

## **BERWICK ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Draft Minutes for a Meeting of Berwick St John Parish Council held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs, Bridges (Chairman), Follett, Hiscock, Mortenson, Sparkes.  
**In attendance:** Mr Weiner.

Cllr. Bridges opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

**1421. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve the reasons given.**  
Cllr Meade was absent due to work commitments

**1422. Interests.**

Cllrs. were reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their register of interests on the WC website is kept up to date.

**1423. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

The minutes were approved unanimously by the meeting.  
*Local Government Act 1972 sch 12 para 41(1)*

**1424. To exclude members of the Public and Press if required, for matters that need to be discussed in confidence.**

*Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100.*

The following members of the public were present:

Alice Rawdon-Mogg and Becca Scott, both representing Savills for the Ferne Tennis Court discussion. Both left the meeting after the agenda point was covered.

**1429. Planning**

As a courtesy to Alice Rawdon-Mogg and Becca Scott, Cllr Bridges proposed that item #1429 be moved up the agenda. This was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

**Update on status of PL/2023/00178**

It has been confirmed by Wiltshire Council that this application, for retrospective planning permission for the Dome covering of the tennis court at Ferne, has been withdrawn by the applicant. Alice Rawdon-Mogg further confirmed that the Dome has been taken down permanently.

**Application No: PL/2023/09727**

Application Type: Full planning permission

Proposal: Tennis and games building over existing outdoor tennis court.

Site Address: Tennis Court, Ferne Estates, Berwick St John, Wiltshire. SP7 0EU

Decision:

It was proposed by Cllr Bridges and seconded by Cllr Follett that the Parish Council support the application, subject to compliance with the National Landscape (AONB) planning policies relating to International Dark Skies Reserves.

**1425. An Update of actions from the minutes dated 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 was provided.**

**1. (1063) Speed Indicator Device (SID):**

The clerk confirmed that the SID was now back on its post and operational

**2. (1174) WiFi extension to telephone kiosk**

Clerk advised that he will make one last attempt to contact Wessex Internet to establish whether they intend to complete the connection from the Village Hall to the telephone kiosk, as they previously committed to do. If there is no resulting action from Wessex Internet, Cllr Sparkes will organise to get this done himself.

**1426. Play Area.**

No issues were reported

**1427. Highways**

- i. See minute for agenda item 1434
- ii. Cllrs Meade and Tony Bell continue to work on the second post and guard rail on Bottom Road, east of junction with Top Road
- iii. Potholes continue to be reported via the MyWilts App
- iv. See minute for agenda item 1434
- v. Cllr Bridges thanked Cllr Sparkes and Tony Bell for their efforts to remove silt (approx. 20 tonnes) from the silt trap at the end of Water Street. This action had without doubt prevented flooding in the area of the cross following the recent storms/continuous rain.

**1428. Rights of Way.**

The clerk advised that he had discussed the footpath from Easton Hollow, through Chapel Farm to Easton Farm with Ross Follett, Cllr Penny Follett and Roland from the AONB. A plan had been agreed, which included the replacement of 2 stiles with new gates (one of which will be relocated to the correct location, closer to Water Street), an additional gate in the middle of Ross Follett's field, plus appropriate footpath signage.

Timing for the work to be completed is to be confirmed, however once done it is anticipated that fewer walkers will stray from the footpath.

**1430. There were no planning applications received after the publication of the agenda.**

**1431. There were no breaches of deemed planning consent requiring discussion.**

**Finance**

**1432. Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

- i. The balance of the accounts was noted
- ii. Opening balance       £ 12,556.02
- iii. Total receipts         £ 9,135.88
- iv. Total payments        £ 4,830.87
- v. Closing balance        £ 16,861.03  
(This includes ring-fenced sums totalling £460.61)
- vi. The updated budget / spend report was noted
- vii. There was no requirement to vire funds from reserves to budget.

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| viii. | The payments made since the last meeting were noted |           |
|       | a. Manor Farm Storage                               | £ 32.50   |
|       | b. British Legion (Remembrance-day wreath)          | £ 25.00   |
|       | c. Vision ICT                                       | £ 21.60   |
|       | d. M.R Mandry (Christmas Tree)                      | £ 85.00   |
|       | e. Manor Farm Storage                               | £ 32.50   |
| ix.   | The following payments were authorised              |           |
|       | a. Hillcrest Landscapes                             | £1,176.00 |
|       | b. Vision ICT                                       | £ 161.26  |

Local Government Act 1972 s150(5)

**1433. Clerk's Report inc correspondence**

- i. For update on footpath see minute item 1428
- ii. The Clerk presented a chart detailing the speeding cases by number and speed range. The Clerk also clarified that the speeds recorded relate to the initial speed that is captured by the SID as the car approaches the village. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed for the month was 29.6 mph

**1434. Parish Steward duties update from Cllr Mortenson**

Cllr Mortenson circulated copies of the Parish Steward's responsibilities, and advised that he is now in regular contact with him. The next visits are scheduled for 15/1, 14/2 and 14/3. Cllr Mortenson was asked to communicate the 2 key current priorities in the village to the Parish Steward; namely the ditch and culvert/pipe that runs under the road at the junction of Water Street and Blind Lane, and the drain on the road at Manor Farm.

**1435. 1<sup>st</sup> Aid plan update from Cllr Hiscock**

This item was deferred until the next meeting

**1436. Potential Village Hall located container cost**

This item was deferred until the next meeting

**1437. No items were suggested for inclusion in the next Berwick Bulletin**

**1438. Items for the agenda at the next meeting**

The D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary event is to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

**1439. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as March 4<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**There being no further business, Cllr Bridges closed the meeting at 20.31**