

BLETCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bletchington Village Hallon Thursday 11th January, 2018 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr A.K.Saunders (Chair), Cllr C.E. Lane, Cllr Miss J Benton, Cllr Mrs M Knight, Cllr M.E.Taylor & Cllr D Ledger

001/18 **Apologies:** Cllr M. Kersh, County Cllr Griffiths

002/18 **Declarations of Interest:** None

003/18 **Public Participation:** No members of public present.

004/17 **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30th November 2017:**

The Minutes were approved by PC and signed by Cllr Saunders.

005/18 **Update on progress from the Minutes:**

a) **Marlborough School Bus** – Cllr Griffiths has spoken to Neil Darlington – the outcome does not look promising – she told him that apologising for not replying was not really good enough and that it was easier surely just to reply. Cllr Saunders will be attending meeting in Yarnton on Monday 15th January and put an item on agenda in February to discuss further action to be taken.

b) **Tree Survey** 3 quotes have been received for the works. To be discussed in finance item.

c) **Village Name Signs** – cheque was sent off to OCC for the work to be carried out – not heard when it will be done yet. The Clerk was asked to chase this.

006/18 **Outdoor Gym Equipment:** Cllr Lane reported that the Sports & Social Club liked the idea and would be willing to provide some funding if required. Cllr Benton reported that she could apply for grants, one in particular, to Rural Services Association needs to be done before the end of January, so Cllr Benton took the prices we have so far in order to make a bid. This will be put on agenda to discuss further next month. Cllr Lane and the Clerk will make an insurance claim for the damage teen shelter.

007/18 **Enforcement Update:** Cllr Saunders stated that he hadn't chased progress at land south of Diamond Farm since last meeting as there are deadlines coming up. After 19th January Cllr Saunders will contact Enforcement Officer to find out next steps. Also, Cllr Saunders will try to find out who is dealing with other outstanding issues. Put on agenda, as always, next month.

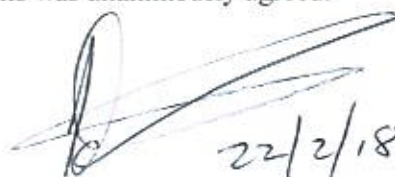
008/18 **The Slipe:** Cllr Ledger reported that the Charity did enquire about buying The Slipe, but the figure given was higher than anticipated. The PC are still paying rent of £40 per annum – a discussion was had about how it should be maintained. The rent for 2018 will be paid by PC this month and situation to be clarified at next month's meeting as to how it is maintained.

009/18 **Finance, Budget and Precept 2018/19:**

009a/18 Cllrs were asked to consider invoices for payment itemised on the payment schedule.

Cheque No	Payee and Reason	Budget	Minute Ref	Total Amount	VAT
101515	R. McNaught Salary	Clerk's Salary	009a/18	£1125.00	N/A
101516	C Fraser Payroll admin	General Admin	009a/18	£30	N/A
101517	Duchy of Cornwall Rent of Slipe	General Admin	008/18	£40	N/A

009b/18 Councillors were asked to discuss the Parish Council's Precept request for 2018/19 based on the financial reports and budget presentation by the Clerk. Cllr Saunders proposed that the PC set the precept figure slightly higher at £21,000 to take into account the increase in households. This would mean that there would be a 0.52% decrease on the amount shown on the council tax bill. This was unanimously agreed.



009c/18 To consider quotes and appoint contractor for the works to trees on Green. Cllrs discussed 3 quotes and chose Town & Country Trees Ltd. This was the middle quote, but it was decided to use them as the PC had used them before and knew the quality of their work.

Planning Matters:

010/18 Planning Applications

010a/18 To note Notices of Decisions:

17/02245/F – erection of agricultural workers dwelling – land at Long Cut Farm, Pinchgate Lane, Bletchington – PERMITTED

17/02277/F – retrospective Change of use of site edged in red as private amenity space – Keepers Cover, Weston-on-the-Green – REFUSED

17/02046/F – remodelling of ground floor and erection of first floor extensions to each property with new entrance porches (retrospective) – REFUSED. Cllrs asked the Clerk to find out what the applicant has to do now, in terms of the building work having been done without planning permission.

17/02133/CLUE – Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing use for change of use from B1 office to C3 dwelling – The Dell, 4 Ingley Paddocks, Enslow – PERMITTED

010b/18 To consider all recent Applications received from Cherwell District Council or on the District Council website up to the date of the meeting;

17/02550/F – Erection of new stockyard building – Stockyard Buildings Station Road Enslow
Cllrs discussed this application and concluded that as there was already stockyard buildings at this location an additional one would not alter the landscape, and had no objections.

011/18 **Reports from District and County Councillors:** all reports circulated – nothing to note

012/18 **Reports from meetings:** None attended

013/18 Correspondence Received:

013a/18 The PC had received further queries about the potholes on unadopted road leading to the church and to the private access road to properties in Church End. The Clerk had responded stating that the PC had investigated this and could not find the legal owner. No further action to be taken at this time.

013b/18 An email question had been received about the speed humps through village. The Clerk will respond stating that O.C.C. had installed and paid for them about 15 years ago.

014/18 **Items for information or next Agenda only:**

- Cllr Saunders informed the PC that he had a telephone call from the owner of Heathfield Driving Range asking for his view of ways in which the land may be developed – Cllr Saunders stated he could not give the PC view. This may be a future Planning Application.
- Duchy Field Sales Office is reportedly busy with 4-5 properties having exchanged contracts.
- Cllr Lane asked Clerk to chase O.C.C. regarding the work on Kirtlington Road – what has been done has been done at a very good standard but it is not as extensive as had been hoped.
- The Clerk was asked to chase O.C.C. for top-ups to Grit Bins.
- The Clerk was asked to chase Sanctuary for update on works at No.25 Valencia Close.
- Cllr Lane reported that the fencing at recreation ground between playpark and road was damaged. PC instructed Cllr Lane to arrange this.
- The Clerk was asked to chase (O.C.C.) the repair of the street light on the church path and to also report leaning lamppost in Sands Close.
- Hampton Poyle - The Bell parking – the Clerk to research and add to next month's agenda.
- Cllr Benton spoke about the Bletchington Village Hall Committee looking into the provision of a plaque of some sort to commemorate the ending of the First World War.
- Cllr Ledger informed the PC that he was making a start at transferring taped interviews for the 'Memoirs of Bletchington' book to digital storage.

The clerk reminded PC that items for next agenda to be submitted by 15th February.

015/18 **Date of Next Meeting:** Cllr Saunders confirmed the date of the next meeting as 22nd February 2017 at 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 9:08pm



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