

**Minutes of the meeting of Bronington Community Council
held at Whitewell Parish Rooms
on Wednesday 16th January 2025 at 7.00 pm**

Present`	Cllrs Dave Evans, Louise Lindsay, Ben Martin, (Chairperson), Ethna Norris, Ian Rowley, Steve Swinden, Mark Watson. The Clerk. No members of the public attended.												
1- Apologies	Cllrs Ryan Adams, Sue Clarke, Anna Edwards, Rob Hill, Robert Millington.												
2- Declarations of Interest	Cllr Rowley declared a pecuniary interest in item 18 of the minutes as he has provided a quote for the work. Cllrs Evans, Lindsay, Martin, Norris, Swinden and Watson declared a personal interest in item 18 of the minutes as one of the quotes was supplied by Cllr Rowley.												
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 December 2024. Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Lindsay.												
6- Matters Arising	6.1 Overgrown Hedges:- The overgrown hedges on New Hall Lane have been reported to the Council as they still need to be cut back further. 6.2 Static Caravan:- The static caravan that has been installed at the back of Lily Pit Farm has been reported to WCBC.												
7- Corres.	List previously circulated.												
8- Accounts	8.1 <u>Financial Year 2024 – 2025:-</u> The reconciled bank balance as at 1 st December 2024 is as follows:- Lloyds Current Account £ 24,720.95 8.2 <u>Payments:-</u> To approve the following payments:- <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;">£ 60.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Little Red Tractor Company (Dec 24)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 262.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>DONATION:- Guide Dogs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 433.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">The Clerk’s salary was paid by standing order. <u>Receipts:-</u> None received Resolved: - Councillors agreed to accept the Financial Report and to approve the above payments. Proposed by Cllr Norris and seconded by Cllr Evans.</p>	Chq	Payee	Amount	Online	Running Costs	£ 60.59	Online	Little Red Tractor Company (Dec 24)	£ 262.80	Online	DONATION:- Guide Dogs	£ 433.00
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9- Budget for the 2025 – 2026 Financial Year	The Council received the proposed budget for the 2025 – 2026 financial year and went through the items to allocate a budgeted sum (see attached). Resolved:- The Council agreed to the proposed budget for the 2025 – 2026 financial year. Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Watson.												
10- Precept	The Council considered the amount to set the precept for the 2025 – 2026 financial year. Resolved:- The Council agreed to set the precept for 2025 – 2026 financial year at £25,357.00. This represents a £1,207.00 (5%)												

	increase on the amount that was requested last year. Proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Watson
11- Planning	<p>11.1 <u>Applications Received:-</u> No applications have been received.</p> <p>11.2 <u>New Applications Received:-</u> No new applications have been received.</p> <p>11.3 <u>Decisions:-</u> <u>Granted:-</u> P/2024/1544 - Tybroughton Hall Tybroughton</p>
12- Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)	<p>12.1 <u>Finance:-</u> WCBC has advised of the following costs:- - Purchase four posts (to attach the VAS's to) - £200.00 (approx.) - Install the four posts - £420.00 - Traffic management (required to install the posts) - £400.00 - Traffic management (required to install the VAS's) - £400.00 Resolved:- The Council agreed to the cost of £1,420.00 (approx.) to purchase and install the posts required for the VAS and the traffic management costs. Proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Swinden.</p> <p>12.2 <u>Installation:-</u> Zurich has responded to the query regarding the insurance cover for the VAS's. The VAS's are to be added to the Council's insurance policy once they have been installed.</p>
13- Barry Barlow Play Area	No updates.
14- Community Room	<p>14.1 <u>Updates:-</u> It is hoped to promote the Community Room so as to encourage more groups / exercise classes to use the room.</p> <p>14.2 <u>Coffee Mornings:-</u> There is a coffee mornings this month in aid of Bronington Church / Homestart Wrexham. £283.00 was raised at the December coffee morning in aid of Guide Dogs; the Council are to match fund £150.00. Total £433.00. The Council are to reduce the amount for match funding from £150.00 to £100.00 with effect from April.</p> <p>14.3 <u>PPL / PRS:-</u> PPL / PRS is due to send the invoice for the amount due for the licence.</p>
15- Christmas	<p>The Bronington and Whitewell Christmas Events were held on Saturday 21st December. Both events were well received; everyone involved was thanked for their help.</p> <p>The Council noted the comments that were made on social media about the lights on the Christmas tree.</p> <p>The Council agreed to write to Whitchurch Rotary Club and request that they include Bronington on their Santa visit this year.</p> <p>The Council is to make enquiries regarding the funds that were raised several years ago which were to be put towards a village hall in Bronington.</p>
16- Annual Report	The combined Annual Reports for 2023 and 2024 are to be completed by February 2025.
17- Roads Working Group	There was no consideration of this item.

18- Land Opposite Bronington Shop	<p>The Clerk obtained and circulated three quotes to carry out the works on the Land Opposite Bronington Shop from Warbutons Way, FAC Landscapes and Martin Fryer. The Council considered the quotes.</p> <p>Resolved:- The Council agreed to instruct Warbutons Way to carry out the work at a cost of £750.00.</p> <p>The work is due to be carried out in February.</p> <p>The Clerk is to write to Hanmer Estate to request permission to carry out the works.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Swinden and seconded by Cllr Norris.</p>
19- Defibrillators	No updates.
20- To receive update(s) from outside organisations	20.1 Bronington School:- Cllr Martin has written Bronington School to express the Council's support regarding the proposal to federate Bronington, Borderbrook, and St Paul's Schools.
21- AOB	There was no consideration of this item.
Part Two	
1. Press and Public	<p>Resolved:- The Council agreed to exclude the press and members of the public as the items to be discussed relate to employee matters.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Lindsey and seconded by Cllr Watson.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm