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MINUTES: of a Parish Council meeting held in Brimpsfield Village Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Archie Larthe, Roger Lock, Tom Overbury and Jane Parsons (from 7.11 pm) and Emma Ryan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Four parishioners were present.

*Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting and to address the council at item 4 on the agenda.*

**1) To receive apologies for absence.** Apologies were received and noted from Heather Eaton.

**2) To receive Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda. (Localism Act 2011).**  
No Declarations were made.

**3) To approve the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Brimpsfield Village Hall.**

There was one item for correction. Item 10 the word should be 'note' not 'not'. The minutes were approved and signed as a true record. Proposed - Emma Ryan, seconded – Archie Larthe.

**4) To discuss and hear representations from the public concerning the A417 bypass consultation.**

- **Cllr Overbury gave a presentation that was an amalgam of the Highways presentation and some slides from the Cowley & Birdlip presentation.** (During the presentation it was pointed out that the traffic survey on the A417 was conducted in 2015 since when there had been a 600,000 increase in the number of cars nationally using roads and the A417 would have seen a proportionate share of that increase).
- **Members of the public were invited to submit their thoughts on Post-it notes after the following matters/points had been raised in the open forum:**
- **There were Sat Nav issues that directed traffic through the village e.g. Fairford air show and Tidworth traffic were told to take the route through the village.**
- **The route through the village is a single track road with official passing places but the amount of traffic using the route as a 'rat-run' had caused the erosion of the verges and the creation of new informal passing places and the bank on the hill was now a quagmire.**
- **Gullies were no longer being cleared to allow for the drainage of surface water and that water now contaminated by oil from the excessive traffic was flowing into the stream and polluting the water reducing the variety of wild life. This environmental issue where the quality of the water was deteriorating needs to be flagged up.**

- There is a very real case for re-narrowing the road with effective and substantial barriers and re-establishing the official Passing Places. Highways would need to be involved in addressing the matter.
- It was suggested that white lines be painted on the road to “fence-in” the single track 13’ carriageway.
- The Post-it notes were collected and would be passed to Kate Sales for collation.

The Chairman concluded the meeting at 8.00pm and thanked everyone for their attendance. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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**Chairman**

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**Date**