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| **Bracon Ash and Hethel Parish Council**  **Minutes of the October 2020 Parish Council**  **By Zoom**  **On Monday 19th October 2020 at 7.00PM** | |
| **Present:**  Mr Colin Rudd – Chairman Cllr Nigel Legg Mr Neil Dyer  Mrs Mary Gray Mr Roy Hayes Mr David Biddle  Mr Steve Horton Mrs Anne Howlett  District Councillors Gerry Francis and Cllr Clifford-Jackson  County Councillor Colin Foulger  Clerk Mrs Carole Jowett  2 members of the public attended | |
| **1** | **To consider apologies** **for absence**  There were no apologies. |
| **2** | **To receive declaration of interests in items on agenda**  No declarations of interest were made. |
| **3** | **Resolution to adjourn the meeting for public participation, District and County Councillor reports**  **Public participation**  It had been previously agreed to put a grit bin at the junction of B1113 and Mergate Lane, once this had been put in place the clerk would be advised so the highways department could be asked to fill it.  It was reported that the potholes on School Road had been filled.  The footpath along the main road had been cleared and a good job had been done.  A couple of trees on the common adjacent to the footpath would be cut back in advance of an inspection.  It was reported that the pond had started to refill.  A question was asked whether there were to be any meetings to be held about the proposed solar farm with the residents’ association and the landowner. Mr Rudd confirmed that there a session had been planned either at the village hall or by zoom depending on any restrictions at 19:45 on 03/11/20 and he provided contacts details for the organiser. He also said that the residents would meet in advance of that meeting. Mr Rudd explained that the parish council would not be involved at this stage because there should not be any predetermination ahead of the planning application being submitted.  **District councillor report**  Reports from the district council had been circulated in advance of the meeting.  Cllr Foulger said that there were no issues to report from the county council. |
| **4** | **To confirm minutes and review matters arising from the meeting on 14th September 2020**  The minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2020were agreed.  The residents’ group was being formed to address the issues with the proposed solar farm and an article would be included in the next newsletter. Mr Rudd had spoken to the agent and they were drawing up the plans and would consider the area north of the footpath which would make a significant difference to the impact on the houses on School Road. |
| **5** | **To agree any action to restrict access to the neighbour’s field**  Mr Rudd had met with the neighbour and options had been discussed. Mr Rudd said that a proposed hedge on the playing field side of the ditch was impractical and would mean the loss of some of the hedge.  There was a proposal to backfill the ditch, but this could interfere with drainage.  A fence would be better placed along the neighbour’s side but due to a dog leg it was more difficult.  The ownership of the ditch was still an issue and the clerk was asked to write to the neighbour outlining the ownership issues and the parish council’s concerns. |
| **6** | **To consider a policy and risk assessment on the common including the provision of signs**  The safety of the common especially along the paths was discussed. It was agreed inspections were required to demonstrate reasonable care.  The tree inspector would be asked whether any signs would be required before any decisions were made. |
| **7** | **To consider and agree quote for a tree inspection on the common**  A quote had been obtained for the inspection and it was unanimously agreed to go ahead and arrange this to take place. |
| **8** | **To consider any comments on planning application 2020/1775**  **Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of 2011/1429 - to revise site layout, house types and garaging. Location: Land East of Lodge Farm House Hawkes Lane Bracon Ash**  The original planning permission was granted on 2008, this expired and was regranted in 2011. The new application was for 2 much larger houses and it was suggested that they were out of keeping with the local area.  Cllr Legg explained that he had taken up the issue of the proposed buildings being outside of the development boundary with the planning officer. He said he would want to undertake a site visit to check what work had been done so far and if the work from the 2011 permission had commenced. It was confirmed they the footings for the garage had been done.  Concerns were expressed about the size of the new houses and the potential impact on traffic as larger properties were likely to have more vehicles.  The clerk was asked to write and object to the application on the above grounds. |
| **9** | **Finance**  **9.1**  **To receive statement of accounts to 19th October 2020**  The accounts were reviewed and agreed.  **9.2 To agree invoices for payment in accordance with budget**  Chq no 951 Anglian Water £10.43 Water bill  Chq no 952 Norfolk ALC £123.74 Subscription  Chq no 953 P Riches £212.00 Work on the common  DD BT Plc £47.99 Community hub  The payments were agreed. |
| **11** | **To consider correspondence received**  Nothing to discuss. |
| **12** | **To consider agenda items for the next meeting on 30th November 2020 and close**  **Agenda items**  To review budget and consider requirements for 2021/22  To agree meeting dates for 2021  **Future meeting dates**  30th November 2020 – venue to be agreed |
| **13** | **Close**  The chairman closed the meeting at 19:55 |
|  | Signed …………………………………………. Date ……………………  Colin Rudd  Chairman to Bracon Ash and Hethel Parish Council |