

BLETCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 25th October, 2014.

Present: Cllrs A.K.Saunders (Chair), D.M.Ledger, M.E.Taylor, Miss J Benton, Mrs M.M.Knight, M.Kersh and Mrs Greta Bickley (retiring Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr C.E. Lane, Dist.Cllr Simon Holland

- 215/14 **Declarations of Interest:** None, although Cllr Ledger later declared an interest as a Village Hall Trustee (see 225/14)
- 216/14 **Confirmation of Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th September, 2014, were approved and signed.
- 217/14 **CDC Housing Liaison Meeting:** Cllr Saunders attended this on 15th October along with 5 other Parish Council representatives. He read his report outlining points of relevance.
- 218/14 **Horse Chestnut Tree on Village Green:** The Clerk reported that Town & Country Trees are due to carry out work on Tuesday 11th November.
- 219/14 **Kirtlington Youth Club:** Cllr Mrs Benton confirmed that she had no offers of volunteers to help out at Kirtlington. The Clerk was instructed to let the Club know this.
- 220/14 **Sewage Smell on London Road/Oxford Road:** The Clerk reported that Thames Water had been in touch to let Cllrs know that the matter was being dealt with and that it would involve digging up private and to access the problem, but it was not known when this would take place. Cllr Ledger added that the sewage from the new development would be sent to the lowest point to be processed before being added into the main sewer system.
- 221/14 **Vandalism:** Following the reporting of the damage to the wall and bench in St.Giles the Clerk was instructed to now contact the Thursday Club to see if they have any plans to remove, repair or replace the bench, and to write to C.D.C regarding the wall as it was previously established that it was their responsibility.
- 222/14 **Sports & Social Club Lease:** The completed lease had been received by the Clerk, along with a final invoice from the solicitor for the 25 year renewal.
- 223/14 **Coghill Tree Replacement:** Cllr Saunders read a letter prepared by the Clerk asking residents their opinion on the proposal of replacing the tree. The Clerk was asked to hand deliver to those properties which would be able to see the tree.
- 224/14 **Broadband Services Update:** Cllr Saunders reported that BT Fibre Broadband is now here and that anyone can get it by contacting BT and asking for it. Cllr Kersh reported that Gigaclear only require 2 more people from Bletchington to sign up, before going to Kirtlington. Cllr Ledger added that he has a meeting with Gigaclear to talk about what they are going to offer the new school/village hall.
- 225/14 **Community Project Update:** Cllr Ledger reported that the roof beams are due on site any time and should be up before Christmas. The access road from the Kirtlington Road has been delayed because Highways are not satisfied. There is another month's delay with the housing plans due to an administrative error, but no problems are anticipated this time. The Village Hall has been sold, therefore as BCF agreed that the loan of £4000 made by the Parish Council would be repaid, they are now in a position to do so. At this point Cllr Ledger declared an interest as a Community Foundation Trustee. Cllr Ledger (as BCF) requested a contribution of £1000 towards the furniture storage costs from the Parish Council, and a further contribution of £1500 (as a 3rd party contributor), if a bid to Virridor is successful, for new Village Hall furniture. Cllrs agreed. Cllr Ledger also reminded the Parish Council there would be a 'Goodbye Village Hall' Party on 29th November and he requested memorabilia/anecdotes.

226/14 Planning Matters**226a/14 Applications:-**

1. 14/01475/F – Annexe adj. Brookside, Weston-on-the-Green, Meeson Williams Phillips – retrospective change of use of The Annexe to multi occupancy use & retention of conservatories. The Clerk had objected due to comments from Planning Consultees.
2. 14/01566/F – Heathfield House Nursing Home – demolish existing garage & store and replace with staff annexe – The Clerk has submitted comments along lines of what Will said about self-contained bungalow.
3. 14/00330/TCA – Monks Head, Weston Rd – To fell 2 x conifers to ground level. No objections raised by Planning Consultees (submission was 29/10). Sue Bedwell also wished Cllrs know that she intends to replant other trees in near future.
4. 14/00309/TCA – Manor Farmhouse, Islip Rd – various trees. No objections were submitted (end date was 20/10)
5. 14/00346/TCA – Malt House, Weston Road – Various trees fell to ground level. No objections but the Clerk was instructed to send plans to remainder of Planning Committee.
6. Old Brickworks Farm – aftercare scheme
7. 14/01141/REM – The Duchy of Cornwall – Resolved Matters to Outline application 13/00004/OUT – proposed community development. No mention on plans of traffic calming measures on Kirtlington Road. This needs to be discussed with Highways once planning application is approved.

