**Meeting of the Bovingdon Parish Council**

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**Bovingdon Memorial Hall**

**3 September 2018 starting at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Councillor Graham Barrett (Chairman)

Councillor Julia Marshall

Councillor Ben Richardson

Councillor Julie Steer

Councillor Giles Turner

Councillor Adrian Watney

Councillor Pauline Wright

**Also present:**

County Councillor Richard Roberts

Borough Councillor Stewart Riddick

Mike Kember, Parish Clerk

**Representatives from the Village**:

4 residents

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A resident expressed concern about the rising number of thefts from vehicles being discussed on Facebook, although the reported figures do not seem to reflect this. It was stressed that people need to report any crime otherwise it goes unrecorded and ‘masks’ the need for appropriate policing resources.  There has been a spate of incidents over the past few months of a small group of youths acting in an anti- social manner. The police have visited their homes and showed body cam footage of their discussions with the parents who have been shocked by their children’s behavior. These visits have produced some small improvements.  The problems with contraband being thrown over the fences surrounding The Mount has increased considerably and is the worst it has been for a long time.  There have been issues with the sale of counterfeit goods at Bovingdon Market and the Police have been working with Trading Standards, which has resulted in a few successful prosecutions.  A resident mentioned that there had been a few problems behind the Football Club. Councillor Steer said that she would raise this at the next Neighbourhood Watch meeting.  **Neighbourhood Planning**  Councillor Marshall reported that the Steering Group has met three times and has 20 volunteers. The next meeting is planned to be held on 18 September in The Memorial Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. The meeting will be attended by Jacqueline Veater, consultant and it is proposed to set the draft vision and the objectives to fulfill the vision.  The next steps are to gather evidence from the 2011 census. There will then be a meeting with local groups and a public consultation. This will be followed by a survey to all residents.  The Parish Council has formally notified the Borough Council of its intention to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan and their response is awaited.  **To receive and adopt the following Committee reports:**  **Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 4 June, 2 July and 18 July 2018**  Resolved that the minutes of these meetings as circulated, be received and adopted.  **Feedback from Chairman of Committees:**  **Finance & General Purposes Committee**  The Committee had met on 22 May 2018 but has not met since then.  **Memorial Hall Management Committee**  Councillor Steer reported that the draft accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 had been prepared and would be brought to the meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 5 November 2018.  **Outdoors Committee**  The Committee had last met on 4 July 2018.  Councillor Steer thanked Councillor Roberts for getting a number of resurfacing jobs completed in the village. Councillor Roberts asked to be notified of any roads / pavements that will need attention in 2019 - 20.  **Personnel Committee**  The Committee last met on 19 June 2018.  **Planning Committee**  Since the last meeting of the Council the Committee has met three times and discussed 24 applications.  Councillor Barrett commented on several applications as follows:  **APP/A1910/W/17/3192066 - Removal of Condition 1 (Two-Year Temporary Planning Permission) of Appeal Decision (APP/A1910/C/14/223612) Appeal of Planning Application 4/00435/14/ENA (Motorcycle/Motor Vehicle activities and associated storage/parking)**  The hearing was held on 22 August 2018 and the Inspectors Decision will be received during the next few weeks.  **4/01095/18/FUL – 50-53 Chesham Road – Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of 2 new semi-detached dwellings and 7 terraced dwellings with new access road to terraces (amended scheme)**  At the meeting of the Borough Council’s Development Management Committee held on 16 August 2018, the members unanimously refused planning permission.  **4/03310/17/FUL – 35 Green Lane – Demolition of existing building and construction of two storey block of six flats with ancillary off road parking and landscaping with vehicle crossover**  The Borough Council’s Planning Enforcement Officer has visited the site recently on two occasions to inspect the refurbishment work and has reported that there has been no breach of the planning regulations.   |  | | --- | |  | |  |   **Garage site between 19 and 21 Hyde Meadows (to the rear of properties in the High Street)**  The site has been purchased from Dacorum Borough Council by Watford Community Housing to provide five new affordable family homes.  Watford Community Housing is holding a ‘drop-in’ public consultation event on 6 September 2018 in the Memorial Hall between 4.30 and 7.00 p.m. to seek the views of the local community on these proposals.  **Bovingdon Parish 10k – 2 September 2018**  Councillor Steer reported that 244 people had registered to run the 10k and 81 for the 3k. The event had gone very well with the help of 80+ volunteers. The event has made a surplus in the region of £2k, which will be used to help local groups and organisations. A huge ‘thank you’ goes to Richard Taylor for organising the event. The next BP10k and 3k will be held on Sunday 1 September 2019.  **Feedback from Claire Norton, the Council’s Representative on Bovingdon Primary Academy**  In the absence of Claire Norton there was no report.  **Feedback from Kathy Banks, the Council’s Representative on Friends of The Mount**  Kathy Banks reported that the Friends and the Herts Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (HACRO) have agreed to merge their two charities. It is hoped that the Friends will recommence the selling of produce at the Village Market.  **Feedback from Councillor Ben Richardson, the Council’s Representative on Community Safety**  Councillor Ben Richardson reported that the DriveSafe volunteers have reported over 900 vehicles for driving in excess of 35 mph. In the three years that the local group has been formed they have spent over 1,000 hours of volunteer time. A representative from the Police & Crime Commissioner’s Office had visited our local group and was impressed with our scheme.  The Police & Crime Commissioner is still reviewing the procedure for dealing with motorists driving at 50 mph plus in a 30 mph area. Over the past eight months there have been 36 reported instances from DriveSafe groups of motorists driving over 50 mph across the County of which 15 have been recorded in the Chipperfield Road.  Councillor Richardson referred to the Herts Road Safety Partnership and said that the feasibility study that had been commissioned by a firm of consultants was available but remained Confidential. The Partnership was in the process of checking its’ technical accuracy.  The proposal to form a Bovingdon Community Watch is still under investigation. There are currently five volunteers interested in forming a group although there is an issue surrounding insurance to be resolved.  **Feedback from Councillors Steer and Watney the Council’s representatives on the Bovingdon Community Library**  Councillor Julie Steer reported that the training of the 40+ volunteers is progressing well and that the group is organising the staffing rota themselves.  **Any other urgent business**  County Councillor Richard Roberts reported that following the flooding in September 2016, a full investigation has been undertaken by the Strategic Flooding Team at Herts County Council and that there may be a future public meeting to consider the outcomes for the village.  **Date of next meeting**  Monday 5 November 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall – apologies received from Councillor Graham Barrett  Meeting ended 9.30 p.m. | Councillor Richard Roberts  Councillor Steer |