

GREAT BOWDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Community Pavilion 17th March 2020 @ 19:30

Present:

Mark Hilton (Chairman), Paul Claxton (Vice Chairman),
Bob Hooper

In attendance:

4 members of the public

		Action
03/20/16	Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Almond, Clark and Henwood	
03/20/17	Public questions were received regarding: Coronavirus. Volunteers from St Peter and St Paul church are forming a group to help vulnerable and housebound parishioners. Could the PC get a residents database running and ask who needs help. Coordinator is Margaret Powell. Tel 434282 Technical details for new lighting in the recreation ground. Barwood application in Leicester Lane. Planning meeting scheduled for 17 th April. May be cancelled due to COVID 19. Follow up with district councillor Champion.	
03/20/18	No declarations of interest were declared	
03/20/19	The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 th January 2020 were approved and signed	
03/20/20	No District Councillors report was received.	
03/20/21	a) Signs have been erected by HDC. Still rubbish on the other side of the road which is not in the parish boundary so HDC to deal with this b) Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring and review committee are making non material changes only. Some out of date references which have been addressed and the document has been presented for approval (see item 8). Due for a full renewal by 2023. c) A new lease being prepared. Some wording needs legal advice before it can be presented to a PC meeting..Councillor Hilton was going to seek legal advice. Three new hand driers will be fitted in the toilets. Cleaning has been approved for impending cricket season. All lights to be changed to eco friendly reducing costs. d) TPO has been sought. Quotes for clearance by Gunnsbrook Close approved and soon to be implemented. e) Still ongoing as councillor Clark unable to attend the meeting scheduled for 12th March f) PC has been advised by HDC to present application as complete package to include: Car park improvement lighting ;senior recreation area exterior table tennis table; fencing children's play area and replacement of any items; footpath from the car park to Gunnsbrook.Close. Cricket club would like to improve storage facilities at the same time. Exploring the possibility of funding from the Bowdens charity g) Councillor Clark met with LCC. PC to meet with the volunteers to decide how to implement this before talking again to LCC h) A wooden sign is desirable explaining the history of the Millennium Wood. Should state that it was established by volunteers	MH

	i) A new contract for grass cutting has been agreed with LCC to begin on 01/04/2020. Payment has been received up to date for last year. j) Unknown as no district councillors present.	
03/20/22	Water meter only read once in the period the PC had been responsible for the area. After discussion Cllr Claxton has obtained satisfactory resolution of this problem. Clerk's salary approved and the Financial transactions report was accepted.	
03/20/23 and 24	See b above. . Suggested that phrase "limits of development" changed to "settlement boundary". There are now three new open spaces on the new developments but these cannot be referred to in the "non material" changes as there is a restriction on HDC updating maps. It was agreed that the changes were non material and do not require independent examination. The PC will provide a folder on its website relating to NPMRC so that all NPMRC minutes can be uploaded and thus be made available to the public including HDC. NPMRC committee suggested there should be a PC meeting in June in the village hall where they could recruit new members. The parish council thanked the NP committee for all their hard work. Report approved and accepted.	
03/20/25	Cllr Hooper reported on the following: Approval to fell trees in Main Street Loft Conversion 20 The Green. Objections to the roof lights .as not in accordance with the guidelines of the conservation area 17-19 Welham rd. Extensive internal and external alterations. Listed building ref 20/00017/LBC. Planning application withdrawn for conversion of industrial shed (part of the old mushroom Farm)	
03/20/26	Covered in 6c above	
03/20/27	Recreation ground parking. Problem with members of the Tennis Club parking in front of the gate blocking access to emergency services if needed. Gate no longer opening easily due to damage. Cllr Claxton to speak to tree contractor and tennis club as believed to have been caused by one or other	
03/20/28	Attended by Hursley Park residents. No date for take over of the allotments. People wanting to rent them and money available in the precept. Next surgery cancelled due to COVID 19	
03/20/29	Carried over to next meeting.	
03/20/30	Almost finished. Two speed humps on site. Entrance and area around 12 original houses has been left in a mess and residents have asked the PC to speak to the developers on their behalf. Cllr Claxton has taken photos to take to planning committee. Approved by the PC	PC
03/20/31	Suggested afternoon tea for members of the village of qualifying age. Grant is available and needs to be applied for although celebration will probably be postponed in present circumstances.	PC
03/20/32	Land has now been mapped. Proposal to display in the village hall at the separate annual parish meeting so that people can see how much open space, verges and common land is in the village. Leaflets need to be circulated to publicise the meeting. The PC agreed to pay for the leaflet drop. Leaflet design and print to be handled by NPMRC	
03/20/33	Councillor Hilton received a request for the PC to discuss the possibility of establishing a village orchard. Hursley Park was mentioned as a possible site since	MH PC

	the developer was due to plant more trees. MH to discuss further with interested parties. PC was going to talk to the residents of Hursley Park.	
03/20/34	Councillor Almond asked the PC to discuss extending the advisory 20mph limit along Main Street and round The Green to the bottom of Station Rd. Cllr Claxton was going to discuss further with LCC Highways.	PC
03/20/35	Notice of impending road closure for 2 nights from 21 st May. Cllr Claxton to display on village notice board	PC
03/20/36	Items for next agenda – by 12th May 2020. Next meeting provisionally at 7.30pm on 17th May depending on the Covid-19 situation	
03/20/37	Meeting closed @ 21:30	

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