

BLETCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bletchingdon Village Hallon Thursday 28th February, 2019 at 7:30pm

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

- 030/19 **Apologies:** County Cllr C. Griffiths, Dist. Cllr Hughes, Dist. Cllr Hallchurch
- 031/19 **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2019:** The Minutes were approved by PC and signed by Cllr Saunders.
- 032/19 **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 033/19 **Progress with the stone path from Springwell to Station Road:** Cllr Saunders has not heard anything from Cllr Griffiths. To be chased.
- 034/19 **Litter Bin:** It was agreed that the new litter bin should be sited in the corner of the village hall car park just before the plastic path. Chad will install.
- 035/19 **School Board of Governors:** Cllr Saunders sent a letter to the Chair of Governors about the appointment of the LA representative and had no response. It was agreed that another letter should be sent inviting the LA representative to attend the Parish Council meetings to report back.
- 036/19 **Marlborough School Bus:** The Clerk reported that parents had organised a final meeting to agree on a scheme to be held on Tuesday 5th March in the Sports and Social Club. Cllr Saunders briefly explained options. The Charity had got involved and offered some funding.
- 037/19 **Councillor Priority Funding:** Cllr Saunders reported that Notice Board had not been purchased, and asked if there were any more ideas for the last £500 available. Cllr Jordan suggested kick wall, but others stated that £500 would only part fund that, and that we already had insurance money to fund that.
- 038/19 **Zebra Crossing:** Cllr Saunders reported that the crossing is not raised, but an additional speed hump has been put in. The Clerk will report the faulty light in one of the beacons, and will ask Cllr Griffiths who made the final decision about why it was changed from a raised crossing.
- 039/19 **Sewage Smell:** Cllr Saunders reported that Thames Water have requested a network engineer to come out and look at the manhole covers to see if they could be replaced with improved ones, but this may not be possible. That is happening in the next week or so, so an update will be available for next meeting.
- 040/19 **Grounds Maintenance:** Jake Williams responded positively and the Clerk was to be meeting with him in February, but Clerk to chase on this as he hasn't got back to her. Greenscythe also on track to commence cutting in April unless we require a cut in March (Clerk will monitor and liaise with Greenscythe). Cllrs agreed that the task of removing the ivy at the entrance of the footpath to the village hall/school should be done by Jake Williams as an ad hoc task. Clerk to action.
- 041/19 **Drains around The Green:** Cllr Lane successfully got the drains jetted and put a new cover on by O.C.C. This had been on Fix My Street listed as reported to the drainage department, but when Cllr Lane spoke to them they were not aware of the problem. The Clerk to contact O.C.C about the other soakaways in the village. Cllr Jordan asked if the Clerk had been contacted by Highways about a walk around the village. The Clerk had not, so Cllr Jordan would chase that.

042/19 **No Parking Signs, Weston Road:** Chad installed another ‘No Parking’ sign on Weston Rd verge, but will invoice us for that after he has installed litter bin.

043/19 **Co-Op Opening:** Cllr Saunders had an unofficial date of 4th or 5th April. Cllr Ledger confirmed this, provided the building was accepted by the Co-Op.

044/19 **Planning Applications:**

Notices of Decision:

19/00010/TCA - Briar Cottage, Weston Rd, Various tree works approved.

Applications Received:

19/00240/F & 19/00241/LB - The Old Rectory, Weston Road – remove existing single-storey extensions and replace with new single and two storey extensions, internal alterations, clad existing car port and works to drive entrance. Cllr discussed the plans in depth. Cllrs could not finalise comments, need more time to think. Clerk to await Cllr comments and speak to neighbours, then respond.

Applications Withdrawn:

18/01947/F – Park View Cottage, Church End, Bletchington - Alterations and erection of a single storey side extension to form double garage and a 2-storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation. Replace concrete tiles with thatch. WITHDRAWN

18/01949/LB & 18/01948/F – Blacks Head Inn, The Green, Bletchington – Internal & external alterations to and extension of the Blacks Head Inn and upgrading of the existing services and some external landscaping work: conversion of Well House into serviced guest rooms. WITHDRAWN

045/19 **Finance:**

045a/19 Cllrs were asked to consider invoices for payment itemised on the payment schedule.

