

**Minutes of the meeting of Birdingbury Parish Council  
held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in The Birbury, Birdingbury**

**Present:** Cllrs French, Preston, Kent, Kendell and Mrs J Chapman (clerk)

**1 Welcome**

Cllr French opened the meeting at 20:01 hrs and welcomed those present.

**2. To receive and accept apologies for absence**

**3. Declarations of interest**

Councillors were reminded that they should declare either a personal or prejudicial interest. (Councillors with a prejudicial interest should leave the room for the relevant items.)

**4. Representations from the Public**

No Members of the public were present to make representations

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

**RESOLVED** the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Meeting with the following amendments made  
Agenda item 8. 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph - Contacted by "a user of the cycle track"  
3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph Cllr French "& Cllr Kendell advised they have" been asked about  
Additional point - Cllr Kendell raised the state of the phone box, as it is looking shabby. Clerk has applied for an English Heritage grant.

**6. Co-option of Parish Councillor**

**RESOLVED** to co-opt Carmel Frances de Nahlik to the vacant Councillor post.

**6.1 Declaration of acceptance of office of any newly appointed Councillor.**

Completed, along with Declaration of Interests.

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

Neither were present.

New District Councillor is Dale Keeling

**8. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Kendell asked if clarification can be sought regarding where Frankton Road, starts and stop/ changes into Birdingbury Road. Can there be road signs to assist delivery drivers

**ACTION –** Clerk to contact RBC

Cllr Kendell raised the speed of vehicles travelling along Long Itchington Road and the fact there is nowhere to go when vehicles are coming towards you.

**ACTION -** Clerk to raise with WCC Highways.

Cllr French, car parking was raised at the Annual Parish Meeting. People parking on the road opposite residents' driveways making it difficult for the resident when backing off their drive.

**ACTION –** Cllr French will include an article in Birdsong.

Cllr French advised on the Bank Holiday Monday following the Coronation of King Charles III, several people put themselves forward to volunteer with village activities. Their names will be passed to the appropriate groups.

## 9. Planning Applications

- 9.1 Councillors noted the recommendation made between meetings to make No Comment on application R23/0332.

The following planning application has been received since the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Councillors discussed a number of concerns about the scale of the development, the increase in floor area and the visual impact on the street scene. As a result it agreed to ask for restricted rights if the application is agreed.

Planning number	Address	Planned Work	Comments due
R23/0369	Mill House, Stockton Road, Birdingbury, CV23 8EE	Proposed two storey rear and side extension to existing dwelling, full refurbishment, new windows throughout and raising the existing roof	No objection but asked for permitted development rights to be removed as development is large

## 9.2 Planning Decisions

No planning decision have been received since the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April March 2023.

- 9.3 Appeals - none received.

## 9.4 Planning Protocol

A brief discussion took place, the Clerk captured the areas for change/consideration. To be brought back to next meeting.

## 10. Financial Issues

### 10.1 Payments for approval

Payee	Amount £
Clerks' salary April 2023	
Frank Mann Farmers April mowing	382.80
Birbury Community Room Hire (May, June, July, Sept, Oct and Nov 2022)	35.00

**RESOLVED** the payments be made.

### 10.2 Bank Balance Reconciliation

Bank statement and reconciliation as at 30.04.23, noted and signed by Cllr French

### 10.3 Budget Report as at 30.04.23

Noted

### 10.4 To authorise Clerks Salary to be paid by Standing Order on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of every month, with rounding occurring on the payment due on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

**RESOLVED** Clerk to be paid by standing order, bank mandate signed.

## 11. Recreation Ground

Fencing off old access to recreation ground is complete, awaiting invoice. Replacement of broken pole on climbing frame, pole being sought.

## 12. Highways

RBC have provided a quote of £4,900 + vat to install concrete kerbs outside 32 – 26 Main Street, Birdingbury. The Parish Councils reserves are insufficient to cover this.

**ACTION** Clerk to establish if RBC/WCC can contribute to this work. Clerk to see if the Parish Council can apply for a County Cllr grant towards this.

**13. Birdingbury Club**

There were a few queries at the Annual Parish Meeting about amending the trustees. The Birdingbury Committee is due to meet on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Cllr French will update them following the legal advice the Parish Council received. There will be a change to the constitution to include one member/representative from the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and the Birdingbury Club.

**14. Original Parish Council Website**

Cllr French will include an article in Birdsong asking for a volunteer to run the original Birdingbury website.

**15. Septic Tank leaking onto former railway (Sustrans)**

RBC Environmental Health have advised Severn Trent found ammonia in the flood water on the cycle track. The residents have decided to replace the septic tank completely and it will be done within the next two weeks.

**16. Newcomers to the Village**

New family have moved into Merryfields

**17. Items for the next Agenda**

AGAR and Internal Audit Report, Planning Protocol, Welcome to Birdingbury Leaflet, Direct Debit payments for sign off, Birdingbury-pc.gov.uk email, telephone box funding application

**18. Date of next meeting.**

19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 7.00 pm Recreation Field, 7.30 pm Birdingbury

**Meeting closed 21:10 hrs**

Signed

Date