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  **BRINTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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 **Minutes of a Meeting of Brinton Parish Council held by zoom**

 **on Thursday 18th March 202 at 7.30pm.**

1. **Welcome and Apologies :**

**Present : Chairman Cllr. D. Hyslop, Cllr. P. North, Cllr. R. Hyslop, Cllr. E. O’Kane, Cllr. M. Bishop and Cllr. E. Harland.**

**Also present were County Councillor Dr. M. Strong, District Councillor Mr. A. Brown, Parish**

**Clerk Louise Stevens, two members of the public and two parishioners.**

**There were no Apologies.**

**The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was being held remotely by zoom,**

**due to the current Covid 19 Coronavirus regulations. Meetings are expected to be held in this format for the next few months.**

**2. Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensations:**

**There were none.**

**3. To Approve the minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting held by zoom**

 **on Friday 5th February 2021 :**

**The Clerk had circulated the minutes by email to all Councillors, and it was Agreed that they**

**were a true copy of the meeting.**

**Proposed by Cllr. R. Hyslop, seconded by Cllr. P. North.**

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**4. Matters Arising from these minutes :**

**Knockavoe - There being no recent progress, the Parish Council asked District Councillor Andrew Brown to contact the Head of Planning and the Enforcement Team, on their behalf.**

**District Cllr. Brown agreed to do this.**

**5. Public Participation:**

**As there were several members of the public present this agenda item was moved forward in the meeting, to allow for comments.**

**Cllr. P. North thanked County Councillor Dr. Strong and District Councillor A. Brown for their support with the Stopping Up order on Church House and Pages, Brinton.**

 **The PC website was discussed and update given on progress. It was suggested that the Lynx could be used to relay information. The Chairman informed Councillors that she had written a short piece for the next edition of the Lynx regarding Anthony’s retirement and**

**supplying contact details for our new clerk. It would be difficult to publish dates of meetings**

**because of the lag time for copy and publication of the magazine which is only every**

**couple of months.**

**6. To receive reports :**

**County Councillor Dr. Strong had previously sent her report by email to all Councillors.**

**Highlighting that postal votes are available up to April 14th, for the Local Elections on May 6th.**

**Libraries are reopening. Holt Library reopened on March 15th. To check opening times**

**call 01603 774 777.**

**Cllr. North commented on the introduction of Identity Cards for voting in the future.**

**Dr. Strong suggested that the Council could invite Rt. Hon. Duncan Baker MP to attend a meeting to discuss this matter. District Councillor. Brown stated that it is not a legal requirement to carry your voting cards and that anyone can still vote on the day, even if they had requested a postal vote.**

**The Chairman thanked Dr. Strong for her report.**

**District Councillor Andrew Brown reported that the District Council Tax increase is 0%**

**for the new financial year.**

**Cllr. Hyslop expressed his surprise that traffic wardens were still operating in Holt Town Centre during Lockdown. Cllr. Brown was unaware of this.**

**7. Planning :**

**Planning Application PF/21/0442. Hawthorns, Thornage Road, Sharrington.**

**Further to the decision at the last meeting, a response was sent by email to the**

**Planning Consultation, to OBJECT to the above numbered application. The deadline for**

**this response was 16th March 2021.**

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**The Chairman noted that should any Councillors prefer that their individual response**

**to an application is recorded in the minutes, they need to state this before the vote takes place.**

**Planning Application Number PF/21/0199 : Mayflower Cottage, Sharrington Road, Brinton.**

**Discussion was held on this Application with a variety of views put forward. The Chairman**

**detailed a number of Planning Policies which were relevant to the Application. The impact**

**of the proposed buildings on the appearance of the area was discussed along with its design and the materials proposed. Questions were asked on the use and site of**

**the “ Care Unit “. The Planning Department had told the Chairman that they needed**

**to clarify certain areas but had not yet done so. It was resolved that The Chairman/**

**Clerk should make contact again with the Planning department and attempt to**

**get further clarification on the Application.**

**A further meeting was then suggested.**

**8. Albanwise :**

 **Albanwise have started to clear the undergrowth in large pond. The willow tree has been removed to allow light into the smaller pond. Overhanging branches have been cleared. The Farm manger suggested that a small boat would be useful for clearing weeds, as the large pond is very deep, and he would be prepared to help with this.**

**Albanwise have suggested opening up a circular walk for residents only, starting at Jubilee**

**Corner and continuing around the edges of the fields. Mr. O’Kane has recently walked this route and reported that it is quite overgrown and unstable underfoot. It was queried whether this can be improved and hopefully residents would be interested in using this permissive footpath.**

**9. Finance : Financial Statement and Clerks Salary :**

**The current balance in the Bank of Scotland community Account is £4778.37**

**There were two payments to approve this evening, as follows :**

**The Clerk circulated details of her duties, salary and overtime arrangements.**

**The salary for 1st January - 31st. March 2021 totals £677.20.**

**A payment of £75.00 for cutting the grass on Brinton Green in 2020 was agreed.**

**A maximum annual payment of £100.00 for grass cutting in Brinton for 2021**

**was also agreed.**

**The Chairman thanked Mr. And Mrs. 0. Kane for cutting the grass**

**on Jubilee Corner, Sharrington.**

**All members approved these payments. Cheques will be drawn and signed.**

**After these payments are presented the balance in the BOS Community Account will**

**be £4026.17.**

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**10. Correspondence :**

**Most correspondence has been received by email and circulated to all Councillors.**

**A parishioner has raised concerns about the high water level in the stream which runs through her garden in Jubilee Corner. The extra volume of water is saturating the banks**

**and her land is being eroded away. District Councillor A. Brown agreed to contact the parishioner to offer advice and discuss suitable methods for building up the banks.**

**Cllr. Liz O’Kane was thanked for her work in following up the matter with the resident**

**concerned.**

**11. Any other business :**

**The Parish Council’s laptop is now surplus to requirements and suggested that it could be donated to a local school. Members agreed. Cllr. Hyslop will make enquiries.**

**12. Date of next meeting :**

**Thursday 20th May 2021 at 7.30pm.**

**There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.50pm.**

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**Chairman. Date.**

**Parish Clerk**

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