

**BLETCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting held by Zoom (due to Coronavirus)

on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 7:30pm

**Present:** Cllr A.K. Saunders (Chair), Cllr D. Ledger, Cllr Lane, Cllr M. Taylor, and Parishioner Mr M. Webber.

170/20**Apologies:** Cllr M. Whitehead and Cllr A. Jordan.

171/20**Declarations of Interest:** None.

172/20 **Public Participation:** Parishioner Mr M. Webber.

173/20**To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020:** The Minutes were approved by all and will be signed by Cllr Saunders when received in hard copy form from the Clerk.

174/20**Reports from District or County Councillors:** None.

175/20**Traffic Calming:** No further news from Dave Catling. The movement of the traffic cushions and speed limit sign is currently underway. The new location of the chicane is blocking the field entrance and a complaint has been registered by the landowner as he was not notified in advance. Cllr Saunders confirmed he will check what was on the original plans before pursuing any further.

176/20**Pot Holes:** No further news from Chris Grain but as there are new pot holes appearing throughout the Village, Cllr Saunders suggested it is time to invite him back again. The Clerk will contact him to arrange this.

177/20**Enforcement Update:** Cllr Saunders reported that things are very quiet at the moment due to the Summer Holidays. He hopes to have a response from his email enquiry by our next meeting.

178/20**Bottle Banks:** It was reported that bags of glass bottles have been dumped over the wall to the allotment. The Clerk is to go back to Cherwell District Council (CDC) to inform them of this and ask them again why they insist on this location when it is not satisfactory.

179/20**Blocked Footpath behind The Row:** Cllr Saunders reported that there is still no news from the Land Registry as the offices are still closed.

180/20**Additional Dog Poo Bin:** Cllr Taylor has met with the land owners who have confirmed that they are planning on installing a driveway at Beehive corner but that there is still enough room to install a new dog waste bin as long as it is placed out of the way. The Clerk is to arrange a meeting between Cllr Taylor and Jake Williams on site to install the new post required.

181/20**Additional Defibrillator:** Cllr Saunders reported that until further investigation in to the power supply can be made, this should be postponed for the time being.

182/20**Spring Clean/ Litter Pick:** The dates to hold the Litter Pick were discussed and there was no preference. The Clerk is to confirm when or whether or not the Fair is coming to the Village and if not or if the dates do not clash, the last weekend would give residents more notice to attend.

183/20**Garages Vs Parking Spaces:** Cllr Saunders reported that the 20 Garages on St Giles are owned by Sanctuary Housing and not CDC. They have confirmed they only have 6 vacant garages. This will not be pursued any further.

- 184/20 **Bletchingdon Playground:** A discussion was had as to whether or not the cleaning of the Playground should go ahead once a month. All agreed it should and that the Clerk could ask the service provider if any discount can be offered.
- 185/20 **Mark Webber on behalf of Andre Stern:** Mr M. Webber reported that Mr A. Stern would like to give something back to the Village and that he has a few proposals of ways he would like to do that. He has suggested replacing the existing bus shelter on the Green, installing a new K2 phone box with defibrillator within and/or adding a Cenotaph at a central point in the Village. There was a long discussion about each idea and it was agreed that before the Parish Council decide whether or not to support these ideas, they feel that the whole of the Village should have the opportunity to give their opinion on his ideas also, or to put forward any suggestions of their own. Mr Webber agreed to put together a notice to go in the Village News explaining everything in more detail and to seek their feedback. Mr Webber left the meeting at 8:30pm.
- 186/20 **Bletchingdon Bakers:** The Bletchingdon Bakers got in touch with the Parish Council to check there would be no issues with them hosting a Macmillan Coffee morning on the Green on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020. All agreed they could go ahead with this.
- 187/20 **White Paper:** All confirmed they had read the email from OALC and after a discussion, Cllr Ledger confirmed he will answer the questionnaire and circulate it to the Parish Councillors before submitting. At 8:40pm, CD Cllr David Hughes joined the meeting.
- 188/20 **Tree Survey:** Cllr Saunders reported that the last tree survey was performed in 2017 and as this is something that the Parish Council look to do every 2-3 years, it is time to have another survey completed. The Clerk is to contact the same company as before as they have proved to be reliable and fair.
- 189/20 **CD Cllr D. Hughes:** CD D. Cllr Hughes gave a brief report that CDC is still working really hard under these difficult circumstances. He has heard reports that people believe some services are being cut but he confirmed that this is NOT the case. He left the meeting at 8:45pm.
- 190/20 **Planning Applications.**
- 190a/20 **Applications Approved:**  
None.
- 190b/20 **Applications Received:**  
20/01930/TCA – Mr James Rutt, 1 Blenheim Terrace, Bletchingdon OX5 3DQ – TG1 x 2 Cypress and x3 Holly stems – Fell trees to near ground level. The trees are the remnant of an over grown scrub filled garden that has recently been cleared. The Cypress have been historically topped and are of poor form and the over grown stems of Holly are now leggy and in need of replacement. The garden is being renovated and the trees will be replaced with more appropriate species for the location. No objection.
- 191/20 **Finance:**  
Cllrs were asked to consider invoices for payment itemised on the payment schedule below:

