

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council  
held at Whitewell Parish Rooms  
on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.00 pm**

<b>Present</b>	Cllrs Ryan Adams, Dave Evans, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin, (Chairperson), Robert Millington, Ethna Norris, Ian Rowley, Steve Swinden, Mark Watson The Clerk. PCSO Dean Sanders. No members of the public attended.																						
<b>1- Apologies</b>	Cllrs Sue Clarke, Rob Hill.																						
<b>2- Declarations of Interest</b>	Cllr Swinden declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11.3 as he is a governor at Bronington Primary School.																						
<b>3- Police Update</b>	The police report had been circulated previously. PCSO Dean Sanders updated the meeting. Cllrs raised concerns regarding fly tipping.																						
<b>4- Open Forum</b>	There was no consideration of this item.																						
<b>5- Adoption of the minutes</b>	<b>Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024.</b> <b>Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Evans.</b>																						
<b>6- Matters Arising</b>	6.1 Work by Cllrs:- The Clerk has contacted One Voice Wales to clarify whether the Council can pay a Community Councillor to carry out work on behalf of the Council and be paid for it. They have advised that If they were to tender for some work as a contractor then the Council would have to be very rigorous and objective in their selection process.																						
<b>7- Corres.</b>	List previously circulated.																						
<b>8- Accounts</b>	<p>8.1 <u>Grants:-</u> The Council considered an alternative proposal for the £380.00 grant request by the Brownies <b>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to award a grant of £380.00 to the Brownies in respect of hoodies for the children to wear on the trip to Paris.</b> <b>Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Adams.</b></p> <p>8.2 <u>Purchase of Charis:-</u> <b>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to purchase a chair trolley at a cost of £99.00 plus VAT.</b> <b>Proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Swinden.</b></p> <p>8.3 <u>Financial Year 2024 – 2025:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £ 22,928.84</p> <p>9.4 <u>Payments:-</u> To approve the following payments:-</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Chq</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Payee</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Running Costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 52.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Little Red Tractor Company (Jun 24)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 262.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>GRANT:- 1<sup>st</sup> Bronington Brownies</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 662.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>DONATION:- Queen Elizabeth II Hospital Charity in Birmingham (match funded)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 222.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Audit Wales (2022 / 2023 Audit Fees)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 611.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Kirkhouse (40 blue stacking chairs)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,002.24</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Chq	Payee	Amount	Online	Running Costs	£ 52.04	Online	Little Red Tractor Company (Jun 24)	£ 262.40	Online	GRANT:- 1 <sup>st</sup> Bronington Brownies	£ 662.40	Online	DONATION:- Queen Elizabeth II Hospital Charity in Birmingham (match funded)	£ 222.00	Online	Audit Wales (2022 / 2023 Audit Fees)	£ 611.00	Online	Kirkhouse (40 blue stacking chairs)	£1,002.24
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	Online	ROSPA (Play area inspection)	£ 158.40
	Online	Parrs (chair trolley)	£ 124.79
	<p>The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.</p> <p><u>Receipts:-</u>  WCBC (PCC elections) - £250.00  Coffee Morning (April) - £101.00  <b>Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments.</b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Watson.</b></p>		
<b>9- Planning</b>	9.1	<p><u>Applications Received:-</u>  P/2024/1110 - Change of use of land and siting of 8 glamping pods including ground mounted solar array at Oak View Chapel Lane Bronington  <b>Resolved:- Councillors agreed to oppose the application based on the following concerns:-</b>  - <b>Most of Chapel Lane is an unadopted road located in a quiet, rural, residential location.</b>  - <b>Access concerns from Chapel Lane due to limited visibility at the junction onto the A495.</b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Norris.</b>  P/2024/1003 – amendment to planning permission P/2021/0352 to amend materials and site layout at Stoneyhurst Grange Road Bronington  <b>Resolved:- Councillors agreed to support.</b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Norris.</b>  P/2024/1047 - Variation of condition 2 of LBC P/2023/0142 to amend approved plans at Chapel House The Chequer Bronington  <b>Resolved:- Councillors agreed to support.</b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Norris.</b>  P/2024/1216 - Outline application for erection of dwelling (all matters reserved) at Land adjacent to Avondale New Hall Lane Bronington  <b>Resolved:- Councillors agreed to make no observations.</b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Watson and seconded by Cllr Norris.</b></p>	
	9.2	<p><u>New Applications Received:-</u>  No new applications have been received.</p>	
	9.3	<p><u>Decisions:-</u>  No updates.</p>	
<b>10- Barry Barlow Play Area</b>	10.1	<p><u>Updates:-</u>  Work to the play equipment is now due to take place in September.</p>	
	10.2	<p><u>ROSPA Annual Inspection:-</u>  Cllrs Martin and Millington attended the recent inspection that was carried out by ROSPA. The report has since been received with no major concerns raised.  The Council discussed replacing the large multi-use play equipment as it is due to come to the end of its' life.  It was suggested that the Council look to set aside money over the next two financial years to pay for replacement play equipment and also to look into other sources of funding.  The Council discussed contacting Bronington and Hanmer Primary Schools to ask the children what new play equipment they would</p>	

