

## BLETCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bletchington Village Hallon Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm

**Present:** Cllr. A.K.Saunders (Chair), Cllr A. Jordan, Cllr. Mrs. M. Knight, Cllr R. Pirie, Cllr M Taylor, Cllr D Ledger, County Cllr C. Griffiths and Parishioner Mr P.Rolph.

163/19 **Apologies:** Cllr C Lane.

164/19 **Declarations of Interest:** None

165/19 **Public Participation:** None

166/19 **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019:**

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

167/19 **Progress with the stone path from Springwell to Station Road and Plastic Path:**

Cllr Saunders received a reply from Nick Mould with regards to the plans to complete the paths. Nick Mould said, there are no plans to finish any of the paths. Cllr Saunders said that this is not correct, they are on the plans and should be completed. Therefore, Cllr Saunders will go back to Nick Mould to challenge his reply. It was also agreed that if the plans do not include all of the paths that are required in that area, the Parish Council would look to fund the remaining paths.

168/19 **School Board of Governors:** Cllr Saunders has still not received any reply from any of the Governors. However, there will soon be a change in Chair as the current Chair has resigned so it was agreed that the Parish Council should wait to see what happens in September 2019 and try again then.

169/19 **Sewage Smell:** No update from Thames Water since last month. Clerk to chase up.

170/19 **Enforcement Update:** Cllr Saunders confirmed there is no further update at present.

171a/19 **Traffic;**

**Speed Limit Change on Weston Road:** Clerk reported that James Wright has forwarded our request for further information to George Gibb to prepare a plan for our approval and consultation purposes.

171b/19 **Traffic Calming Station Road:** County Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Saunders are going to continue to speak with the developers and the County Council to ensure the traffic calming measures from the original plans on Station Road do go ahead. Especially considering now that the School have not yet found a replacement Lollipop person and may not succeed in doing so. Clerk to arrange meeting with Cllr Saunders, County Cllr Griffiths and Chris Grain to try and expedite things. Cllr Saunders to put together a list of all outstanding issues and circulate this amongst the Cllrs for checking/approval, prior to this meeting.

172/19 **New Notice Board:** Cllr Saunders confirmed we are still trying to establish who the current owners are of the proposed site where the Notice Board is to be placed. Also, access is currently fenced off as the developers complete their work.

173/19 **Reports from District or County Councillors:**

Report from County Cllr Griffiths.

The additional 4,400 new homes proposed in Kidlington, Yarnton and Begbroke have been approved, despite their objections.

There is a plan to complete a Traffic Warden Study to assess whether or not it will be valuable to have them return.

The way Council Tax is calculated will be changing, however not for those receiving Pensions or Benefits. A new banding system is currently under discussion.

The Growth deal is still going ahead as is the Expressway. A fuller consultation has been requested.

Climate change is being looked at and more is going to be done in support of it.

No reports received from District Cllrs.

174/19 County Cllr Griffiths left the meeting after her report at 8:05pm.

**175/19 Planning Applications:**

175a/19 **Applications Received:** None

**175b/19 Applications Approved:**

19/00136/TCA – Home Farm House, Islip Road – Tree felling – Approved.

19/00146/TCA – London House, Islip Road – Tree felling – Approved.

19/00762/F – Stockyard Buildings, Station Road, Enslow – New Stock Yard Building for calf rearing and 2 no feed hoppers – Approved.

Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order – Number 06/2019 – Oak Tree at the Boundary to Frognest Farm – Approved.

**175c/19 Applications Declined/Withdrawn:**

19/00621/F – Huckleberry Farm, Heathfield – Continued use of transportable building to be made permanent (Retrospective) – Declined.

19/00954/OUT – New House, St Giles. Demolition of garage and part of existing house, erection of two 1-bedroom units - Withdrawn.

**176/19 Finance:**

Cllrs were asked to consider invoices for payment itemised on the payment schedule.

Cheque No	Payee and Reason	Budget	Minute Ref	Total Amount	VAT
101594	JB Corrie & Co Limited	Playground Equipment	156/19	£1,200.00	£200.00
101595	Clean Slate	Grants and Donations	159/19b	£50.00	£0.00
101596	Green Scythe Limited	Grounds Maintenance	023/17	£556.80	£92.80

The Direct Debit to BT is due to go out on or just after 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 for £31.78 including VAT.

All payments approved.

177/19 **Kick Wall:** Cllr Jordan reported that the company installing the Kick Wall came but not with the correct materials to create the Kick Wall adequately. The company have since come up with a solution which Cllr Jordan shared with the other Cllr's. All agreed this new proposed Kick Wall should go ahead as soon as possible. Cllr Jordan will let the company know.

178/19 **Parish Council Website:** Cllr Saunders raised the question if enough people had access to edit our Website in case of absences. It was discussed and concluded that three people having access (The Clerk, Cllr Ledger and Parishioner Vicky Robins) should be sufficient.

179/19 **Bird Scarer's:** Cllr Saunders read out the email from Mr Rolph who has requested this be on the Agenda. Mr Rolph confirmed he also reported the issue to

Environmental Health and since then, the issued has stopped. The Cllrs explained to Mr Rolph that this is not a Parish Council Issue and Environmental Heath is the correct department to contact. Mr Rolph said that he just wanted to make the Cllrs aware of what was happening and he is happy that it all seems to be resolved now. Mr Rolph then left the meeting at 8:25pm

**180/19 Correspondence Received:**

- a) Roger Neill from 30 Sand Furlong, has offered to donate a bench since giving away his previous offer to other residents in the Village. The Clerk is to contact him to clarify exactly what he means and accept his very kind offer. All agreed this could be placed on The Green with a view to relocate it to outside the new shop, once this opens.
- b) Email from Chesterton Parish Council with regards to Great Wolf Resorts. All agreed the Parish Council should support them in their efforts to prevent the resort plans from being approved as there is a potential for it to effect Bletchingdon and it's an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with our neighbouring Parish Council. Cllr Taylor volunteered to attend any future meetings. Clerk to reply.
- c) John Howell newsletter.
- d) Thank you letter from Ian Gedling.
- e) Email received from new resident, Susan Morris (Sands Furlong) with regards to parking. All agreed she should be invited to attend our next meeting to discuss further and to welcome her into the Village. Clerk to contact.
- f) Letter from R Wing with regards to low hanging trees outside 32/34 St Giles. Clerk to contact Cherwell DC to report this.
- g) Quote received from Jake Williams for removing the weeds in the Village. All agreed his quote does not seem enough. Clerk to contact him and check his quote and express how much the Cllrs would prefer him to charge twice and much and spend twice as long on this task as they really want the village looking good.

**181/19 Reports from meetings:** To receive and note reports from meetings; for information. None.

**182/19 Items for information or next Agenda only - all items for next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019.**

- Clerk to contact Jake to request a quote for cleaning/repainting the Bus Shelter
- Cllr Saunders to get Mandate from Barclays.
- Cllr Ledger to create a draft booklet for all Parishioners, explaining what powers the Parish Council have. This draft will be circulated to all Cllrs to discuss at the next meeting.

**183/19 Date of Next Meeting:** to confirm the date of the next meeting as 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7.30pm.

Meeting Ended : 9:05pm.