Invoices for payment 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Method	Payee and Reason	Budget	Minute Ref	Amount	VAT	Total
--------	------------------	--------	------------	--------	-----	-------

Debit card purchase	Amazon – Everbuild Barrier Tape to close Bletchingdon Playground	Parks, Trees and open spaces	This minute	£12.45	£2.49	£14.94
Debit card purchase	1 month Zoom Pro subscription	General Admin	095a/20	£11.99	£2.40	£14.39
Bank TF	Jake Williams	Grounds Maintenance	This minute	£130.00	£0.00	£130.00
Bank TF	Glasdon UK Limited – Purchase of a new dog waste bin	Dog Bin Purchase and Emptying	This minute	£107.57	£21.51	£129.08
Bank TF	KJ Cleaning Solutions – Zoono Spray to protect Bletchingdon Playground	Parks, Trees and open spaces	This minute	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00
Bank TF	Bletchingdon Village News – Reimbursement for our leaflet printing costs they paid to Lonsdale on our behalf	General Admin	This minute	£43.00	£0.00	£43.00
Bank TF	Green Scythe Limited – Grass cutting for July	Grounds Maintenance	This minute	£479.00	£95.80	£574.80

The Direct Debit to BT is due to go out on or just after 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 for £38.04 including VAT. All payments approved.

#### 192/20 Correspondence Received:

- a) John Howell Newsletter – Shared via email, no further action.
- b) A letter from Ian Gedling thanking you for your donations. Shared during meeting.
- c) An email from Paul Fermer, OCC – National Highway and Transport Public Satisfaction survey. – Shared via email, no further action.
- d) An email from Wireless CCTV Ltd asking if we would be interested in any of their cameras? – Shared via email, no further action.
- e) An email from Becky Crockett about the Cherwell Local Plan 2040 asking for our comments. – Shared via email, no further action.
- f) An email from Widow Wanderland asking if we would like to run one of their events? – Shared via email, no further action.
- g) An email from Sean Lowry writing with his concerns about Greenhills caravan park. Shared via email. A discussion was had and although this is of concern, this is not a Parish Council issue. The Clerk is to reply with advice as to where he should direct his concerns.
- h) An email from Oxford Youth Strike looking for volunteers as stewards at any strike events. – Shared via email, no further action.

**193/20 Any Other Business:**

- Cllr Whitehead could not attend this evening but did want to share that he will be informing Thames Valley Police of the increased anti-social behaviour recently seen in our Village, at the next Community Police Forum.
- The Clerk is to contact Mr P Hatwell to seek confirmation if he is coming with his Fair this year or not.

**194/20 Items for information or next Agenda only - all items for next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

**195/20 Date of Next Meeting:** to confirm the date of the next meeting as 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7:30pm.

Meeting Ended : 9pm.