

BLETCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bletchingdon Village Hallon Thursday 27th September, 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

- 155/18 **Apologies:** County Cllr C. Griffiths, Dist. Cllr Hughes, Dist. Cllr Hallechurch
- 156/18 **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30th August 2018:**
The Minutes were approved by PC and signed by Cllr Saunders.
- 157/18 **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 158/18 **Public participation:** None present
- 159/18 **New Councillors:** Cllr Saunders reported that both Register of Interests have been returned to Cherwell DC for the newly appointed Councillors
- 160/18 **Blacks Head:** No planning application has been seen for Blacks Head, despite being told it was “imminent”, although lots of activity at the pub in recent weeks, and an application for an alcohol licence suggests it may be opening ahead of renovation works. Cllr Lane confirmed this.
- 161/18 **Greenscythe:** Greenscythe & Clerk jointly made decisions about when the grass should be cut following the drought and ahead of the arrival of the fair. One cut at the end of August was carried out only and fingers crossed the lorries on a now wet green don't cause too much damage. No weed spray was carried out despite the Clerk's request. The Clerk was asked to get 3 quotes to carry out same works as this year, including the weed control in paving and the extra strimming.
- 162/18 **Traffic Survey:** Cllr Jordan has not yet placed order with O.C.C. but is meeting with Cllr Ledger to pinpoint exact locations. Cllr Jordan has had two separate requests to look at “20's Plenty” signage along Station Road. The Clerk will research both Weston-on-the-Green and Islip's signage. Cllr Saunders stated that up until now it hasn't been the PC's objective to reduce speed limit as there has been the need to ascertain the weight and volume of traffic. Cllr Saunders will pass data from previous survey to the new headteacher, Mrs Donaghey.
- 163/18 **The Charity/Allotments:** Greenscythe quote passed to Allotment Committee and one-off cut carried out by Cllr Lane.
- 164/18 **Lay-by Street Cleaning:** The Clerk asked C.D.C. for advanced warning of street cleaning along Oxford Road, so that vehicles can be moved from lay-by alongside allotments to allow a thorough clean and was told that a notice would be given. Clerk to request a “major cleanse” for Oxford Road, including the lay-by.
- 165/18 **Stone path from Springwell:** Cllr Saunders confirmed that Duchy Fields would send someone to compact the stone path. Cllr Saunders is aware The Duchy as landowners plan to carry out vegetation clearance at entrance to path. He will remind them to repair stone wall. Cllr Jordan asked if another bin could be purchased for this path and the Clerk will action.
- 166/18 **School Board of Governors:** Cllr Ledger stated that it would be good if the PC could nominate someone for the role of Governor, and pass the name to County Cllr Griffiths for her to put forward. Names of suitable candidates to be brought to next meeting.

167/18 **Reports from District or County Councillors:** both John Howell's & Carmen Griffiths' reports were circulated to Parish Councillors by email.

168/18 **Enforcement Update:** Cllr Saunders had nothing to add

169/18 **Planning Applications –**

a)To note Notices of Decisions

18/00203/TCA – Bletchingdon Park House – Works to trees in conservation area – PERMITTED 6/9/18

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

18/01499/LB – Michaelmas Cottage, Islip Road – replacement of rear window with French windows and insertion of roof lights – due back to CDC by 24/9/18 – planning committee all agreed – NO OBJECTION – the Clerk sent this response.

18/00244/TCA – Hill View, Church End – T1 x Birch, T2 x Leland cypress, T3 & T5 x Prunus spp, T4 x Birch – fell to allow for a new planting scheme – this was discussed and PC had NO OBJECTION.