	<p>like.</p> <p>10.3 <u>New Equipment:-</u>  <b>Resolved:- Councillors agreed to purchase new toys for the toy box up to the value of £50.00.</b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Adams and seconded by Cllr Martin.</b></p>
<b>11- Community Room</b>	<p>11.1 <u>Updates:-</u>  The new chairs have been delivered.  The Community Room was used as a polling station for the General Election.</p> <p>11.2 <u>Coffee Mornings:-</u>  Coffee morning donations updates:-  June - £118.00 was raised for the West Midlands Air Ambulance; this is to be match funded by the Council.  The following coffee mornings are to be held for the following organisations:-  July – Riding for the Disabled  August – Higher Wych Charity  September – Nightingale House  October – Bronington Friendship Group  November – Guide Dogs  December –</p> <p>11.3 <u>Agreement:-</u>  The legal agreement between the Council and the School for the Community Room was circulated; Cllr Adams queried some of the wording (e.g. responsibility for the fence, safeguarding children and lighting).  Cllr Martin has signed a copy which is to be returned to the school.</p>
<b>12- Annual Report</b>	<p>12.1 <u>Annual Reports:-</u>  It was suggested that the annual reports for 2023 and 2024 be combined together.</p> <p>12.2 <u>Printing Costs:-</u>  <b>Resolved:- Councillors agreed to pay £220.00 for 1,000 copies of the Annual report (as detailed in the June minutes).</b>  <b>Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Evans.</b></p>
<b>13- Roads Working Group</b>	No update.
<b>14- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)</b>	<p>Cllr Adams has applied to the National Lottery for funding for VAS. It will take up to eight weeks to find if the bid has been successful.</p> <p>The Clerk has obtained quotes of various options for VAS's from two companies that were suggested by WCBC.</p> <p>The Council discussed other styles of VAS's.</p> <p>The Clerk is to contact WCBC to discuss suitability of the location and whether the Council needs to apply for a licence to install the VAS's.</p>
<b>15- Land Opposite Bronington Shop</b>	Cllrs Martin and Rowley are to make a site visit to scope the works.
<b>16 - Bus Shelter at Fenns Bank</b>	The Clerk has made enquiries with WCBC to removal the structure;they have agreed this can be done by the Council.
<b>17- Defibrillators</b>	There are no updates.
<b>18- To receive update(s) from outside organisations</b>	There was no consideration of this item.
<b>19- AOB</b>	19.1 Noticeboard at Bronington Shop:- The Council is to make arrangements to remove the noticeboard.

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|  | <p>19.2 Bus Stop:- Concerns were raised regarding vehicles parking in the bus stop on Mill Lane. The Clerk is to report the matter.</p> <p>19.3 Junctions:- Concerns were raised regarding the height of vegetation at junctions with the A roads.</p> <p>19.4 White Lines:- The Clerk is to submit a request for road markings to be repainted especially on the A495 by Green Dragon.</p> <p>19.5 Signage:- The Council expressed concerns regarding the signage at the Farm centre on the A495. The signs appear to be sited in the grass verges close to the road – is planning permission required; do the signs affect vehicles visibility .</p> |
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**The meeting closed at 9.08 pm**