226b/14 Consents:-

1. 14/01412/F – 1 Heathfield Cottages – single storey, rear extension – permission granted.
2. 14/00585/F – Border Cottage, Oxford Rd – amended plans granted.
3. 14/01488/F / 14/01488/LB – 4-5 Church End, Bletchingdon – Refurbish storage shed and extend by one metre – permission granted.

227/14 Accounts for Payment: The following were approved for payment:-

Cherwell DC (road closure for fair) £76.60 + £15.32vat	£91.92
Green Scythe Ltd (mowing 1 cut VG, 1 cut A.C.) £180.82 + £36.16vat	£216.98
Blake Morgan (final bill for S & S Club lease) £450 +£12 + £90 vat	£552.00
AK Saunders (Chairman's allowance)	£150.00
Bletchingdon Village Hall (Jul 31, Aug 28, Sep 18 & 25)	£32.00

228/14 Standing Order Review: Cllr Saunders submitted his updated version of 'Standing Orders for Bletchingdon Parish Council'. Following a brief discussion all Cllrs approved the amendments and it would be agreed that once signed at the next meeting, a copy needs to be put on website. It was also agreed that the Clerk should put a copy of the outline agenda (as is already on website) on Notice Board. It was also agreed that the start time of meetings could be flexible (meaning they could start at 7pm).

229/14 Report from Co.Cllr.Gearing: Report had been circulated to all.

230/14 Newsletter from John Howell MP: Report had been circulated to all.

231/14 OCC Mobile Library Consultation: Cllr Saunders reported that there are proposals to reduce the service but that it looks like Bletchingdon stop will remain as it is relatively well used.

232/14 OCC Maintenance of roundabouts and verges: Cllr Saunders read the letter and a discussion followed. The Clerk was instructed to write to OCC saying that we believe they are asking the Parish Council to act as an agent and pay a contractor to carry out the work. If so, Bletchingdon PC is prepared to get quotes, but asks what will happen if Council doesn't want to act as agent – who will carry out maintenance? The Clerk also needs to obtain a map detailing the verges/roundabouts that CDC currently maintain in order to get the quotes.

- 233/14 **Rainbow Takeaway, Kidlington:** Had contacted the Clerk re: another mobile fish and chip van – He [Mr. Braiotta] was considering stopping in Bletchingdon one afternoon/evening per week for over an hour and asked for Parish Council’s permission to park here? It was discussed and PC does not need to give permission, he just needs the correct licence. Cllrs agreed it was ok but suggested not Tuesday as existing van on that day.
- 234/14 **Cherwell Local Plan Examination:** Cllr Ledger urged all Cllrs to read the Plan as Bletchingdon has been changed to a ‘Category A’ village, which may mean increased new housing in future.
- 235/14 **Emergency Operations Centre OCC parish survey:** A brief discussion followed. Cllr Taylor was asked to get a nominee from the Sports & Social Club to act as emergency contact, and the Clerk was asked to discuss with Mrs Hatton the use of the school as a Survivor Reception Centre. Cllr Ledger would also be an emergency contact.
- 236/14 **Personal Trainer Adverts:** Cllr Mrs Knight asked if these adverts that have appeared on lampposts all over the village could be removed. Cllrs agreed they could be.
- 237/14 **Damaged Kerbstones in Valentia:** The Clerk was asked to report these to OCC as still not repaired.
- 238/14 **Future Meetings:** As the November meeting will be the last at the Village Hall, Cllr Taylor was asked to see if it would be possible to hold the meeting on January 15th 2015 at the Sports & Social Club (and also a meeting on Feb 26th)

Date of Next Meeting: 7pm, Thursday 27th October, 2014.