

Minutes of the Meeting of Brewham Parish Council held at Brewham Village Hall on Tuesday, 9th July 2024

Present: Robert Jackson (Chair), Eddie Harper, Richard Hiscock, Christopher Saxton & Patricia Stainton.

In attendance: Sue Price (Clerk) and three members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence:**
Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Lucy Trimnell & Tom Power.
2. **Declarations of Interest:**
There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th May 2024:**
The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2024 were unanimously approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising:**
There were no matters arising that would not be dealt with elsewhere.
5. **Financial Business:**
 - i. **Financial transactions:**
The Clerk advised that she had not received a bank statement since the end of May when only the payment for Below The Tower out, showing but it is likely that all the payments made following the May meeting have been banked by the recipients and so if the statement comes before the minutes are sent out she will use the updated figures. The statement duly arrived the following day confirming that all cheques have been cashed and there are no debtors.

The financial transactions for the period 14th May-8th July 2024 were as follows:

Bank balances brought forward on 14 th May 2024	£7,848.29
<u>Income</u>	0.00
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Printing of Below the Tower – R Rogers	£538.00
First mowing of the Burial Ground – N Payne	500.00
Hire of Village Hall for 2024/25 meetings – Brewham V Hall Committee	54.00
Annual insurance – Gallagher	439.01
Part payment for repair of Burial Ground wall – S Kightley	750.00
<u>The Fund balances on 8th July 2024 were therefore:</u>	
General Fund	£2,662.85
Burial Ground Fund	1,404.43
Reserve Fund	1,500.00
<u>Represented by Bank a/cs:</u>	
National Savings Bank Investment a/c	£859.03
Lloyds Bank Treasurers a/c	4,708.25
Bank balances carried forward on 8 th July 2024	£5,567.28

ii. Burial Ground Wall Fund

The Chairman was pleased to announce that the Saxton family have very kindly said that they would like to make a donation of £10,000 in memory of the late John Saxton who did so much work repairing the wall during his lifetime. The money will be ring fenced only for Burial Ground/Church wall repairs and will be placed in a new Burial Ground Wall Fund.

Parish Councillors thanked the Saxton family for this extremely generous donation which will not only benefit the Parish Council in years to come but everyone living in the parish because without it the precept would have had to rise each time a repair was needed. **It was unanimously agreed** that a plaque will be placed on the wall once the wording has been agreed with the family.

Steve Kightley had submitted an invoice for £2,600, despite costs of materials having risen considerably this year. He had asked for a part payment of £750 towards the cost of materials and the Clerk had paid this. Christopher Saxton had then paid the remainder of the invoice totalling £1,850.

Once the donation has been received (£10,000 less £1,850) the Clerk will set up the new fund and repay £750 to the General Fund.

iii. Payment of invoices:

The Clerk requested authorisation to pay the invoice from Nigel Payne in the sum of £500.00 for the second mowing of the Burial Ground. **It was unanimously agreed** that this invoice d be paid.

6. **Planning Applications**

i. **Decisions on applications already considered by the Parish Council:**

- a. 22/01688/FUL - Land OS 0006, Gladwill Farm, North Brewham, BA10 0JS –Application for change of use of agricultural hard standing to allow for the siting of a mobile showman's wagon trailer conversion for holiday let accommodation. Decision awaited.
- b. 3/00864/FUL - Lindum Farm, Bruton Road, Brewham, BA10 0JF - The erection of steel framed agricultural machinery storage shed. Decision awaited.
- c. 23/01518/COL – Lavender Bank, Street Lane, Brewham, BA10 0JS - Application for a Lawful Certificate for the proposed erection of a garden room workshop within the boundary of Lavender Bank. Decision awaited.
- d. 23/01410/FUL – Land opposite Jerrards Farm, Hammer Street, Brewham - Erection of a new dwelling for agricultural occupancy for a family member. Decision awaited.
- e. 24/00357/LBC - Batts Farm, Hutchins Lane, Brewham BA10 0QN - Alterations to a stone barn that is a Grade II Listed Building. Installation of one number timber framed casement window. Internal alterations to create a pair of cloakrooms on the Ground Floor & 24/00356/HOU - Retrospective application for alterations to a stone barn that is a Grade II Listed Building. Installation of one timber framed casement window. Internal alterations to create a pair of cloakrooms on the Ground Floor. Applications refused.
- f. 24/00686/HOU – The Laurels, Charcroft Hill, South Brewham BA10 0LE - Erection of replacement rear extension, front extension and detached carport/workshop with studio over. Application approved.
- g. 24/00724/LBC - Canwood House, Canwood Lane, Brewham BA10 0JN - Formation of window in rear elevation. Councillors were happy to support this application and a decision is awaited.