Cheque No	Payee and Reason	Budget	Minute Ref	Total Amount	VAT
101562	Bletchington Village Hall 3mths hire	General Admin	215/15	£450	N/A
101563	Rebecca McNaught Salary	Clerk's Salary	This minute	£1125	N/A
101564	C.Fraser payroll	General Admin	This minute	£30	N/A
101565	Duchy of Cornwall Slip rental	Open Spaces	This minute	£40	N/A

The Clerk added that the Direct Debit to BT went out on or just after 24/02/19 for £30.17.

045b/19 Report from Clerk detailing budget for 2019/20 following the application for the precept will be emailed to all Cllrs after meeting as it was not available for the meeting. A discussion was had about how the Parish Council is going to get Online Banking. A standing order will be written by the Clerk, and Cllr Saunders will try to set up online banking (a second signatory may also need to be involved).

046/19 Recreation Ground:

046a/19 The Picnic Table: The clerk still hasn't ordered this, but will do before financial year end.

046b/19 The Kick/Goal Wall: Info received from Kirtlington re: their wall – it cost them over £15,000 and they had funding for most of it (s106 monies). The Clerk had found some examples with prices which were passed round and discussed. One in particular was more favourable, but with some modifications. Cllr Jordan will take away to get a revised quote, including matting costs.

047/19 Traffic Survey: Cllr Jordan led discussion based on the results of the most recent traffic survey. The conclusions were as follows: For Weston Road (NSL section to village name sign), the data suggests that the speed of traffic is slower than the set speed limit, backing up an application to get the speed limit here reduced from National Speed Limit to 30mph. Clerk to investigate further by contact O.C.C. Highways again. For Springwell Hill, the data suggests that traffic is speeding in the newly designated 30mph zone. The Clerk will look at something flashing eg. a purchased solar sign, or a hired S.I.D. (Speed Indicator Device) to remind people where the 30mph starts. On Station Road there is an issue with speed of traffic and also numbers of HGVs. Here the priority is to chase O.C.C. Highways on moving the school flashing lights (1 set) and the addition of '20 when lights flash signs' – Clerk to action. It is also a matter for the Police, regarding speeding in a 30mph zone on Islip Road and Station Road and Springwell Hill – Clerk to contact them. On the Weston Road 30mph zone the survey also indicates there is a speed issue of traffic travelling over 30mph.

Cllrs also agreed that white fencing could be put at all village entrances to create a bigger impact and definite change. The BCF have some surplus white timber available, which may be of use for this. Possibility of planters etc. Cllrs are to look at timber and consider possibilities.

Cllr Saunders also reported that a resident at Diamond Farm was concerned about speed of traffic there. The Clerk is to update the resident with everything the PC is looking at, but unfortunately that section of road is 50mph and we are not looking at

048/19 Village Litter Pick: The Clerk has organised this for the weekend of 23/24 March in conjunction with Cherwell District Councils Annual Litter Pick so that they will deliver equipment and take away rubbish. The Clerk will also let the school know about it to see if they want to get involved either on week before.

049/19 Reports from District or County Councillors: John Howell's report was circulated to Parish Councillors by email.

050/19 Enforcement Update: Nothing back from CDC Planning Enforcement. Cllr Saunders to chase Paul Ihringer to find out who is now in charge of Planning Enforcement as still a number of outstanding issues.

051/19 Highways Update (Fix My Street) – No report this month – please report things online yourselves and encourage others to do so. The Clerk asked when the white lines were to be re-painted – Cllr Saunders said it was from April, as part of next budget.

052/19 Correspondence Received:

Mr Raper, potential new resident: Correspondence regarding chancel repair liability' Cllr Saunders had responded and all Cllrs agreed with his response, that it was not a requirement to purchase this as far as we are aware.

Ms Haynes, Enslow Marina: Reported to PC that there is a lot of noise down at Enslow, and that it is not coming from the marina. PC acknowledge this.

Annesley Close Resident: Request for a dog bin by bench. All Cllrs agreed that it is becoming an issue for the village. The Clerk had put something in Village News last month. Repeat the same message in the next Village News.

Paul Timms, Bletchingdon Park House: Cllr Saunders has been shown new signing of public footpaths through the estate

053/19 **Items for information or next Agenda only - all items for next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by Thursday 21st March**

- Cllr Jordan reported the damaged wooden posts on wooden green – The Clerk to ask Chad to replace them with new posts.

054/19 **Date of Next Meeting:** to confirm the date of the next meeting as 28th March 2019 at 7.30pm

Meeting Ended 9:37pm