**Draft MINUTES**

Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Brimpsfield held in Brimpsfield Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd April 2019

1. 7 Members of the public, District Councillor Parsons and Parish Councillors’ Overbury, Lock, Eaton and Parsons attended.

Apologies for absence received from Councillors’ A Larthe & E Ryan.

1. The minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 17th April  
   2018 at Brimpsfield Village Hall were approved and duly signed.

There were no Matters arising.

1. A Report from the Chairman of Brimpsfield Parish Council was given as follows
2. Members of the public and Parish Councillors’ expressed disappointment that County Councillor Robbins did not attend and no report was available.
3. A Report from District Councillor was presented

1.Finance

CDC set a budget which increases Council Tax by 2.0% in line with inflation. Working with neighbouring authorities through the not for profit Company, Publica, the Council has continued to find savings without cutting any services. Publica is owned by Cotswold, West Oxfordshire and Forest of Dean District Councils and Cheltenham Borough Council. The following projects remain within the funded financial plan:

o The New Waterloo Car Park

o Temporary Car Parking (to allow the building of the Waterloo

o Electric Car Charging, while Green Waste charges remain frozen and

o “Free after 3” Parking will be extended again.

Cotswold District Council remains debt free with net assets of over £30 million.

2. A417

CDC remains committed to work with the County Council agencies and central government to support and encourage the completion of the dualling of the A417

3. Planning

The New Local Plan to 2031 has been adopted. For Brimpsfield, the proposed Local Plan includes a policy to enable small scale local development outside the main towns/settlements, provided that it can be accommodated without harm to the countryside and can be shown to be in the best interests of the particular settlement or village.

4. Waste Services

New vehicles are being purchased and after extensive consultations a new improved collection system will be introduced in the autumn.

5.Youth Projects

The Council is still able to support youth projects for those aged between 11 - 17. Each District Ward Councillor has an allocation of £1,000 available. Over the last year some £2,250 has been allocated to the Ermin Ward by borrowing from other Wards.

6. Community Projects

The Council has increased the capital allocation available and will continue to support local/community projects with the provision of match funding with other organisations, such as the Heritage Lottery Fund. Within the Cotswolds, this scheme has been particularly useful in the provision of, or repair of, village halls and other community facilities.

7. 1st Word War

The fund has now closed. The allocations made enabled communities to fund memorial commemorations.

8. Defibrillators

Funds remain available to support parishes with the installation of Defibrillators. Within Ermin Ward we have already used the initial allocation of £2,000, but further applications may succeed if pooled funds remain available.

Following the presentation of his report, District Councillor Parsons invited questions from the public. A discussion on future fortnightly garden waste collection was undertaken and an option for weekly collections to stop annually in November was discussed. A reduction in the opening hours of the local recycling centre was highlighted.

1. A presentation was given on the Village Hall Improvement Scheme by Sir Michael McWilliam.
2. An Open forum with residents took place.

Matters arising included:

* Cleaning of the War Memorial.
* The cross on the top of the War Memorial is being monitored.
* The condition of the stone wall in front of the Village Hall.
* Hinges and the lids on the salt bins.
* Hermits Corner.
* Thanks to the Parish Council and District Councillor Parsons for their hard work.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm