

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council
held at Community Room, Bronington
on Wednesday 16th October 2024 at 7.30 pm**

Present	Cllrs Ryan Adams, Sue Clarke, Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin, (Chairperson), Robert Millington (attended part of the meeting), Ethna Norris Millington (attended part of the meeting), Ian Rowley, Mark Watson. The Clerk. No members of the public attended.																						
1- Apologies	Cllr Steve Swinden.																						
2- Declarations of Interest	Cllr Rowley declared a pecuniary interest in item 18 of the minutes.																						
3- Police Update	The police report had been circulated previously.																						
4- Open Forum	There was no consideration of this item.																						
5- Adoption of the minutes	Resolved:- The Council approved the minutes of the Business Meeting held on 18th September 2024. Proposed by Cllr Lindsay and seconded by Cllr Evans.																						
6- Matters Arising	6.1 Road Surface:- The Clerk has reported the poor state of the road from Fenns Wood Cottage to the Brick Walls junction to WCBC.																						
7- Corres.	List previously circulated.																						
8- Accounts	<p>8.1 <u>Financial Year 2024 – 2025:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 1st September 2024 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £ 27,575.70</p> <p>8.2 <u>Payments:- To consider the following payments for the current financial year April 2024 – March 2025:-</u> The Council considered the Churchyard Donations in the Community (£2,000.00 allocated) and agreed to write to both Whitewell and Bronington churches to see if they require any financial support . Resolved: - Councillors agreed to pay Ian Clorley the sum of £165.00 for the upkeep of War Memorials in the Community. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Watson.</p> <p>8.3 <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;">£ 57.57</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Little Red Tractor Company (Sep 24)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 262.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Barlows (PAT testing and electric heater work)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£147.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Royal British Legion (wreaths)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 150.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>B Martin - reimburse cost of heaters for community room</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 195.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>DONATION:- Coffee morning (Sep 2024 - match funded) - Nightingale House</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 361.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order. <u>Receipts:-</u> Coffee Mornings (Jun £126; Jul £149) - £275.00 Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments.</p>		Chq	Payee	Amount	Online	Running Costs	£ 57.57	Online	Little Red Tractor Company (Sep 24)	£ 262.40	Online	Barlows (PAT testing and electric heater work)	£147.64	Online	Royal British Legion (wreaths)	£ 150.00	Online	B Martin - reimburse cost of heaters for community room	£ 195.00	Online	DONATION:- Coffee morning (Sep 2024 - match funded) - Nightingale House	£ 361.00
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	Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Lindsay.
9- External Audit	There was no consideration of this item.
10- Planning	<p>10.1 <u>Applications Received:-</u> No applications have been received.</p> <p>10.2 <u>New Applications Received:-</u> No new applications have been received.</p> <p>10.3 <u>Decisions:-</u> <u>Granted:-</u> P/2024/0277 – Warehouse Conery Lane Bronington</p>
11- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)	<p>Cllr Martin updated the meeting as below:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllrs Martin, Swinden and the Clerk had a site meeting with TWN on 2nd October to discuss the options and locations on the A495 and A525 for the proposed VAS's. - The Council will need to install 3 new posts for the VAS signs (there is already one on the A525 that can be used). The Clerk has been in contact with WCBC and a site meeting is to be arranged. - Finance options available with TWN. <p>Updated / amended quotes were circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting for options:- solar power happy / sad face VAS and a mini matrix VAS. Cllrs discussed whether to purchase two or four VAS's (the units are not fixed and can be moved to another post).</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the effectiveness of VAS in other villages and the benefits of having VAS installed (e.g. the use of the data collated to request a reduction in speed limits to WCBC etc).</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the finance options, the additional costs to install the VAS's (e.g. poles and road traffic management) and how many VAS's to purchase. The majority of Cllrs preferred the option of purchasing two VAS's as opposed to four with the attachments provided so as the VAS's can be moved.</p> <p>Cllr Adam raised a concern of the value for money of the TWM quote relative to alternative suppliers.</p> <p>Cllr Martin cautioned that because the Council are spending public money the raw price is not the only consideration in our choice.</p> <p>Resolved:- The Council agreed to the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To place an order two Solar Mini Matrix 3 x 3 signs with data and moveable fittings from TWM Traffic at a cost of £5,301.09 plus VAT per unit (total cost is £10,602.18 plus VAT for two units) and agreed in principle to pay the sum over two year interest free credit. - To request a copy of the interest free credit agreement and the payment terms, which is to be circulated to One Voice Wales and to all Cllrs. - To make arrangements with WCBC to install the three metal poles (x 2 on the A495 and x1 on the A525). <p>Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Rowley.</p>
12- Barry Barlow Play Area	The replacement of the posts of the multi play area has had to be deferred due to the weather.
13- Community Room	<p>13.1 <u>Updates:-</u> Cllr Martin informed the meeting that Barlows had to be called out</p>

	<p>to investigate and carry out repairs to an electrical fault on the water heater. Barlows have carried out the PAT testing on the electrical equipment at the Community Room. Cllr Martin enquired whether the Council could have a debit card; the Clerk is to make enquiries.</p> <p>13.2 <u>Coffee Mornings:-</u> The following coffee mornings are to be held for the following organisations:- November – Guide Dogs December – Bronington Church</p>
14- Christmas	<p>Cllr Norris spoke to the meeting about the arrangements for the Christmas events in Whitewell and Bronington and getting more residents involved. The Council agreed to decorate the Community Room and for the Christmas event to be incorporated when the coffee morning takes place on Saturday 21st December. Cllr Clarke agreed to co-ordinate the Christmas event in Whitewell</p>
15- Annual Report	<p>Cllr Martin advised that the combined Annual Report for 2023 and 2024 is due to be updated with details regarding the installation of VAS. A draft copy is to be circulated to Cllrs prior to publication.</p>
16- Roads Working Group	<p>No update.</p>
17- Bronington Shop	<p>Concerns were raised regarding the current state of what was Bronington shop. It was agreed to defer taking any actions until work progresses.</p>
18- Land Opposite Bronington Shop	<p>Cllrs Martin and Rowley have made a site visit to scope the works which includes reducing the size of the hedging and removing some trees. Three quotes are to be obtained to carry out the works for the Council to consider.</p>
19- Community Agents	<p>There have been recent changes in the operations for Community Agents; there is a new Community Agent. The Council agreed to invite the new Community Agent to attend a Council meeting.</p>
20- Defibrillators	<p>There are no updates.</p>
21- To receive update(s) from outside organisations	<p>There was no consideration of this item.</p>
22- AOB	<p>22.1 Speed Limit:- Cllr Watson spoke about discussions held with WCBC several years ago to reduce the speed limit by Pinfold Farm from 50 mph to 40 mph. 22.2 Road Surface:- Cllr Watson requested that the anti-skid road surface be re-instated at the corner near to Bronington Church. The Clerk is to contact WCBC regarding the request.</p>

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm