

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
at the Birbury, Birdingbury**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Davy, Cllrs Preston, French and Morton

**In attendance:** Jackie Chapman (Clerk)

**1. Welcome.**

Cllr French opened the meeting at 19:32 hrs and welcomed those present.

**2. To accept apologies for absence**

Cllr Cutts– prior commitment

**3. Declaration of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Representations from the public**

No public were present.

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were agreed as a true and complete record.

**6. Reports from Borough and County Councillors**

County Cllr Roberts was not present. Cllr French will write to Cllr Roberts, introduce himself as the new Chairman of the Parish Council and invite him to attend October's meeting.

District Cllr Mrs Crane advised there was not much to report as Rugby Borough Council (RBC) does not sit in August. However, in July 2019 RBC declared a Climate Emergency. A working group has been set up, it will be chaired by Cllr Roberts and it has been tasked with working out how RBC can become carbon neutral by 2030.

**7. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Preston raised his concern over the camber of some of the footpaths within the village. It was felt this is not something the Parish Council can influence.

**8. Planning Applications**

**8.1** No planning applications have been received.

**8.2** The following planning decision has been received.

Application No	Address	Decision
18/2238	Pear Tree Cottage, Back Lane, Birdingbury	GRANTED

**8.3** Appeals – none

**8.4** Birdingbury Parish Council Planning Protocol

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Davy, seconded by Cllr French and  
**RESOLVED** the Planning Protocol be adopted by Birdingbury Parish Council.

**9. Financial Issues**

## 9.1 Approval of cheques

Payee	Amount £
Clerks fee September 2019 including mileage	
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for 12 first class postage stamps	8.40
Frank Mann Farmers – grass cutting July (9 and 23)	402.00
Frank Mann Farmers – grass cutting Aug (13 )	174.00

It was proposed by Cllr Morton, seconded by Cllr Preston and **RESOLVED** the payments be made.

## 9.2 Payments received since last meeting

22.07.19 Rugby Borough Council £595.00 Grass Cutting contribution 2019 – 2020  
05.09.19 Rugby Borough Council £3625.00 Precept – second payment (this will show on Septembers bank statement).

## 9.3 Bank Balance Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was signed by Cllr French as being correct.

## 9.4 Budget Report as at 23.08.19 - noted

## 10. Highways

Nothing to report.

## 11. Recreation Ground

The stakes for the goal posts are missing.

**ACTION** – Clerk to order 6 stakes for the goal posts.

## 12. Allotment Shed

Cllr Morton advised he has visited the Allotment Shed and the lintel over the doorway does need to be replaced. A metal frame will be made which will slot into the doorway. The Allotment Society may approach the Birbury Fund for a contribution to cover all or some of the costs.

## 13. Birdingbury Village Club

The Birdingbury Club has held a meeting and will provide a response to the Parish Council.

## 14. Birdingbury Bonfire

Cllr Preston advised there is a very small team who will attempt to provide the bonfire event as usual. Two of the volunteers who let the fireworks off last year are unable to help this year; Cllr Morton has volunteered to take their place. The Birdingbury Club is unable to help with the catering arrangements this year; however they would like to work with the Bonfire Committee in 2020.

**ACTION** – Clerk to arrange for the hedge which abuts the path up to the recreation ground to be trimmed prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.

## 15. Warwickshire County Council Consultation on draft Warwickshire Rail Strategy 2019-2034

Birdingbury Parish Council did not wish to contribute to this consultation.

## 16. Warwickshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

Birdingbury Parish Council agreed to promote the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment within the village.

**17. Newcomers to the Village**

17.1 Newcomers leaflet – the Clerk asked for this to be deferred to the next meeting

17.2 Newcomers - none

**18. Correspondence received and action required**

Noted

**19. Items for the next Agenda**

Bonfire – Risk Assessment

4 Back Lane

Precept Discussion

**20. Date of next meeting**                      15<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Meeting closed 8.40 pm

Signed

Date