

BLOCKLEY PARISH COUNCIL– MEETING



Minutes of the Meeting of Blockley Parish Council held on Thursday 17th November 2022 in Draycott Mission 7pm

Present: Cllrs – C Turner (presiding), J Bryan, P Baines, K Derson, T Bradley, District Cllr S Jepson, County Cllr L Stowe

Members of the public: 2 M Janner, S Neill

Apologies for absence accepted from: E Thorneycroft

The Clerk/RFO: Nikki Holt

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

1. Apologies were accepted from: E Thorneycroft, S Salmon, J. Henderson
2. Items for any other business : Memorials, feedback from Chair re Blockley Forum 16.11.22
3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations for items on the agenda – Cllr Bradley is chair of SGH committee
4. Public Participation
5. RESOLVED to approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Thursday 20th October Proposed CT, seconded PB, abstention TB
6. County and District Councillor updates
S Jepson & L Stowe
 - 6.1 Budget Consultation in process until 9th Dec. CDC are holding consultation events across the region
 - 6.2 Fly Tipping 4 fixed penalty notices have been served. £400 fine but prosecution if repeated. Report any Fly Tipping to Kevin Lea, CDC Environmental Crime Officer.
 - 6.3 Cost of Living working group. CDC have match funding available to provide food network and warm spaces. Only local space currently is Chipping Campden Library. Local pubs may be an option.
 - 6.4 Changing places toilets will be created across district for people with severe disabilities. £162k capital budget allocated following successful bid for funding from Dept. of Levelling up, Housing & Communities
 - 6.5 CDC meeting times have changed, planning now starts at 2pm. Full council meetings will start at 6pm.
 - 6.6 Defibrillators – CDC has resolved that new developments will be required to put in Defibrillators 400 apart. An exception may be considered for developments of less than 6 properties. Check if cost is accrued to BPC on maintenance and replacement pads. **Action: SJ to advise BPC**
 - 6.7 Council Tax is likely to increase to maximum allowed. Car Parking up to 6%, Green Bin licence to increase
 - 6.8 Election costs to be borne 100% in 2024 Action: JB to advise what this represents as a % of income
 - 6.9 CDC resolved to increase income bands for Council Tax Support scheme. This will impact on social funding
 - 6.10** PB requested update on Churchill Arms – no planning applications in place currently. They should have a licence to erect scaffolding. **Action: LS to follow up**
 - 6.11 LS reported that repair to wooden railing on High Street is scheduled and will be complete by end March
 - 6.12** Railing on high pavement opposite Churchill Close will be looked at again, but not deemed any more unsafe that it has been in last few years. LS is due to meet with Rhodri from Highways. **Action: LS to update BPC**
 - 6.13 Cllrs brought up issues with potholes on road up to Bourton on the Hill and Draycott Road area by The Dell. **Action: LS to follow up**
 - 6.14 Northwick Park to Broad Campden Road is scheduled for next financial year.
 - 6.15 LS updated BPC on community bus scheme, The Robin, an on-demand service stopping at Troopers Lodge. This is a pilot scheme and will be reviewed
 - 6.16 Resident M Janner asked L Stowe about car sharing schemes. C Turner advised she has a contact at GCC re Car sharing. EV charging issues, lack of response from GCC was also brought to attention of L Stowe
 - 6.17 LS advised council tax will be increased by approx. 5%
 - 6.18 Drain/Gulley cleaning was done last week but heavy rain this week has again caused flooding. Grips up Greenway Road need to be dug out again properly. Action LS to investigate & action
 - 6.19 LS reported that GCC has unprecedented 3 fold increase in demand on services and is struggling to recruit

7. Planning: Applications were circulated ahead of meeting were reviewed and commented upon. **Action: NH to update CDC planning website.**
8. Finance -Cllr Bryan
 - 8.1 To decide Finance report for 21.10.22 – 17.11.22 detailing all account held by council . JB proposed, PB seconded, agreed by majority
 - 8.2 Propose to approve expenditure from 21.10.22 – 17.11.22 JB proposed, PB seconded, agreed by majority
 - 8.3 To decide Grant Applications from: 1. Hedgehog Bus, contribution for running costs 2. Draycott Village Recreational Trust, new goal posts, netball hoop & lights for village marquee. 3. Blockley Blokes Choir, 4. Cakes & Co. Total, for hire of LVH for 8 daytime occasions to run events for vulnerable groups. Applications £1390 of total Grant Budget. 1. Hedgehog Bus JB proposed, PB seconded, agreed unanimously. 2. DVRT proposed PB, seconded CT, agree unanimously. 3. Blockley Blokes Choir, PB proposed, KD seconded, agreed unanimously. 4. Cakes & Co JB proposed, KD seconded, agreed unanimously. These were caveated that BPC require supporting evidence of costs. **Action: NH to advise applicants**
 - 8.4 To consider quote for next phase of necessary tree work in Paxford play area, as per tree survey of 13.01.22. JB proposed, CT seconded, agreed unanimously. **Action: NH to advise Stockwell Davies**
 - 8.5 To decide additional spend of Strength *& Balance classes up to October 4th covering outstanding classes owed. JB proposed, CT seconded, agreed unanimously. **Action: NH to advise K Cave that we will continue funding cost of hall for 6 months & confirm end date**
 - 8.6 Budget: to consider proposal or 2023/24. Working session within meeting reviewing budget line by line. Cllrs to review output at December Extraordinary meeting. Date 15th December
9. Environmental Update – CT
 - 9.1 To elect a chair for Environmental Sustainability committee. Meeting date tbc. JB proposed CT for Chair, PB seconded, agreed unanimously
 - 9.2 Update on parish EV charge points. CT had useful meeting with an EV company and will review their proposal at Jan BPC meeting. S. Neill volunteered to send info to CT as he has expertise & interest in this area. **Action S. Neill**
10. Community update – CT
 - 10.1 To consider purchase of a speed radar gun for the Community Speedwatch group (est. cost £200-£250) CT proposed, JB seconded, agreed unanimously. **Action: NH/JB to clarify what cost centre this will come under**
 - 10.2 To consider funding membership of ‘Timebanking UK’ – agreed to review at January meeting due to time constraints
11. St George’s Hall update – agreed to review at January meeting due to time constraints.
12. Personnel – PB
 - 12.1 To consider NALC’s pay review. PB proposed to accept backdated pay review, JB seconded, agreed unanimously. **Action: NH to advise payroll**
13. Burials- JB
 - 13.1 To consider resident request to lay stone moulding around memorial in cemetery. Council agreed this is not allowed as per policy. **Action: NH to update resident.**
14. Councillor recruitment strategies – CT – agreed to review at January meeting due to time
15. Clerk’s update & correspondence log – Clerk reported that the Trim Trail in Churchill Close has been welded free of charge by resident and acknowledged on NEWS page of BPC website
16. AOB – None

Meeting closed: 10pm

NEXT MEETING: 7pm January 19th 2023, Little Village Hall, Blockley

Approved by Blockley Parish Council:

Signed:

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Date:

