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MINUTES: of an extra ordinary Parish Council meeting held in Brimpsfield Village Hall on Thursday 21st September 2017 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Roger Lock, Emma Ryan, Tom Overbury and Jane Parsons.

IN ATTENDANCE: Kate Sales, Clerk
Two parishioners were present.

1) To receive apologies for absence.

None were received.

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 Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2017 at Brimpsfield Village Hall.

Cllr Lock pointed out a duplication of the words 'did not' on page 2017_18_245 of the minutes. These were deleted and the error initialled. The minutes were then approved and signed as a true record.

4) Matters arising from Minutes.

- **Submission of comments to the Planning Inspectorate for Appeal of Planning Application at the Barn on Syde Park Farm (16/03870/FUL).**
- **Update from Cllr Overbury to clarify whether landowners were responsible for maintenance of bridleways.**

Cllr Overbury informed the meeting that a land owner's obligations over bridleways were to ensure they were not blocked or ploughed up, and if this were the case they had to be re-instated within 14 days. Whether or not maintenance was their responsibility he was unsure but agreed to get clarification again.

- **Update from Cllr Lock regarding gates on Bridleway 11.**

The landowner present at the meeting informed the Council that he had all the relevant permissions for the gates. The gates were needed to stop livestock getting out onto the road. Cllr Lock informed the meeting he had a site visit with Mike Barton the PROW officer and had yet to receive a response from him however, from photocopied documentation that Cllr Lock had seen it would suggest that the gates were lawful, but there seemed to be an incongruity as there was no gate at the end of Bridleway 11, (Backlanes) therefore this would allow for the ingress or egress of livestock.

The landowner also claimed that his gates had been vandalised and the hinges broken, costing him around £500 for repair works. Now that the gates were confirmed as lawful he was hoping that this vandalism would cease. The Council condoned any type of vandalism and asked anyone at the meeting to report such acts if they saw them.

5) To hear representations from the public regarding items on the agenda.

No other items raised

6) To inform the meeting of Cllr Ward’s resignation from the Parish Council and that a notice of the vacancy has been published.

This was acknowledged and it was agreed that unless an election was required co-option to fill this seat would take place at the next meeting.

7) To co-opt a new councillor onto the Parish Council. (Note: this is not for the replacement of Cllr Ward but the previously unfilled seat.)

Cllr Ryan proposed that Hayley Harrison should be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Parsons. It was therefore resolved that Hayley Harrison be co-opted onto the Council. Hayley signed her Declaration of Office and joined the councillors at the meeting table.

8) To discuss the possibilities of having a joint open meeting with Cowley Parish Council to canvass opinions about the A417 improvements.

A discussion took place as to whether a joint meeting with Cowley should take place, or whether Brimpsfield should hold their own public meeting. Concerns were raised over the fact that Cowley residents may have different or conflicting views to that of Brimpsfield residents, and that a local meeting might encourage a greater number of residents to attend if they didn’t have to travel so far. It was agreed that the Chair would have further talks with the Chair of Cowley Parish Council to discuss options.

9) Finances

- **To approve payments.**

These were approved.

Payments made between meetings				
		No payments made		
The following payments to be approved				
Chq no	Payee	Purpose	Auth	Cheque value
	K Sales	Clerk’s salary – September	LGA 1972 s.112	218.14

10) Items for information only

NOTE: no decisions can be made on items raised in this section. Discussions can lead to items being included on the Agenda for the next meeting only.

The Chair informed the meeting that he had received a phone call from a resident claiming that a house on the outskirts of Birdlip adjacent to Ivy Lodge Farm was registered on common land. A member of the Parish had been looking into this and had used the Parish Council’s archive to see objections to consent being given. It had transpired that the Commons Commission had not been alerted and that as it was their land they should be the ones to object to it.

The Chair also reminded councillors to view planning application proposals before they came to a meeting so productive discussions and decisions could take place.

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The Chairman concluded the meeting at 8.10pm and thanked everyone for their attendance. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Chairman

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Date