ii. **Applications received since last meeting and considered by email:**

- a. 24/01299/HOU – 2 Fair View, Tile Hill, South Brewham BA10 0JT – Erection of a small extension on the first floor to the rear of the property to accommodate a shower in upstairs w/c room. Councillors had no objection to this application and a decision is awaited.

iii. **New application received:**

- a. 24/01390/FUL – Dreamer's Farm, Strap Lane, Brewham BA10 0JW - Replacement of the existing barn on a one for one basis to provide 2 new workers dwellings (2 new dwellings were approved under 21/03282/FUL). Retention of the existing farmhouse (originally proposed for demolition under 21/03282/FUL). Retention of the agricultural buildings granted under planning permission 21/03282/FUL. Councillors discussed this application and agreed that it is good that the existing house will now be retained. They had no objections and were happy to support the application.

7. **Burial Ground, Churchyard, Common Land and Village Amenities:**

The Parochial Church Council have cut down the small yew bush between the large yew tree and the wall bordering Mr & Mrs Nye's garden and removed the debris.

Nigel Payne is at last managing to mow the Burial Ground more regularly and so it is looking much tidier. David Dabinett continues to keep the Common looking neat and tidy.

As noted above, the Burial Ground wall which collapsed into Mrs Ward's garden in the spring has now been repaired by Steve Kightley. Eddie Harper thought it would be a good idea to get someone to look at the rest of the wall to check that there were no parts that were likely to fall down should the coming winter again be so wet.

Various events continue to be held in the Village Hall including the weekly Community Hub and the bi-weekly Coffee and Chat.

Copies of Below the Tower have been distributed to every household in the parish and Councillors once again thanked Ric Rogers for producing this extremely useful publication.

8. **Roads:**

a. **Outstanding matters:**

A number of potholes in the parish have been repaired including 30 on Tower Road but there are still some outstanding ones, particularly at Border and the Clerk will follow up on this.

b. **New matters:**

There were reports of some new potholes and the Clerk will report the problems throughout the Parish that were mentioned in the meeting.

9. **Footpaths & Bridleways:**

Outstanding matters:

The Clerk has still had no response about the blocked footpath at Swanton Farm although it is now over eight years since this was first reported and she will continue to chase for something to be done.

Repairs needed on other footpaths in the parish are also outstanding although there is a temporary closure of footpath WN 4/30 because a bridge is considered unsafe.

10. **Report from County Councillors:**

The County Councillors were not able to attend the meeting and the Clerk will forward their next newsletter as soon as she receives it.

11. **Report from the Police:**

The Clerk had not received a report from the police.

12. **Dates of future meetings:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th September and thereafter on Tuesdays 12th November 2024 and 14th January and 11th March 2025.

13. **Open Forum:**

The Chairman had been contacted about the small area at the top of the Bull Inn car park which is thought to be the old village Pound. Mr & Mrs Cook had previously said that they were the occupants of this land having been granted permission to use it by the Stourhead Estate many years ago. Mrs Cook has confirmed that she no longer wants to claim an interest in the land. The builders have cleared behind the car park wall and found a lot of Japanese knotweed growing. Councillors discussed whether the Parish Council wanted to claim ownership or responsibility for this small piece of land and it was agreed that any claim and maintenance would incur costs, possibly quite considerable, which were not in the interests of the residents of Brewham. **It was unanimously agreed** that the Parish Council do not want any involvement with this piece of land.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 7.58pm.

These minutes were unanimously approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman at the meeting of Brewham Parish Council on Tuesday, 10th September 2024.