

BLETCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bletchingdon Village Hallon Thursday 30th August, 2018 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr. A.K.Saunders (Chair), Cllr C Lane, Cllr. Mrs. M. Knight, Cllr. D. Ledger, Cllr M. Taylor, Cllr A. Jordan & Cllr R. Pirie

1 member of public : Mark Webber invited by the Chair to talk about the forthcoming planning application from the owner of the Blacks Head.

141/18 **Apologies:** Cllr A. Jordan, County Cllr C. Griffiths, Dist. Cllr Hughes, Dist. Cllr Hallchurch

142/18 **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd August 2018:** The Minutes were approved by PC and signed by Cllr Saunders.

143/18 **Declarations of Interest and Public Participation:** None

144/18 **Public participation:** Mark Webber had been invited by the Chair to talk about the forthcoming planning application from the owner of the Blacks Head. He left the meeting after the discussion.

145/18 **Councillor Vacancy –**

a) **Declaration of acceptance of office from Rachel Pirie:** Cllr Pirie signed the Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk. The Clerk to ensure Register of Interest forms are returned to Cherwell D.C. by both Cllr Pirie and Cllr Jordan.

146/18 **The Blacks Head:** Mark Webber had emailed details of new plans for the pub, The Blacks Head to the PC. All had viewed the plans and Mark explained the current situation and answered any questions. Mark is not the architect but is acting as an intermediary between the landowner/Swiss architects and the P.C./village. Mark reported that the intention is that these plans will be the planning application due to be made imminently (ie. There should be no further pre-planning advice sought from CDC). Briefly, the plan is for the existing building to remain the main bar area with the glass extension, at the rear, to be the restaurant seating 75. 28 parking spaces and 9 letting rooms (not for staff). Cllr Saunders asked if parking was adequate – Mark suggested that if PC accept this level then the CDC is likely to as there are examples locally with similar parking spaces. Cllr Saunders said this is something the PC would support if it came to planning. Mark suggested the PC could request the steps at the rear of car park stay (they are not in plans and the route is not public footpath).

147/18 Update of Progress from the Minutes

- a) Greenscythe – mowing had been held back due to drought. Weed growth still in paving. Clerk to discuss with Greenscythe.
- b) The Row – No further information
- c) Traffic Survey – Cllr Jordan requested confirmation of locations – brief discussion was had concluding that Islip Road and Kirtlington Road, Cllr Jordan to contact Cllr Ledger to confirm exact location. Cllr Saunders suggested a sign “Unsuitable for large vehicles” to be placed on approach from A34 Islip Road. Cllr Ledger to get quote.
- d) Allotments – The Clerk had obtained a quote from Greenscythe to carry out mowing as requested. To be passed to Allotment Committee/Sue Green. In meantime, Cllr Lane offered to cut the long grass as a one-off – Cllr Taylor will arrange. The Clerk needs to contact O.C.C. to ask them to let village know when kerbside to be cleaned so vehicles can be moved from lay-by in front of allotments.

- e) Stone path – Cllr Saunders due to meet Bill Payne, from Duchy Fields, tomorrow to discuss what can be done to improve stony path from Springwell Close to Village.
- f) Ideas for recreation ground (teen shelter replacement) to be brought to next meeting please (to include ideas from school and from Cllr Pirie). Cllr Saunders suggested a steel picnic bench. Cllr Saunders also confirmed response from PlaySafety re errors in inspection.

148/18 **Reports from District or County Councillors:** both John Howell's & Carmen Griffiths' reports were circulated to Parish Councillors by email.

149/18 **Enforcement Update**

- a) Land south of Diamond Farm – Cllr Saunders reported that CDC were getting costings to remove items from site. Once the recommendations report is approved dates for removal will be set. Cllr Lane confirmed property is now up for sale.

150/18 **Planning Applications –**

a) To consider all recent Applications received from Cherwell District Council or on the District Council website up to the date of the meeting;

18/01248/F – Catisfaction – alteration and conversion of cattery building to form a single detached dwelling house – P.C. concerned about change of use in a leisure/commercial use area

18/00203/TCA – Bletchingdon Park Estate – various tree works including felling, transplanting and pruning across whole estate – P.C. fully approve

151/18 **Finance:**

151a/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
101546	Bletchingdon Village Hall Rent- July, Aug, Sep	General Admin		£450.00	N/A

152/18 **Reports from Meetings:** None attended

153/18 **Items for information or next Agenda only:**

153a/18 **Cllr Ledger's Resignation from School Board of Governors:** Cllr Ledger will contact Governor Services to inform them of his resignation and to ask if the P.C. needs to do anything to appoint a replacement. Clerk will also check previous correspondence with Cllr Griffiths regarding this matter.

153b/18 Stone Walls, Duchy Land: Cllr Saunders to contact the Duchy re the repair and maintenance of stone walls, in particular those at corner of Springwell and Station Road.

153c/18 **Marlborough School Bus:** Cllr Jordan (by email prior to meeting) had asked if PC can get involved with the fact that parents of pupils at Marlborough now have to pay for the bus or find alternative arrangements. Cllr Saunders confirmed that the PC have attended meetings and a policy change (from OCC) is not going to happen.

153d/18 **Airport Consultative Meeting, 12th September:** Cllr Taylor reported that he was sending apologies to this meeting.

14/5418 **Date of Next Meeting:** to confirm the date of the next meeting as 27th September 2018 at 7.30pm – October Meeting falls in half-term – The Clerk proposes postponing it to November 1st – all agreed.