170/18 **Finance:**

170a/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
101547	St Giles Churchyards	Donations	This Minute	£600.00	N/A
101548	Cherwell D.C. Emptying dog bins	Trees & Open Spaces	This minute	£480.48	80.80
101549	Greenscythe – mowing on 21/8/18	Trees & open spaces	069/16	£258.00	£43.00
101550	C Fraser - payroll	General admin	Standing agreement	£30.00	N/A
101551	R McNaught - salary	Clerk's Salary	Standing agreement	£1125.00	N/A
101552	Bletchingdon Village Hall – WW1 commemorations donation	Donations	This Minute	£150.00	N/A

170b/18 VAT Reclaim: The Clerk confirmed that the VAT return had been made and that £980.71 had been reclaimed for the 2017/18 financial year.

171/18 **The Slipe:** Cllr Saunders read an email from Paul Rolfe of Frogs Nest Farm regarding the end of the grazing agreement on The Slipe. The Clerk was asked to write back to Mr Rolfe and apologise for any misunderstanding but the current agreement does end on 31st October 2018. PC to consider how to manage this land going forward and look at what is going to happen when the 20 year lease with the Duchy ends in

January 2021. Cllr Lane reported that in conversation with the Duchy he was advised that the current agreement regarding the Slipe included a requirement to provide an access to the site. The only access currently is directly off the access to Frogsnest Farm driveway. Cllr Ledger was asked to try and find a Land Registry map showing the extent of Frogsnest Farm. It was also suggested that the PC look at Hodgeman's Spinney at the same time regarding ownership.

172/18 Recreation Ground

172a/18 Removal of Teen Shelter: Cllr Lane confirmed that this was a work in progress.

172b/18 New equipment to replace shelter: – Cllr Saunders suggested a steel picnic bench (prices/suppliers needed for next meeting)

172c/18 Any other equipment: Cllr Jordan suggested a target wall on the other side of the fence from the play area (Cllr Lane to take idea to Sports & Social Club) Clerk & Cllrs to research including prices.

172d/18 Gate Repainting: Cllr Lane confirmed that Mr. Michael Cormack had repainted the gates and that he didn't want paying. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to Mr Cormack.

173/18 Marlborough School Bus: Cllr Saunders confirmed that from September 2019 the bus service to Marlborough will not be operated by O.C.C. The outcome of the latest meeting with Yarnnton was that parents should continue to lobby O.C.C. but also be prepared to organise alternatives.

174/18 Airport Consultative Meeting 12/9/18: Cllr Taylor was unable to attend but minutes were received and emailed to everyone. Nothing to note.

175/18 Upcoming meeting of OCC (Town & Parish Liaison event): Wednesday 28th November 6 – 9pm Kidlington Exeter Hall. The Clerk will request 2 places at event.

176/18 Bletchington Cricket Club: Garry Adamson requested a donation from PC towards equipment. Cllr Saunders read out email and a discussion was had. PC decided not to give money to the Club at this time. Clerk will reply to Mr Adamson.

177/18 Bletchington Village Hall: Julie Benton (on behalf of the Village Hall Committee) has requested donation towards cost of food for 150 parishioners attending Commemorative Ceremony 100 years since end of WW1. Cllr Saunders read out letter and discussion was had. It was decided that as this was an event for the whole village that a contribution of £150 could be made.

178/18 Unfinished Grips in Verge, Weston Road: Clerk to report this to OCC fix my street & also to Gigaclear, as it may be their cables that are exposed.

179/18 Councillor Priority Fund: Cllr Griffiths allocated £2500 to each of her parishes. Clerk to cost everything up and to bring to next meeting in order that an application for this money be made. Things to include; 2 x notice boards, price of Village name signs (retrospective claim) & price per wooden bollard.

180/18 Glass Recycling Bins: Cllr Pirie asked if there were plans to move these bins from behind the new houses built on the old Village Hall land. Cllr Saunders confirmed that they are C.D.C. responsibility and there are no plans at the moment to move them. Cllr Ledger added that once the Duchy Fields development is completed maybe somewhere more suitable will present itself.

181/18 Date of Next Meeting: to confirm the date of the next meeting as 1st November 2018 at 7.30pm