

MINUTES OF THE BROAD HINTON AND WINTERBOURNE BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2010 IN BROAD HINTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Geoff Martin (Vice-Chair): Robert Horton: Gill Crabtree: Phil Catling:
 George Horton: Des Clarke: Penny Brewer: Jemima Milton and Marilyn Martin (Clerk)
 Apologies for absence: James Keith

Item	Description	Action
1	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21 st July 2010 were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chair.	
2	Matters Arising:	
2a	Play Area in Broad Hinton: James Keith has informed the Council via an email dated 14 th September 2010 that he has received no recent communication on the Play Area. The Parish Council's role in this matter was always to: support the finding of a suitable site for unobtrusive play equipment; allow the offices of the Parish Council to be used for consents; assist with the management of the installation's life-time costs and upkeep and to subject any scheme to the scrutiny of residents. Without any current prospects of funding, including the withdrawal of the Play Builder Grant Scheme by the government, the unavailability of the preferred site adjacent to the cricket pitch and without indication of external motivation for the pre-school facility acceptable to the Council the Parish Council felt that it is unable to continue with this matter.	
2b	Cardboard and Plastic Recycling Skips: The Clerk contacted Wiltshire concerning the possibility of the Council making a financial contribution towards having a more frequent collection service. This was not practical but 2 extra dates have been organised resulting in a collection from Broad Hinton Village Hall on 16 th November 2010, 11 th January, 8 th February and 8 th March 2011. We are also awaiting the results of the Consultation on waste and it is hoped that all plastic and cardboard will become kerbside collections.	
2c	Co-option of a Parish Councillor: Notices advertising this position have been posted and if 10 parishioners request an election, this will be called after the 22 nd September 2010.	Clerk
3	Councillors Additional Reports:	
3a	Jemima Milton: Jemima reported that Wiltshire Council would be subjected to a 25% reduction in funding and that priority would be given to adult social care, waste and road repairs. The 20mph speed limit proposed for urban roads is still under review.	
3b	Phil Catling – Police Liaison: Phil reported on the increase in "Distraction Burglaries in the County. The Clerk will insert an article in the Local News to warn residents of the problem. Geoff asked Phil about the laws regarding burning straw and stubble as he had noticed it was being burnt on a field from Red Barn to the Salthrop Crossroads. Phil reported that farmers must not burn cereal stubble but flax and linseed are exempt.	Clerk

3c	<p>Gill Crabtree – Highways, Traffic and Footpaths: Gill reported that the High Street in Broad Hinton would be resurfaced and remedial work to the drains commencing 25th October 2010.</p> <p>The School Travel Plan has been approved and it is hoped that funding can be found to replace the grass verge between the shop and the Crown with a footpath. If so, this will be done at the same time as the remedial work on the drains and the resurfacing is carried out.</p> <p>The footpath in Fortunes Field has been repaired and the adopted road adjacent to the Bell Inn is under investigation because of serious erosion. Gill suggested that each Councillor be responsible for a grit bin and inform CLARENCE on 0800 232323 when the bins needed re-filling. Geoff will bring the map to the next meeting.</p> <p>The STOP sign at Winterbourne Bassett has been replaced.</p> <p>Gill suggested that the Council write to local farmers reminding them of their obligations regarding footpaths.</p>	GBM Clerk
3d	<p>Penny Brewer – Village Maintenance: Penny has contacted Jane Cole regarding the pollarding of the lime trees along the High Street. This will be done sometime after the first week in October. She also reported the diseased tree by the notice board.</p> <p>“Street Scene” deal with open spaces and amenity areas and can be contacted through CLARENCE (Tel: 0800 232323) or Wiltshire Highways. The Stewards remain the same but find their own jobs (ours are very good). If we have any highways defects that need dealing with, possibly by a Steward, Penny will contact Chrissy Powell (WC). Penny not longer has to send in a job sheet.</p>	
3e	<p>Geoff Martin – Village Maintenance: Geoff reported that the fence on Pitchen's End Amenity Area has been repaired by Wiltshire Council. Geoff will organise a notice for the Local News reminding everyone that it is criminal damage to remove fence panels.</p>	
3f	<p>Des Clarke – School and Community Liaison: Des reported on the judging of the Community Calendar on Saturday 11th September in the Village Hall. James Keith, Elizabeth Floyd and Paul Bradish chose 13 pictures out of over 160 entries. The standard was extremely high and the Village Hall Committee will now organise the printing. The winning photographs are on the Broad Hinton website.</p>	
4	<p>Finance: Current Account Balance: £261.09 Deposit Account Balance: £8232.35 VAT Repayment - £255.04</p> <p>Cheques authorised: £90 – 3 Leaf Landscape: £16 – Broad Hinton Village Hall: £141 – Mazars auditors: £28.11 – Bassett Signs: £84 – 3 Leaf Landscape.</p>	
5	<p>Planning: Erection of chimney stack at Eltham House, Post Office Lane has been approved by Wiltshire Council</p> <p>The application for change of use of barns and conversion into 3 units of holiday accommodation and associated stabling at Field Barn off Fiddlers Hill will be referred to the full committee at Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>The Clerk will write to the owner of the Old Forge site in Winterbourne</p>	Clerk

	Bassett requesting that planning permission is sought for the caravan which is at present on the site. Gill Crabtree will take on the responsibility of Post Office Lane, The Bell Inn and Garage when looking at planning applications.	
6	Next meeting: Wednesday 17th November 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall	