

BLOCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL– MEETING



Minutes of the Meeting of Blockley Parish Council held on Thursday 16th February 2023 in Paxford Village Hall 7pm

Present: Cllrs – C Turner (presiding), J Bryan, P Baines, K Derson, E Thorneycroft, S Neill, County Cllr Stowe

Members of the public: 8

Apologies for absence accepted from: T Bradley

The Clerk/RFO: Nikki Holt

Meeting opened at 19.03pm

1. Apologies were accepted from: T Bradley
2. Items for any other business: Coronation plans update Cllr Thorneycroft
3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations for items on the agenda - None
4. Public Participation: S Finch asked what BPC's response is to the enforcement notice served on Draycott site. Community responses date limit is 09.03.23. Chair responded that as a PC we will support laws being adhered to and invited residents to copy clerk on responses to appeal. Chair advised local elections coming up in May and urged members of public to spread word that we are seeking 11 Cllrs, particularly Draycott as currently no representation.
5. RESOLVED to approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Thursday 19th January 2023 Proposed CT, seconded JB, abstention KD, & Extraordinary Meeting December 2022 proposed CT, seconded JB, abstention ET
6. County and District Councillor updates:
L Stowe:
GCC council tax has been set at 4.99% increase. GCC received 11% settlement from Govt. mainly for adult social care & children's services (more than 50% of budget currently spent on children & adult care packages). 22% increase in Highways budget, to include road safety. Cllr Stowe outlined road works plans including full re-surfacing Paxford to Blockley (date tbc) Draycott road scheme upgraded to full re-surfacing, Brookside Paxford, new pavement (March), Railings & Stone on High Street, St George's Terrace handrail (*Clerk to obtain quote for replacement ironwork*). Cllrs raised issue of many potholes, Cllr Stowe reported that potholes are accepted as a temporary fix and urged Cllrs & parishioners to continue to report using the Report-it function on GCC website ([Your Highways - Report it - Highways \(gloucestershire.gov.uk\)](https://www.gcc.gov.uk/your-highways-report-it)) Cllrs raised issue of flooding & ice in Aston Magna – Cllr Stowe advised there is a new grit bins policy, PC can bid for a grit bin for this location. Cllr Stowe undertook to look into: *grips on Greenway to be re-dug, flooding issue on Lower Street by Duck Paddle – install grips to mitigate?* Cllrs highlighted need to review re-surfacing requirement for road up to Bourton on the Hill – badly potholed and damaged. Cllr Stowe has requested permanent signage warning poor road surface for Bourton Woods to Batsford Rd, Lower St & Aston Magna. CT requested update on Grant request for Speed Cameras. Cllr Stowe updated there is no budget for footpath on Greenway. Cllr Stowe updated that there is no suggestion scaffolding on Churchill Arms is unsafe. Cllr Stowe reported he has Grant Funding available for Coronation for each village in Parish. Cllr Thorneycroft will follow up *ACTION : LS, Clerk, Cllr Thorneycroft*
Cllr Stowe forwarded apologies from Cllr Jepson and presented her updates: Green Bin licence increasing to £57.00; public conveniences charges increase to 40p.
7. Planning: To review current planning applications as circulated by clerk prior to meeting: No comments
8. Finance: Cllr Bryan
 - 8.1 Resolved to approve the Finance report from 20.01.23 – 15.02.23 detailing all accounts held by council the income & expenditure report PB proposed, CT seconded, unanimous.
 - 8.2 Resolved to approve Defibrillator quote for Orchard Bank site, purchase will be made direct from fundraisers. JB proposed, CT seconded, unanimous.
 - 8.3 To review grounds maintenance tenders 2023-24. Various tasks removed from list for parish MO to undertake. JB & Clerk will revert to contractors to obtain new quotes & also send scoring matrix parameters agreed by council. Extraordinary Meeting to be held 28.02.23 to finalise.
 - 8.4 To consider Grant Applications: Book Box £250 resolved to approve grant JB proposed, CT seconded, unanimous. Jubilee Hall radiators – contribution towards cost, following discussion resolved to approve £1000, JB proposed, PB seconded, unanimous. Caveat that for future Eco friendly, renewable resources should be investigated.
9. Recreation & Youth update:

Monthly attendance of Youth Club is positive, may need further support workers if numbers grow. Y&R committee plan to review current contract & create new tender to be reviewed at Extraordinary Meeting on 28.02.03. Cllr Derson will lead the review.

10. Environmental Sustainability update:
Cllr Turner requested Cllrs feedback on EV charging documents shared at January meeting. *ACTION: ALL CLLRS*
11. Community update: Chair posted on F/book inviting comments/suggestions for Coronation – minimal response. Chair attended Souper Monday at LVH it is working well at tackling both loneliness & warm space provision, and requested Sue Salmon think about something similar for summer months, BPC are keen to encourage. Cllr Thorneycroft gave an update on her communications with various village groups for Coronation celebrations, still in early stages.
12. Burials: Cllr Bryan updated cllrs on fallen headstone in cemetery, BPC urge resident to resolve with Allen & Sons, and proposed that BPC offer to waive the fee for installing new one. Proposed JB, seconded CT unanimous. *ACTION: Clerk to revert to resident*
13. Councillor recruitment strategies: Cllrs Turner
 - 13.1 Cllr Turner presented content sections for leaflet, to include: general info on 3 tiers of councils, pictures of council work: playpark, supporting souper Mondays, Quotes from Cllrs stating why they joined, general voting information for local elections (nb Photo ID). Cllr Thorneycroft sought clarification that this was for Parish Council elections only, Cllr Turner confirmed. Resolved to approve. Proposed JB, seconded KD, unanimous.
14. Clerk's update & correspondence log – circulated to full council ahead of meeting.
15. AOB - None

Meeting closed: 09.50pm

NEXT MEETING: 7pm March 16th, Draycott Mission, Draycott

Approved by Blockley Parish Council:

Signed:

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Date:

