

Meeting of the Bovingdon Parish Council

Bovingdon Memorial Hall

4 March 2019 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 Giles Turner
Councillor Adrian Watney
Councillor Pauline Wright

Also present:

County Councillor Richard Roberts
Borough Councillor Gbola Adeleke
Borough Councillor Stewart Riddick
Mike Kember, Parish Clerk

Representatives from the Village:

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1.	Apologies for Absence To receive any apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ben Richardson.	
2.	Declaration of Interests linked to any of the Resolutions To receive any declarations of interest There were no Declarations of Interest.	
3.	Public Question Time There were no questions received from the public.	
4.	Minutes – To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2019 Those Councillors present agreed that the minutes of the meeting of Bovingdon Parish Council held on 14 January 2019 were a true representation of the meeting and the minutes were signed by Councillor Graham Barrett.	
5.	Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2019	
5.1	Bovingdon Market There continues to be concerns about vehicles attending the market and the problems these cause for residents on the approach roads to the airfield. Vehicles are currently using the entrance off Molyneaux Avenue to access and depart from the market, where as the intention was for this to be the exit and the entrance was further along the Chesham Road. Councillor Richard Roberts will discuss with Herts Highways.	

<p>6.</p>	<p>Crime Report PCSO's Bardhyl Agallili and Ian Martin presented the crime figures for January and February 2019.</p> <p>Following several break-ins in the High Street the Police are arranging a meeting with Dacorum CCTV Unit to look into the possibility of installing CCTV.</p> <p>PCSO Bardhyl Agallili to arrange to carry out a Crime Prevention Survey of the Memorial Hall.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Planning Councillor Marshall reported that the Steering group has met 9 times since being formed in June 2018 and that there are 27 volunteer members.</p> <p>Following the successful first Open Day held at the Memorial Hall on 13 January, two surveys have been distributed to over 2100 households. The first is a general survey for the Neighbourhood Plan, asking questions on four topics and gathering views on the future of Bovingdon. The second is being run by CDA Herts, specifically to gauge the need for 'Affordable Housing' in Bovingdon. Over 730 completed forms have been received, which equates to approx. a 30% response, which is excellent.</p> <p>The data now has to be analysed and a report prepared, which will take approx. two months. The next steps are to consult with businesses and to hold a focus group with children at the Bovingdon Academy and to send a questionnaire to Bovingdon pupils in secondary schools. It is also proposed to talk to clubs and groups in the village and users of the Memorial Hall.</p> <p>Councillor Barrett thanked the Steering Group and in particular the Chair, Councillor Julia Marshall for their work.</p>	
<p>8. 8.1</p>	<p>To receive and adopt the following Committee reports: Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 14 January and 4 February 2019 Resolved that the minutes of this meeting as circulated, be received and adopted.</p>	
<p>9. 9.1</p>	<p>Feedback from Chairman of Committees: Finance & General Purposes Committee The Committee last met on 10 December 2018.</p>	
<p>9.2</p>	<p>Memorial Hall Management Committee Councillor Steer reported that there is to be a meeting of the Committee on 20 March 2019 to discuss the renewal of the cleaning contract.</p>	
<p>9.3</p>	<p>Outdoors Committee Councillor Stent reported that the contract with the Sunnyside Rural Trust to carry out the village warden services is</p>	

	<p>progressing well and that there is a regular meeting to monitor the contract.</p> <p>Councillor Steer queried the progress of several items with Councillor Roberts as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of bollards between the school / Memorial Hall • Marking of disabled parking bay outside the Co-op • Pot holes in High Street by Long Meadow surgery • Pavements – to revisit the priorities for 2020 / 21 <p>Councillor Roberts to follow-up.</p> <p>9.4 Personnel Committee The Committee last met on 19 June 2018.</p> <p>9.5 Planning Committee The Committee had met three times since the last Parish Council meeting and considered 15 applications.</p> <p>10. Bovingdon Parish 10k – 1 September 2019 Councillor Taylor reported that he and Councillor Steer meet regularly to organise the event. The run is now ‘live’ on the Run Britain and ‘Let’s do this’ websites. Councillor Roberts agreed to give the council a grant of £400 from his Locality Budget towards the event.</p> <p>11. Feedback from Claire Norton, the Council’s Representative on Bovingdon Primary Academy In the absence of Claire Norton there was no report.</p> <p>12. Feedback from Kathy Banks, the Council’s Representative on Friends of The Mount In the absence of Kathy Banks there was no report.</p> <p>13. Feedback from Councillor Ben Richardson, the Council’s Representative on Community Safety In the absence of Councillor Richardson there was no report.</p> <p>14. Feedback from Councillors Steer and Watney the Council’s representatives on the Bovingdon Community Library Councillor Steer reported that the volunteers are managing the library on Mondays and Saturdays. The Committee are continuing to recruit more volunteers. Councillor Watney reported that he had visited the County Archives at County Hall.</p> <p>15. Any other urgent business 15.1 Donation from ‘The Bovingdon Bunch Ltd.’ The Parish Clerk reported that the Parish Council had accepted a donation from a group of former American Service personnel who were stationed at Bovingdon Airfield in the 1940’s towards the maintenance of the commemorative plaque on the front of the Memorial Hall.</p>	<p>County Councillor Roberts</p>
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15.2	<p>Herts County Council – Flooding Report A drop-in session had been held on 26 February 2019 for the people who had been affected by the flooding in September 2016.</p>	
16.	<p>Date of next meeting Annual Meeting of Bovington Parish Council - Monday 13 May 2019 at 8.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. prior to the Annual Meeting of Bovington Parish Council and complimentary refreshments will be available prior to the start of the meetings at 6.45 p.m. The guest speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting will be Keely Siddiqui Charlick, Chief Executive of the Sunnyside Rural Trust who provide our village warden services. There will also be a presentation on behalf of the Chipperfield & Bovington Royal British Legion Sub-Branch.</p> <p>As this is the last meeting before the Local Council Elections on 2 May 2019, Councillor Barrett thanked everyone for their dedication and hard work over the past four years and in particular Councillors Richard Taylor and Giles Turner who will not be standing for election again. Councillor Richard Roberts commented that the Council was one of the 'strongest' and extended his personal thanks to us.</p> <p>A resolution was made in the following terms:</p> <p><u>Exclusion of the public</u></p> <p>Part II - That under S 4 (A) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public be excluded during the item(s) in Part II of the agenda for this meeting, because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the public were present during these items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to an organisation:</p>	
17.	<p>Grants to local organisations</p>	
17.1	<p>To consider a request for a grant towards the Scoot Race Agreed to award a grant of £250 towards the costs of the annual Scoot Race.</p>	
17.2	<p>To consider a request for a grant from the 1st Bovington Scout Group Agreed to award a grant of £500 towards the costs of securing temporary storage space.</p>	
18.	<p>Extension of footpath from between the Memorial Hall / Bowls Club to the Church Meadow Play area Agreed to fund this item from within the overall Outdoors Committee budget.</p>	
	<p>Meeting ended 9.00 p.m.</p>	