

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council
held at Community Room, Bronington
on Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 7.00 pm**

Present	Cllrs Ryan Adams, Sue Clarke(acting as Clerk),Anna Edwards, Dave Evans, Rob Hill, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin, (Chairperson), Ethna Norris, Steve Swindon, Mark Watson. No members of the public attended.
1- Apologies	Cllrs Rob Millington, Ian Rowley.
2- Declarations of Interest	Cllr Swinden re: item 12 on the Agenda. Remaining Cllrs present re: item 13.
3- Police Update	The police report had been circulated previously.Cllr Martin informed the meeting that Lisa Marie Davies will be the new PCSO and will ask the Clerk to invite her to a future meeting.
4- Open Forum	There was no consideration of this item.
5- Adoption of the minutes	Prior to adoption of the minutes there were some amendments requested. Cllr Adams requested that the following be added regarding the Agenda item relating to the proposed purchase of Vehicle Activated Signage as follows: Cllr Adam's raised a concern of the value for money of the TWM quote relative to alternative suppliers. Cllr Martin also requested that the following be added to the minutes regarding the same item as follows: Cllr Martin cautioned that because the Council are spending public money the raw price is not the only consideration in our choice. Proposed:Cllr Hill Seconded: Cllr Adams
6- Matters Arising	6.1 Road Surface/Speed Limit Cllr Martin reported that he has spoken with Graham Lloyd Road Safety Officer requesting a meeting with him and Wesley Waters Head of Highways and Jeremy Newton regarding this issue.
7- Corres.	List previously circulated.
8- Accounts	8.1 <u>Financial Year 2024 – 2025:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 1 st September 2024 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £ 27,575.70 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 in the light of the emails received from Edward Wardle and Philip Godsall. Resolved: - Councillors agreed to pay each Church the sum of £1000 as allocated in the budget. The Clerk to contact Philip Godsall to explain why the payment is less than requested by Whitewell Church. 8.3 <u>Payments:-</u> To approve payments to date including:-

Payee	Details	Amount
Little Red Tractor Company	BBPA maintenance	£ 262.80
R Shackleton	Reimburse costs	TBC
Bronington Primary School	Rent 01/03/24 – 30/09/24	TBC
DLS Technologies	Domain renewal	£ 56.00
I Clorley	Upkeep of War Memorials	£165.00

All payments agreed except payment to Bronington School which was deferred.

The Clerk's salary was paid by standing order.

Receipts:-

Coffee Mornings - £160.00 Friendship Group

Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments.

Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Norris.

9. Planning

9.1. Applications Received:

9.1.i P/2024/1107 It was agreed to support- Proposed: Cllr Watson
Seconded: Cllr Hill

9.1.ii P/2024/1495 It was agreed to support-Proposed: Cllr Evans
Seconded: Cllr Lindsay

9.1.iii P/2024/1544 It was agreed to support- Proposed: Cllr Evans
Seconded: Cllr Lindsay

9.2 New Applications - None

9.3 Decisions:-

Granted:-

P/2024/1047 – Chapel House, The Chequer, Bronington.

10- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)

10.1 Finance

Cllr Martin updated the meeting as below:-

The total cost for 2 VAS is £10,600. There are 3 ways to do this:

i. Pay the total amount in December 2024.

ii Pay £5,300 in Dec 24; £5,300 in May 25; splitting the cost over. 2 financial years.

iii Pay a £1000 deposit and then 24 x £400 per month plus a one off administration charge of £400 payable up front. Thus paying a total of £11,000. This option cuts across 3 financial years :

24/25 £3,000

25/26 £4,800

26/27 £3,200

A discussion followed regarding the best option to choose.

Proposed Option iii Cllr Martin. Seconded Cllr Swinden

Agreed by all Cllrs present. Cllr Adams did not support.

10.2 Installation

A site meeting scheduled with WCBC did not happen as they failed to attend the meeting. The Clerk has gone back to WCBC to re-appoint.

Further discussion on this item to be on the Agenda for the December meeting.

11. Barry Barlow Play Area	The replacement of the posts of the multi play area has had to be deferred due to the weather.
12. Consultation for Federation Proposal	Cllr Martin proposed that the Council support the proposed Federation. Seconded: Cllr Clarke. All present agreed. Cllr Adams abstained from the vote. Cllr Martin will draft an email stating the Council support of this proposal.
13- Community Room	13.1 <u>Updates:-</u> Cllr Martin informed the meeting that 2 heaters for the Community Room have now been purchased. 13.2 <u>Coffee Mornings:-</u> The following coffee mornings are to be held for the following organisations:- December – Bronington Church and Homestart Wrexham as part of the Council's Christmas Celebration Initiative. It was agreed that a discussion regarding charities to support in 2025 will take place at the December meeting.
14- Christmas	Cllr Norris updated the meeting about the arrangements for the Christmas events in Whitewell and Bronington on 21st December. Cllr Clarke advised that the leaflets promoting the event were in production.
15- Annual Reports	Cllr Martin advised that the combined Annual Report for 2023 and 2024 is on-going.
16- Roads Working Group	No update.
17- Bronington Shop	No update
18- Land Opposite Bronington Shop	No update
19- Community Agents	The new Community Agent. - Grant has been invited to a future meeting.
20- Defibrillators	Bronington and Whitewell are working fine. Cllr Norris to check Iscoyd.
21- Remembrance Services	This was the first time the Council had participated in these services in Iscoyd and Bronington. It was agreed that going forward the Council should continue to attend and lay wreathes. Cllr Lindsay will contact Vanessa Brodie to advise. Cllr Lindsay thanked fellow Cllrs for their support and attendance at the Iscoyd service.
22- To receive update(s) from outside organisations	There was no consideration of this item.
23- AOB	23.i. Cllr Watson reported that only two of the three blocked drains reported to Jeremy Newton have been cleared. He has asked for the Clerk to chase up reasons for this. 23.ii. The hedges on New Hall Lane need cutting. This issue has been previously raised but no action taken. The Clerk to contact WCBC or Jeremy Newton for update.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm