**Meeting of the Bovingdon Parish Council**

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**Bovingdon Memorial Hall**

**8 January 2018 starting at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Councillor Graham Barrett (Chairman)

Councillor Alison Gunn

Councillor Julia Marshall

Councillor Julie Steer

Councillor Dave Stent

Councillor Richard Taylor

Councillor Ben Richardson

Councillor Giles Turner

**Also present:**

County Councillor Richard Roberts

Dacorum Borough Councillor Stewart Riddick

**Representatives from the Village**:

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There have been four burglaries and three attempted burglaries in December. It is, as yet, unknown whether these are linked, but a suspect has been identified and police are pursuing enquiries.  There have been reports of ‘Nottingham Knockers’ in the area; people selling door to door require a Pedlars Licence’. The public is advised to contact 101 if in doubt and not to buy from them.  **To discuss filling of casual vacancy via co-option**  Four people initially expressed an interest in the position, but only one attended. Adrian Watney was therefore co-opted unopposed to Bovingdon Parish Council.  **Parish Clerk’s ‘Slot’**  Mike Kember was unable to attend.  **To receive and adopt the following Committee reports:**  **Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 22 May 2017**  Resolved that the minutes of this meeting as circulated, be received and adopted.  **Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 18 October, 6 November and 29 November 2017**  Resolved that the minutes of these meetings as circulated, be received and adopted.  **Feedback from Chairman of Committees:**  **Finance & General Purposes Committee**  Resolutions to be considered from the Finance & General  Purposes Committee:  **That the Council approves the draft budgets for the Parish for 2018/2019 as set out in the attached papers.**  It was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Barrett and resolved that the Council approves the draft budgets for the Parish for 2018 / 2019 as set out in the attached papers.  **That the Council approves the draft budgets for the Memorial Hall for 2018/2019 as set out in the attached papers.**  It was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Steer and resolved that the Council approves the draft budgets for the MemorialHall for 2018 / 2019 as set out in the attached papers.  **That the Council approves the proposed precept for 2017/2018.**  It was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Taylor and resolved that the Council will increase the precept for 2018 / 2019 by 3.0%. The precept figure (net of Council tax Support Grant and Resilience grant) is £58,634. Based on current information, the Parish Rate for a Band D property will rise from £27.72 to £28.56 per annum, an increase of 84p.  **That the Council approves the proposed request for income from concurrent services for 2018/2019.**  It was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Stent and resolved that the Council approves a request to Dacorum Borough Council for a Concurrent Services Grant of £24,549 for 2018 / 2019.  **That the Council agrees the list of Hall payments made up to 31 December 2017.**  It was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Taylor and resolved that the Councilagrees the list of Hall payments made up to 31 December 2017**.**  **That the Council agrees the list of Hall accounts for 2016/17.**  It was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Taylor and resolved that the Councilagrees the list of Hall accounts for 2016 / 17.  **That the Council approves the increase of Hall rental charges of 75p across rates and £1 when all rooms hired.**  It was proposed by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Stent and resolved that the Council approves the increase of Hall rental charges of 75p across rates and £1 when all rooms hired.  **Memorial Hall Management Committee**  Stage has been repainted. Tree outside the Hall Is to be removed, as it is blocking the drains. Obtain quotes for the work.  Cost of refuse collection is £2k p.a. – look at alternatives to current provider (DBC)  **Outdoors Committee**  The committee has not met since 12 October 2017.  A number of potholes have become apparent; these have been photographed and reported to DBC. Residents are advised to report potholes and broken trees directly to DBC/HCC. Set up a hyperlink on BPC website to DBC http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/do-it-online/report-it  County Councillor Roberts asked residents/councillors to notify him of any roads/pavements that require resurfacing.  Currently scheduled for 2018/19:  Ley Hill Rd/Chesham Rd - highway; Vicarage Lane – highway; Hyde Lane – highway; Green Lane – pavement; Granville Close – pavement.  2018 is Hertfordshire Year of Activity and village groups (particularly sports groups) are invited to apply for a grant from HCC.  **Personnel Committee**  There was nothing to report.  **Planning Committee**  18 October, 6 November and 29 November 2017  Councillor Barrett reported that the Committee had met three times since the meeting in November and considered 31 planning applications.  Applications of note:  Green Lane – application for 6 houses refused by DBC.  Symonsdown, Vicarage Lane – Appeal for 2 x 3-storey houses allowed with conditions attached on accessibility.  Tesco site – is currently on hold due to Archaeological Interest. PC to check on progress with Clancy Docwra.  **Bovingdon Parish 10k – 2 September 2018**  Meeting scheduled for next week. As of 15 January, the event is live on Run Britain website. UK Athletics confirmed. First Aid is in place – Ambulance, Paramedics and a motorcycle. Lead cyclists and Trail cyclist are in place, but more marshalls are needed for the route. Race maps will be produced and displayed in the Memorial Hall. Considering prizes for veterans.  **Feedback from the Representative on Bovingdon Primary Academy**  In the absence of a representative, there was nothing to report.  **Feedback from Kathy Banks, the Council’s Representative on Friends of The Mount**  Talking with agencies to promote rehabilitation and integration of prisoners into the Community.  **Feedback from Councillor Ben Richardson, DriveSafe Campaign**  DriveSafe has been running for 2 years; 3k letters have been sent to speeding drivers, some of whom are on their 3rd letter and some have received more than 3 letters. PCC see this as an exercise in raising awareness, but volunteers and public want further action.  Councillor Richardson has met with new Safer Neighbourhood Team led by Ch. Insp. Paul Mitson and Insp. Geoff Scott. They see Bovingdon as proactive and are keen to work with volunteers and BPC to provide community based policing and some level of enforcement.  **Date of next meeting**  Monday 5 March 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall  Meeting ended 8.40 p.m. | Parish Clerk  Parish Clerk  Parish Clerk |