

**MINUTES OF THE BROAD HINTON AND WINTERBOURNE BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009 IN BROAD HINTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillors James Keith (Chair); Geoff Martin; Des Clarke; Robert Horton; Phil Catling; Gill Crabtree; Michael Bayliss (Wiltshire Constabulary) and Marilyn Martin (Clerk)

Residents: Mr. J. Wain and Mrs. Maxine Fenton

Apologies for absence: Councillors Penny Brewer and Rod Brooke

Item	Description	Action
1	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting</b> held on the 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2009 were agreed and signed by the Chair	
2	Michael Bayliss reported on 2 thefts and a malicious e-mail in the Parish. Des Clarke asked if the disturbance involving cars in the Village Hall car park at around 4am on Saturday/Sunday night 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> November had been reported to the police. PC Bayliss said he had not received a call. He also reported that the hare coursing culprits had been apprehended in Winterbourne Monkton.	
3	<b>Matters Arising:</b>	
3a	<p><b>Play Area in Broad Hinton:</b> James reported on the progress over the proposed play. 5 sites have been suggested all of which have potential problems that would prevent the plan going forward. These are as follows:-</p> <p><b>Pitchens End Amenity Area:</b> Wiltshire County Leisure will not allow the recently secured grant for 7-13 year olds to be used at this location and alternative funding will need to be secured for a pre-school area. Wiltshire Planning has concerns which may prevent any installation. The resolution made on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008 by the Parish Council to support an application for a pre-school area under 75 sq metres still stands but will be subject to Parish Council ratification as Wiltshire Council are not prepared to pay for maintenance and local consultation has yet to be completed.</p> <p><b>Allotment Area:</b> Wiltshire Planning have advised that permission is unlikely to be forthcoming but suggest that a pre-application proposal be submitted in order to obtain a definitive written answer. WC Leisure will allow the grant to be used for this area if both Planning and the Parish Council wish it to be so. Rachel Knight will pursue this application. The Parish council will await Wiltshire's answer before proceeding with community consultation.</p> <p><b>Land to the east of Broad Hinton:</b> Planning has indicated that permission is unlikely and WC Leisure is not happy with this location, therefore no action will be taken.</p> <p><b>The Crown Inn:</b> Land is not available at this site.</p> <p><b>An area between the school and the cricket field:</b> Land is not available at this site and the Parish Council resolution in regard to this site should now be treated as obsolete.</p> <p>At the next Council meeting in January, Councillors will re-assess the situation in the light of funding and the decisions of Wiltshire Planning. A much wider consultation of Broad Hinton residents will be considered and the Parish Council has not yet taken a position.</p> <p>Des Clarke said that when the Parish Council were asked about play equipment on Pitchens End Amenity Area, the discussions took place with Kennet who were</p>	

	prepared to pay for the cost of maintenance, inspection, replacement etc. James confirmed that Wiltshire is now not prepared to fund on-going costs.	
3b	<b>Parish Plan:</b> After discussion, it was agreed to commute this decision to the next meeting. James will write a small article for the Local News in order to gauge residents' interest.	<b>JK</b>
3c	<b>Notice Board in Winterbourne Bassett:</b> The Clerk has obtained a quote of £615 plus VAT and she will now contact the Marlborough Area Board for a grant.	<b>Clerk</b>
4	<b>Councillors Additional Reports:</b>	
4a	<b>Footpaths and Highways:</b> Gill said she had contacted Wiltshire regarding updated footpath maps. She will contact Highways regarding the "STOP" sign at the T Junction of Winterbourne Bassett and the A4361 and the refilling of the grit bins in the Parish.	<b>GC</b>
4b	<b>Village Maintenance:</b> Geoff has contacted CLARENCE and Martin Cook at WC Highways regarding the directional sign at the T Junction by Broad Hinton School. It is still facing the wrong way. The repair of pavements will be put on the list of works to be done and the Council will write to Mr. Spencer Drinkwater at Highways to formally request the installation of a pavement along Yew Tree Lane. The Parish Stewards will be in the area on the 25 <sup>th</sup> November to do various jobs. The Maintenance man will be asked to clear the grass that has grown over the Pitches path and Gill will obtain a quote from the Marlborough Downs Rabbit Clearance Society regarding the moles on the Pitches End Amenity Area. Geoff will organise for the missing section of fence to be replaced.	<b>GBM/GC</b>
4c	James reported that in a response from Marlborough Area Board on the subject of a speed restriction along the A4361 a decision would be deferred to an overall assessment of county speed limits in 2011. He and other Parish Councils were not happy with this and he will be pursuing this with the Area Board.	<b>JK</b>
5	<b>Finance:</b> Deposit Account Balance: £6529.49. Current Account Balance: £660.29 VAT Refund: £155.24 and Allotment Fee: £20 Cheque Authorisation: £15 Broad Hinton Village Hall Hire and £204 for 3 Leaf Garden Services (Village Maintenance) Clerks Salary: The Council agreed to increase the Clerk's annual salary to £2400. This represents an increase of £44.08 per year in line with the National Association of Local Clerks hourly rates of pay for part-time clerks. <b>Precept: The Council unanimously agreed not to increase the Parish precept for the year 2010/2011. It will remain at £5500.</b>	
6	<b>Planning:</b> the Parish Council did not object to the following 4 applications which were approved by Wiltshire Planning	
6a	Erection of a detached garage at the Weir Bungalow, Broad Hinton	
6b	2 storey side extension at 2 New Cottages, Uffcott	
6c	Erection of a conservatory at 25 Pitches End, Broad Hinton	
6d	Construction of a sewing room attached to gable end of existing garages at Marlborough Lodge	
6e	<b>Planning Applications:</b> When the Council receive a planning application the councillor assigned to a particular area of the Parish has the responsibility of talking to neighbours who may be affected by the application. Following are the areas and the designated councillor.	
	Post Office Lane, the Bell Inn and Broad Hinton Filling Station – Rod Brooke High Street from Cockroost to the Old Vicarage – Robert Horton Fortunes Field – Gill Crabtree Pitches End – Geoff Martin School to Weir Bungalow and St Peters and Rickyard Cottages – Des Clarke	

