

BRIZE NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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To the Members of Brize Norton Parish Council

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The next meeting of the Brize Norton Parish Council is to be held at **7.30pm on Monday 9th June 2018** at The Pavilion, Station Road, Brize Norton. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend. Members of the public may make representations to the council under item 4 according to the council's Standing Orders.



Signed – Alison Riseley - Clerk to Brize Norton Parish Council

Agenda

- 1) **Apologies:** to receive apologies
- 2) **Declarations of interest**
 - 2.1 Register of interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 - 2.2 To declare any pecuniary and other interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- 3) **Minutes:** To approve the minutes of the last meeting of the Council on 14th May 2018
- 4) **Public Participation**
 - 4.1 Any public matters –
- 5) **Record of Chairman's meetings**
- 6) **District and County Councillors' reports** for information only.
- 7) **Progress reports**
 - 7.1 Cllr Goble - Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee – Update on Neighbourhood Plan
 - 7.2 Cllr Squire – Bloor Homes/ sports field lease
 - 7.3 Cllr Campion/ Squire – Brize (West) detailed planning sub-committee
 - 7.4 Cllr Ball – Village Handyman
 - 7.5 Cllr Goble – Green Corridor purpose and cost
 - 7.5.1 Does BNPC wish to continue the development of a Neighbourhood Plan?
 - 7.5.2 The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group wish to purchase a 'Green Corridors' assessment at a cost of £500.00.
 - 7.5.3 Can the Neighbourhood Plan include a specific commercial issue?
 - 7.6 Cllr Shillingford – Poppy Bombing
 - 7.7 Cllr Shillingford – The Newsletter Editor
 - 7.8 The Clerk – School Warning Signs Update
 - 7.9 The Clerk – Agree meeting dates until Dec 2019
- 8) **Planning** – review of planning applications and progress on outstanding applications (on attached appendix).
- 9) **Finance** –
 - 9.1 to consider payments to be made (on attached appendix)
 - 9.2 To review and sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18 (part 2)
 - 9.3 Cllr Shillingford to sign Bank mandate
- 10) **Other correspondence to note** (on attached appendix)
- 11) **Councillor's reports and items for future agenda including items for website**
- 12) **Date of next meeting** Monday 2nd July 2018 at The Pavilion at 7.30pm

7.5.1

Question – Does BNPC wish to continue the development of a Neighbourhood Plan?

Reason - **At the previous Parish Meeting a question was raised regarding a specific and previously unmentioned expenditure and this expenditure was delayed by vote for justification at the June meeting.**

Evidence for justification –

1. BNPC approved the expenditure of £16,000.00 to develop a Neighbourhood Plan in January 2017. (N.B. This figure was based on ‘best estimate’ at that time). At this time (January 2017), the Local Plan was still in its development stage.
2. As of May 2018, the Planning Inspector has stated that the plan ‘is likely to be capable of being legally compliant and sound’. As the Planning Inspector has reached this decision, WODC are confident that they have a 5 year land supply and as such the plan will be formally approved. WODC are now referring to this document in planning decisions.
3. As of May 2018, in West Oxfordshire alone, there has been one NP approved, two are at the pre-submission stage, six are being developed and we know of two more about to commence.
4. We are at a critical stage of our Neighbourhood Plan because we now require specialist evidence to supplement the evidence the Steering Group are collating. If we delay obtaining this evidence until the Local Plan is adopted, we will potentially delay the submission of our Neighbourhood Plan until 2019.

Conclusion – There is no justifiable reason for the development of our Neighbourhood Plan not to continue.

7.5.2

Question - The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group wish to purchase a ‘Green Corridors’ assessment at a cost of £500.00.

Reason – **Any request for the Neighbourhood Plan spending over £100.00 has to be approved by BNPC.**

Evidence - We have been advised by our specialist advisors CFO, to purchase a ‘Green Corridors’ report at a cost of £500.00

Green corridors are corridors that allow people and wildlife to move through the landscape. They are important both in connecting patches of habitat to allow wildlife to find food, homes and mates, but also in helping people to access the countryside and to experience wildlife first-hand.

This assessment (for people and wildlife) will provide a professional study to further evidence emerging green gap, landscape setting and village character policies in the NP. It will map the value of local biodiversity (and therefore the need to protect it, in line with various local and national policies), while also helping make a case for the value of the landscape and wildlife for aesthetic and experiential value (again in line with various policies concerning sustainable development). Professional studies of this sort add credibility to the NP evidence base, adding robust evidence to support policies of environmental protection and enhancement.

I would suggest that this particularly relevant in our case as there is no direct connectivity between the village and the new development and the Community are supportive in creating a nature trail.

Conclusion – Our consultants have advised us that this assessment will add robust evidence to support our policies and we therefore should follow their recommendations.

(Please note – there are further professional assessments we will require moving forward and the Steering Group are in the process of obtaining estimates)

7.5.3

Question – Can the Neighbourhood Plan include a specific commercial issue?

Reason – **Councillor Poston asked for support from BNPC regarding an issue between the Masons Arms and the landlord of their car park, Christchurch. Councilor Shillingford asked if there was a way to refer to this in our Neighbourhood Plan**

Evidence – Local and Neighbourhood Plans have policies which support local businesses but these plans cannot include specific details about individual cases.

Conclusion – BNPC may be able to support the Masons Arms using the Policies available to them but initially, a clear understanding of the issue needs to be provided. I understand that Christchurch require access across their property (car park) to enable them to build a SUDS pond which is required for the new development. I would suggest that this should be resolvable between the two parties.