

**Minutes of the virtual meeting of Birdingbury Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

**Present:** Cllrs French, Preston, Cutts, Morton and Cllr Mrs Kendell

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

**1. Welcome.**

Cllr French opened the meeting at 19:34 hrs and welcomed those present.

**2. To accept apologies for absence**

None received.

**3. Declaration of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Representations from the public**

No public were present.

**5. Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were agreed as a true and complete record.

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

County Cllr Roberts was not present.  
District Cllr Mrs Crane was not present.

**7. Reports from Councillors**

The Clerk advised she reported the water on Back Lane to Severn Trent (repair number 2005017493). Severn Trent have visited the site, tested all their supply connections in the area and no water loss was recorded.

The Clerk will refer the matter to WCC Highways. Cllr Morton will send picture/video of the leak to the Clerk.

**8. Planning Applications**

**8.1** The following planning applications have been received since 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Number	Address	Proposed	Comments due by
R20/1077	Spring Side, Main Street, Birdingbury CV23 8EL	Demolition of existing garage and conservatory, proposed loft conversion, single storey side and rear and extensions and associated alterations.	No objection
R20/1076	Spring Side, Main Street, Birdingbury CV23 8EL	Certificate of Lawfulness	No objection
R20/0194	Disused railway line between Leamington Spa, Rugby and Long Itchington	The change of use of the disused Lias Line from an historic disused railway line to a cycle/ pedestrian route to be laid in a sealed surface with associated ancillary development	Support, comment about lack of parking

**8.2** The following planning decision has been received since the last Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Application Number	Address	Decision
R19/1406	Masters Barn, Masters Yard, Birdingbury CV23 8EU	Appeal dismissed

8.3 Appeals - none received.

8.4 **R20/0611**

The Clerk advised the planning officer has referred this case on for legal advice and consequently the planning officer has asked the agent/applicant for further information. No decision will be made whilst they are awaiting a reply.

9. **Financial Issues**

9.1 **Approval of cheques –**

Payee	Amount £
Clerk Salary November and December 2020	
HMRC Oct, Nov, Dec 2020	105.80
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement of Zoom costs, one third of Zoom costs for November/December 2020 (£14.39 divided by three per month = 2 x £4.79)	9.58
D M Payroll Services Ltd Invoice for payroll administration 2021 - 2021	120.00
Ufton Parish Council - one third of SLCC Tutor Course (3 x 3 hours sessions total cost £120 inc of vat. Ufton PC has been billed the full amount by WALC)	40.00

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

9.2 **Bank Balance Reconciliation**

Bank statement as at 31.12.2020 – noted.

9.3 **Budget Report as at 31.12.2020 – noted.**

9.4 **Approval of Implementation of National Pay Award**

The National Pay Award/ increase in the clerk's salary backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 was noted.

9.5 **Budget and Precept Requirement for 2021 – 2020**

It was proposed by Cllr Preston, seconded by Cllr Cutts and **RESOLVED** the precept remain unchanged at £7250.00 for 2021 – 2022.

The Parish Council wish to go out to tender for the grass cutting contract in 2022 - 2023.

10. **Recreation Ground**

Cllr Cutts asked for this to be deferred to the next meeting.

Clerk to order a sign for the recreation ground as per the recommendation in the annual recreation ground inspection report.

There has been no further contact from Landstrom.

- 11. Birdingbury Village Club**  
There was no update.
- 12. 4 Back Lane, Birdingbury**  
The property is now tenanted, and the owner occupier of number 3 is in contact with an officer at Rugby Borough Council regarding the work required to the chimney.
- 13. Binding of Birdingbury Parish Council minutes**  
The Parish Council do not wish to have the minutes bound. Cllr French will make enquiries regarding the whereabouts of the Parish Council minutes prior to 2016. The Parish Council would prefer all minutes to be lodged with Warwickshire County Council Records Office.
- 14. Broadband**  
25 – 30 properties, out of 137 properties on the electoral role, expressed an interest in receiving an improved broadband facility in the recent broadband survey. BT Openreach have indicated it will cost @ £128,000 to bring FTTP (Fibre to the premises) to the village. Funding is available to support the scheme. Cllr French will include an article in the next Birdsong.
- 15. Speeding within the village**  
The Parish Council are happy to support the speeding initiative put forward by a resident of Marton Road and will consider funding of the project subject to cost.
- 16. Newcomers to the Village**  
There are new occupiers at Abberley, 4 Back Lane, Brentwood and The Dolau.
- 17. Census 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**  
Census Day is on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021, the census is to be completed online where possible, however, paper forms will be available if required.
- 18. Correspondence received and action required**  
Noted.
- 19. Items for the next Agenda**  
Michael Mann – mowing contract 2021 – 2022  
Website, Broadband, Hedge Cutting
- 20. Date of next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Meeting ended 21:06

Signed

Date