**Brent Pelham and Meesden Parish Council**

**MINUTE OF**

**BRENT PELHAM & MEESDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Thursday 21st June 2018**

**VENUE: Meesden Village Hall**

**PRESENT:**

Trevor Hughes (**TH**) Councillor and Chairman

Steve Murphy (**SM**) Councillor

Ted Barclay (**TB**) Councillor

Sarah Wotton-Ramsay (**SW**) Councillor

Kate Hinch (**KH**) Councillor

**In Attendance:**

Ken Newstead (**KN**) Clerk

**Minute Item Action**

**Year.Month.Item**

**18.06.01 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from Wilf Dimsdale were approved by the Council.

**18.06.02 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Approval of the minutes of the 19th April 2018 meeting was proposed by SM and seconded by KH with no objections. A copy of the minutes was signed by the Chairman.

**18.06.03 Review Actions Arising from Previous Meeting**

TB elaborated on his email of 14th April where he explained that the planting of wild flowers, bulbs, trees & hedging in BP using public funds for planting on private land was not practical. James Claque the Brent Pelham resident that presented his proposals to the Parish Council in October 2017 and met with TB has been informed of these issues and has not presented the Parish Council with any further proposals.

TB elaborated on his email of 14th April regarding the potential for flood water in the Causeway Brent Pelham. The Parish Council concurred with his views and KH will speak with James Vine of Ringway to see if the drain gullies in this area can be cleaned. **KH**

TB confirmed that he would still like to see the Stocks and Whipping Post adjacent to the church in Brent Pelham refurbished. KH noted that these were probably covered by a recent Conservation order in Brent Pelham but would speak to the Conservation Team for clarity. **KH**

**18.06.04 Planning (Applications)**

3/18/0828/HH - Meesden Hall Extensions was submitted to East Herts planning team and approved prior to the meeting.

**18.06.05 Highways**

Further to the clearing of drain gullies detailed above, it was noted that due to erosion by flood water in a section of the B1038 at Brent Pelham that a large stone embedded in the grass verge was now protruding dangerously into the road. KH agreed to speak to James Vine on the matter. **KH**

**18.06.06 Finance**

**Accounts**

The Clerk presented the YTD finance report and acceptance was proposed by KH and seconded by SM with no objections. A copy of the report was signed by the Chair and retained by the Clerk.

**Proposals for Payment**

SM proposed a donation of £300 from the New Homes Bonus to be split between the Brent Pelham Church fund and the Meesden Mowers fund. This money is a contribution towards the cost of grass cutting and general maintenance. TH seconded the proposal with no objections. **KN**

TH proposed a donation of £200 from the New Homes Bonus to be split between Brent Pelham and Meesden Church in support of maintenance costs. TB seconded the proposal with no objections. **KN**

**18.06.07 Defibrillator & VETS**

The council discussed the value of this service and decided not to stop the VETS service at this time. SW is to arrange for small calling cards showing the VETS number in Brent Pelham to be printed and distributed throughout the village. **SW**

**18.06.08 Repairs and Maintenance**

In his absence TB submitted a report on the planting of wild flowers, bulbs and trees he had with James Claque, but some proposals were found to be not practical in a rural environment. The proposal by James Claque may be revised, but for now it is closed.

The Clerk informed the Council of an email received from a resident in Meesden noting that Ash trees located around the village green were showing the initial signs of Ash Dieback. In line with guidelines from the Woodland Trust these trees will not be felled unless they become dangerous.

TH reminded the Council of the need to annually jet the entire length of the drain in Meesden to prevent it blocking. KN to arrange this to be done in November. **KN**

**18.06.09 Items for Next Meeting**

None

**18.06.10 Date of Next Meetings**

The next Parish Council meetings are to be held on:

**Thursday 20th September 2018, 7:30 pm at Brent Pelham Village Hall**

**Thursday 10th January 2018, 7:30 pm at Meesden Village Hall**

**The meeting concluded at 8:30pm**

Minutes approved by: .............................................................

PC Title: .....................................................................................

Signed: .......................................................................................

Date: ...........................................