**Brent Pelham and Meesden Parish Council**

**MINUTE OF**

**BRENT PELHAM & MEESDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Annual General Meeting Wednesday 16th June 2021**

**VENUE: Brent Pelham Village Hall**

**PRESENT:**

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

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

Steve Murphy (**SM**) Councillor

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

Kate Hinch (**KH**) Councillor

Wild Dimsdale (**WD**) Councillor

**In Attendance:** Ken Newstead (**KN**) - Clerk

**Minute Item Action**

**Year.Month.Item**

**21.06.01 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to this meeting.

**21.06.02 Minutes of Previous Meeting and election of Chairperson**

Minutes of the April 2021 meeting were presented and approved by all as a true representation of the meeting.

**21.06.03 Open Session for Residents**

No residents attended so there were no questions.

**21.06.04 Planning Applications received or processed this period**

3/21/0985/FUL - Agricultural building with Boiler – Beeches Manor BP - **Submitted**

3/21/0577/LBC - Glazed Link Extn – Bridge Cottage BP **- Granted**

3/21/0576/HH – Glazed Link Extn – Bridge Cottage BP **- Granted**

3/21/0605/HH - Single Storey extn - Borley Green Cottage BP **- Granted**

3/21/1170/LBC – Works to Barn - Church Cottage Conduit Lane - **Submitted**

3/21/1499/FUL - Construction of stables- Meesden Hall Farm – **Submitted –** WD noted that access was missing from the plan, but the property owner informed us that this was approved on a previous submission.

There were no objections.

**21.06.05 Highways**

There were a number of issues that Councillor Jeff Jones had agreed to investigate on our behalf with East Herts Highways team. These specifically included drainage problems throughout Brent Pelham, their use of road closures instead of traffic lights, failure to notify residents in advance of road closures and the lack of repair to any of our road verges that are damaged and a danger to traffic.

**20.09.05** TH reported that the stolen Post Box on the junction of Mill Lane and Langley Road was unlikely to be replaced as the Post Office are completing an assessment of its previous use.

**21.06.06 Finance**

**Accounts**

The Clerk presented the 2021 YTD income and expenditure. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by SWR and seconded by TB with no objections.

**Proposals for Payment**

The Clerk presented proposed payments to North Herts District Council for Litter Picking equipment and to W. D. M. Haslen for tree work in Meesden. All the Councillors approved the expenditure.

**21.06.07 Defibrillator & VETS**

The Community Heartbeat Trust amend the VETS message for our two Parish VETS membership per our proposals. The Clerk and SWR are to circulate this to the respective helpers. **KN & SWR**

**21.06.08 Repairs and Maintenance**

**20.01.08** – Refurbishment of BP Stocks. Work previously in-hand with Giles Brackley will be offered to an alternate contractor in view of the delay. **WD & SWR**

The clerk clarified the charges on the annual jetting of the Meesden Drain which was completed in November 2020 were correct and no more than in the previous year.

Digging of the ditch opposite The Farthings is proposed for later in the year **SM**

Damage to a Drain Cover in Meesden has been rectified by the East Herts Highways team.

In line with a report from Environmental Services the Willow Tree on Parish land in front of 6 Rose Cottages will be removed and the adjacent trees will be maintained in accordance with their recommendation.

**21.06.09 AOB**

* Website – SM photo to be supplied ASAP. **SM**
* EV Charging point in Village Hall – still under consideration by East Herts Council
* Broadband in Meesden Village Hall – The Clerk reported that his was not viable at the present time as service suppliers could only guarantee 2 MBs
* Information received from advocates and objectors to plans outside of our Parish had been seen by our Councillors and the Clerk is to request a Video Conference call with the advocate Ian Bettles to seek additional information.
* Councillor Kate Hinch informed the Council that she will be resigning her position as Councillor for Brent Pelham with effect from April 2022.

**21.06.10 Date of Next Meetings**

The next Parish Council meetings are to be held on:

**Thursday 16th Sept 2021 – Venue Meesden Village Hall** (subject to governmentpermission)

**Thursday 13th Jan 2022 – Venue Brent Pelham Village Hall** (subject to governmentpermission)

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

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

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

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

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