at the April meeting. This would mean a casual vacancy would arise to fill his place.

10), **Correspondence** received are forwarded prior to the meeting.

**11) Report from Parish Hall Liaison group.**

CA reported that the Parish had come together to achieve a great deal at the Parish Hall. Some gardening had been completed and the kitchen had been cleaned. The shed had been removed and a good community spirit was reported in work on the hall. CA reported on the improvements they hope to make as a group these included advice from an architect to improve the overall appearance of the building .

**12) Invoices for payment listed below.**

The invoices due for payment are scanned to members for approval prior to the meeting.

**13) Items from last meeting.**

a) Progress on the Defibrillator.

The overall costing of the defibrillator would be in the region of £1420.00 funding is hope to be achieved to assist with the cost of the defibrillator.

b) NDP No progress on the item so far.

BM Suggested and RG agreed that a Parish plan to be a possibility

d) Roadside Obstacles.

The clerk had contacted BBLP regarding these. The markers have to be 1metre from the roadside, and highways permission is needed to instal these. BBLP Locality Steward is willing to visit the problem sites and make an assessment.

**14) Proposed meeting dates for 2021**

Parish Council meeting are now held on the first Monday of the month. BM suggested moving the meeting date to the second Monday in the month. This would allow the Ward Councillors report to be digested and would also avoid the usual Bank Holiday Clash. The clerk requested the June meeting be held on the second Monday that being Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June this was agreed.

**15) Items for next meeting's agenda.**

Confirm future meeting dates.  
Parish Plan

**Payments approved.**

J Moore	Nov/Dec	Lengthsman	£236.00
Phil Partridge	2019-2020	Internal Audit	£100.00
Mrs L Yapp	Dec/Jan	Salary	£327.00

Payments were approved by all members.

Next Parish Council meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Signed chairman.....