

**MINUTES OF THE BROAD HINTON AND WINTERBOURNE BASSETT PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2008
BROAD HINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Present: Cllrs. James Keith (Chair); Geoff Martin, Des Clarke, Robert Horton, Penny Brewer, James Hussey, Rod Brooke, Gretchen Rawlins (KDC), Polly Ritchie (Community Police Officer) and Marilyn Martin (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs. George Horton, Phil Catling and Chris Humphries (WCC)

Item	Contents	Action
1.	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17th September 2008 were agreed and signed by the Chair.	
2.	Matters Arising:	
2a.	Hedge outside the Weir Bungalow – The Chair suspended standing orders whilst a resident addressed the Council. The Chair reinstated standing orders and the Council agreed to contact Kennet District Council with a request that they remove the requirement for 2 trees to be planted by the roadside near this property in the interests of visibility. The hedge has been planted as specified by KDC.	Clerk
2b.	Play equipment at Pitches End - KDC will continue to consider applications for grants although funds are now diminishing. Cllr. Rawlins stated that a recent application in Avebury was granted on a 60/40 basis.	DJC
2c.	Red Telephone Kiosk in Broad Hinton – Clerk reported that KDC have objected to the kiosk being removed and it will remain whilst BT go through the objection procedure.	Clerk
2d.	10 Key points for Effective Parish Council Meetings – These points were agreed by the Council. The Chair made particular reference to having specific agenda items thereby omitting “Parish Matters” and “AOB”. This was agreed.	
2e.	Property in Winterbourne Bassett – a vehicular access onto an unclassified road is permitted, the beech hedge is on private land and the Environment Agency confirm that they see no problem with the Bourne.	
2f.	Bus Shelter adjacent to The Bell – Wiltshire County Council have completed the work that will stop the shelter from flooding.	
3.	Councillors Additional Reports:	
3a.	Geoff Martin (Parish Footpaths) – The contractors building the new Village Hall have paid £500 to close the footpath adjacent to the site. The Chair requested that the Council be kept informed of any developments.	
3b.	Rod Brooke – Planning – Rod thanked all concerned for dealing with planning applications whilst he was on holiday.	
	Allotments – a mower has been donated and the request for the PC to make a donation towards the cost of the petrol was refused. The request to mow a path from the church to the allotments was granted by Robert Horton but permission would be required annually. The Council agreed that no rights are to be created in respect of this path and in turn provide permission to the allotment holders use the path on the basis that no rights will be created. The reason for this request is that dog faeces are being walked onto the allotments and if a path is mown it will be easier to avoid. Robert Horton will organise the erection of gate and fencing in the Spring of 2009.	
3c.	Penny Brewer – Village Maintenance – The Parish Stewards will be in the villages on the 1 st and 2 nd December. Penny has requested the path be cleaned	PB

	from Yew Tree Lane through Fortunes Field to Post Office Lane and a road sweeper. Penny expressed concern over the state of the Pitches on the High Street. The bank is being eroded away by traffic, weeds are taking over through severe strimming and a path has been cut opposite the Crown. The roots of the Lime Trees will become badly exposed and eventually die. It was suggested that the bank be mown, provided that to do so will not create a Health & Safety risk, and not strimmed and lawn sand be applied. Penny will insert an article in the Local News requesting that people do not walk on the bank.	
3d.	Des Clarke – School and Community Liaison – The new village hall is progressing and the roof should be on by Christmas. BT wants £3000 to remove and re-site the telegraph pole. This is being disputed.	
3e.	James Hussey – The Weir and Police Liaison – James attended the Police Liaison meeting on the 28 th October. Reports are being made on the tree felling at the Weir and this is on-going.	JH
3f.	James Keith – Chair – James attended the Parish & Town Council Forum held by The new Wiltshire Unitary Council to discuss next years WCC budget and update formation of the new Council. He reported that it has been decided by WCC that the next Parish & Town Council Elections will not now take place until 2013.	
4.	Finance:	
4a.	Bank Balances: Deposit Account - £5812.41 & Current Account - £657.92	
4b.	Cheques for authorisation: £13 Broad Hinton School (Hire): £93 Colin Merritt (Village Maintenance) and £141.45 (Entertainment at the Crown Inn for Anne Dunham)	
4c.	Receipts: £2500 (second half of precept): £120 (Allotment fees)	
4d.	Clerk's Salary Review: The Council agreed to increase the Clerk's salary by £56.39 per annum in line with the recommendations of the National Joint Council for Local Government Services.	
4e.	Precept: The Council agreed to raise the precept by 10% from £5000 to £5500 as agreed at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on the 11 th June 2008	
4f.	Accounts: It was agreed that allotment financial statements be included within the PC financial statements and that a separate statement of allotment income and expenditure, by period, be appended. The Chair asked the Clerk to investigate the handling of VAT on revenue.	
5.	Planning:	
5a.	Erection of agricultural barn for the housing of farm machinery and shelter of livestock at land adjacent to Main street in Winterbourne Bassett. No objection by the PC and full planning permission granted by KDC	
5b.	Retention of front porch at 162 Post Office Lane. Objection by the PC but granted full planning permission by KDC	
5c.	Single storey extension to existing van centre at Tom Gallagher's Van Centre in Broad Hinton. PC has not objected.	
5d.	Erection of dwelling (increase in ridge height) at 1 Post Office Lane. PC has not objected.	
5e.	First floor extension at Compton Farmhouse, Summers Road, Broad Hinton. PC has not objected.	
5f.	The Chair reported that Councillors' views on Honda's application to park 6600 cars on Wroughton airfield were divided and that the Council had not submitted any comment to Swindon Borough Council.	
6.	Consultation decision by Community Policing: Polly Ritchie reported that the 3 areas they have decided to give priority to are (a) Hare Coursing (b) Speeding through Broad Hinton and (c) Parking by Broad Hinton School. Cllr.	

	Clarke suggested that speeding through Winterbourne Bassett should also be included. She also said that Mr. Graham Carter has volunteered to set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Broad Hinton and would be looking for assistant co-ordinators. This was welcomed by the PC and the Chair said he would contact Mr. Carter to ascertain if the Council could be of any assistance.	
7.	Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service: Cllr. Martin will insert an article in the Local News regarding the assistance given to residents by the Fire Service in checking smoke alarms, fire exits etc.	GBM
8.	Correspondence:	
8a.	Letter from Richard Young regarding the state of Vize Lane. The Council agreed to keep in mind the concerns raised within the letter when next discussing surfacing to the Lane.	Clerk
8b.	Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine	
8c.	CPRE – “Countryside Voice” Magazine	
8d.	Fitzpatrick Woolmer – Recycled Plastic Signage	
8e.	Swindon Borough Council – Application for storage and display of national museum collections has been withdrawn.	
8f.	KDC – Felling Licence application at Weir Farm	
9.	Next Meeting: Wednesday January 21st 2009 at 7.30 pm in the School	
	Signed:	Date: