**Brent Pelham and Meesden Parish Council**

**MINUTE OF**

**BRENT PELHAM & MEESDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Thursday 20th June 2019**

**VENUE: Meesden Village Hall**

**PRESENT:**

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

Wilf Dimsdale (**WD**) Councillor

Ted Barclay (**TB**) Councillor and Vice Chairman

Steve Murphy (**SM**) Councillor

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

**In Attendance:**

Ken Newstead (**KN**) Clerk

**Minute Item Action**

**Year.Month.Item**

**19.06.01 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chairman welcomed the Parish Councillors and District Councillors Jeff Jones and Peter Boylan to this meeting and informed that apologies had been received from Cllr Kate Hinch.

**19.06.02 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Approval of the minutes of the 4th April 2019 meeting was proposed by TH and seconded by TB with no objections. A copy of the minutes was signed by the Chairman.

**19.06.03 Review Previous Actions Not Covered Elsewhere**

Cllr Jeff Jones confirmed that he did contact EHDC Conservation team regarding the decision taken last year regarding Conservation status in Brent Pelham. The Parish Councillors are unhappy with this decision and the Clerk agreed to contact the Conservation team to ask for this decision to be reversed. **KN**

**19.06.04 Planning (Applications)**

3/19/1001/VAR – Cart Lodge at Bridge Cottage BP - The Council had no objections

**19.06.05 Highways**

Following previous enquiries regarding LED Speed Indicator Devices for Brent Pelham, Jeff Jones agreed to submit our request on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to send Jeff our formal request. **KN**

**SWR** informed us that flooding problems adjacent to Hunters Lodge had been reported, but no remedial work is expected till the next scheduled round of work in 18 months’ time.

**TB** informed us that drains in Laundry Hill BP had still not be cleared. Cllr Jeff Jones agreed to speak to James in the Ringway team as this had been reported to Ringway some time ago. **Jeff Jones**

**19.06.06 Finance**

**Accounts**

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

Following a request for the Clerk to check if our savings could be held in an account offering a better rate of interest the Clerk transferred £7,000 from the Business Account into the Savings Account offering 0.35% PA interest.

**Proposals for Payment**

The Council approved a donation of £250 to be made to St Marys Church Brent Pelham.

The Council approved a donation of £100 to be made to St Marys Church Meesden

The Council approved a donation of £150 to be made to Meesden Mower Group

All the above donations to come from the New Homes Bonus **KN**

**19.06.07 Defibrillator & VETS**

**SWR** outlined her intention to attend the phone kiosk in Brent Pelham on Saturday June 29th to answer any questions from Villagers regarding the use of our Defibrillators **SWR**

**19.06.08 Repairs and Maintenance**

**TB** confirmed that land surrounding the BP Stocks is either Manorial Waste land or owned by him. In either respect TB gives the Parish Council full ownership of the stocks for renovation. **KH** contacted the East Herts Conservation team on three occasions asking if they had any objections. No response was given to any of these requests and therefor the Parish Council will proceed with the work. **TB**

**KH** confirmed by email that she had been approached by Brent Pelham residents regarding a new build garden room at Pipers End. Having checked that no planning requests had been submitted she referred the matter to the Enforcement team.

The Clerk reported that investigating options for damp proofing Meesden Village Hall had not been concluded due to contractors not sending us quotes. Investigation continues. **KN**

**19.06.09 AOB**

It was noted that Herts & Essex Country Fair is to be held in Brent Pelham on Sunday 25th August.

**19.06.10 Date of Next Meetings**

The next Parish Council meetings are to be held on:

**Thursday 10th October 2019, 7:30 pm at Brent Pelham Village Hall**

**Thursday 23rd January 2020, 7:30pm at Meesden Village Hall**

**The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm**

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

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

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

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