



Blockley Parish Council Meeting

Minutes - Thursday 18th November 2021, 7.00pm, Draycott Mission.

Present: Cllrs – P Baines, C Cowles, K Derson, J Lidsey, E Thorneycroft, C Turner (presiding)

Members of the public: 5

Apologies for absence accepted from: T Bradley, J Bryan and S Jepson

The Clerk/RFO: Sarah Longbottom

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair the Clerk asked for nominations for councillors to preside the meeting. BC proposed CT, seconded by PB and agreed unanimously for CT to preside the meeting.

1. Apologies were accepted from T Bradley, J Bryan and S Jepson
2. Items for Any Other Business
 - GCC Children and Families survey
 - Strength and Balance classes
 - Resignation of Cllr C Goldring
3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations for items on the agenda – CT committee member of Friends of School
4. Public Participation –
 - Dr Morton, discussed the Blockley General Practise and the current status of the infection control procedures. Councillors were made aware of alternative premises options being sought, support from the parish council for any Community Infrastructure Levy propositions would be gratefully received; no options have currently been identified.
 - Resident urged the parish council to communicate wider as they expressed disappointment of not knowing about the Climate and Ecological Action Plan Consultation, a mailing list was suggested.
 - A resident expressed their gratitude that the parish council are conducting consultations, including Churchill Close and Electric Vehicle Charging Points.
 - A resident shared the rationale behind the Listed Building Consent application for the Little Village Hall including the choice of wording of the signage and the position of the proposed noticeboard.
5. RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 21st October 2021, proposed CT, seconded PB, abstained ET, agreed by majority.

1. Matters arising

Minute reference	Action (responsibility) from 21 st October 2021	Responsibility/Status
15.04.21:12.1	Further meetings are to be arranged with contributors of the Station Road phone box refurbishment.	ET/JB - ongoing
15.07.21:15.3	The surfacing of the Landgate is to be raised by the Chair to the County Councillor.	TB - ongoing
21.10.21:7.2	Councillors are to collate a collective response to planning application 21/03359/FUL.	All – application withdrawn

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21.10.21:8.1	A list of winter works is to be collated by the Clerk and Maintenance Officer for consideration by council in November.	Clerk – complete item 14
21.10.21:12.1	Councillors are to attend the November SGH management committee meeting to discuss the governance and Trustee responsibility.	CT/JB – ongoing meeting 25.11.21
21.10.21:13.4	CDC defibrillator grant to be applied for prior to purchase of cabinet.	Clerk - complete
21.10.21:15.1	Councillors are to receive one hour group training session on Microsoft Teams.	All - ongoing
21.10.21:15.2	Draycott resident to be met regarding the dog waste bin in Draycott.	CT – complete*
21.10.21:16.1	GRCC Food survey response to be circulated, agreed and submitted.	CT - complete
21.10.21:16.2	The CDC Budget consultation is to be promoted on the BPC Facebook page.	Clerk - complete

*CT is to advise that the proposed junction for relocating the Draycott dog waste bin is not safe and the village green is not parish council managed and does not reduce the distance of dog waste bin from bench and additionally is closer proximity to residents boundary.

6. County and District Councillors' updates – Cllr Lynden Stowe and Cllr Sue Jepson not present.

7. Planning:

21/01674/AGRPAN: CT to circulate a comment regarding the recently passed Environmental Act and the obligation of 10% biodiversity net gain. (ACTION: 18.11.21:7.1 CT)

21/03898/FUL: BC is to circulate a comment reflecting a noise condition of no amplified music or entertainment on site and no amplified personal address or amplified coaching. (ACTION: 18.11.21:7.2 BC)

No further comments to be made on current applications.

8. Finance:

1. Finance Report for 16th October 2021 – 12th November 2021 detailing all accounts held by the council was circulated ahead of the meeting
2. RESOLVED to approve expenditure from 16th October 2021 – 12th November 2021, proposed BC, seconded PB, agreed unanimously
3. RESOLVED to approve the 2022-2023 budget, proposed BC, seconded PB, agreed unanimously

Community groups are to be informed of the opportunity to apply for parish council grants (ACTION: 18.11.21:8.3 Clerk)

9. Community Christmas events: - Cllr Turner

1. RESOLVED to support the community Gingerbread Trail led by Friends of School; parish grounds permitted for use to display exhibitions and aluminium Di bond signs 120cm tall and 80cm wide are to be purchased to promote the event at a value of £298.15 for 5 signs to be positioned at the village entrances, proposed JL, seconded PB, CT abstained, agreed by majority.
2. CT informed councillors that the Christmas tree is reverting back to be a real tree, it was noted that the ropes and attachments on the roof will be tested in 2022 and replacements may be needed in 2022.

10. Burials:

1. RESOLVED to agree to increasing the age of a child's grave to be up to under 16 years of age as opposed to previously 12 years of age and to maintain the burial fees in 2022, proposed CT, seconded PB, agreed unanimously.

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11. Environmental Sustainability update:

An article for The Voice parish magazine has been submitted generating awareness of the Environmental Sustainability working group. CT is joining the event 'COP26 - What does it mean for the Cotswold area?' CT is speaking at the February Blockley Forum about environmental action. The last working group meeting discussed B-Lines in the parish and the next meeting has a guest speaker talking about their organic farm and tree planting scheme.

1. Consider the Gloucestershire Waste Local Plan – CT is to circulate a response (ACTION: 18.11.21:11.1 CT)

12. Recreation:

1. An extraordinary parish council meeting is to be held on the 2nd December to proposed final equipment pieces for Churchill Close Springfield play areas, this will allow for a March installation date

13. Youth:

1. DEFFERED to review the Children and Young People Strategy action plan
2. JL circulated an overview of attendance figures and activities ahead of the meeting. CT thanked JL for all her work and input in the Youth Club for the last 5 years; KD is the successor lead councillor for Youth and Recreation.
3. RESOLVED to approve £300 to fund Christmas activities for the Youth Club Juniors and Seniors, proposed JL, seconded ET, agreed unanimously.

14. Clerk's update and correspondence log:

- Winter schedule of work for the Maintenance Officer was agreed by councillors: Fencing repairs at Paxford play area, strimming and clearing around all grit bins, removal of graffiti at Draycott bus shelter, replace top cemetery gate, tidy stones at cemetery lynch gate, keep St Georges Terrace bus shelter clear of leaves, arrange for the shot blasting and painting of the three iron gates at Churchill Close.
- Clerk is to obtain quotes for new fencing and gates at Aston Magna play area (ACTION: 18.11.21:14.1 Clerk).
- Councillors agreed that hall users of Jubilee Hall can access the parish council Wi-Fi without cost the Blockley Heritage Society.
- Removal of the defibrillator cabinet at the old site and installation wiring at The Great Western Arms is happening on 19th November 2021, the defibrillator will be connected once the cabinet has been received. Publication of the new site is to be made, once installed.
- The parish wide tree inspection is scheduled 13th January 2022.

Correspondence:

- Councillors agreed that a volunteer group to manage traffic during the 2 minutes silence on Remembrance Sunday is to be established in 2022.
- Clerk is to inform the enquiring resident that a date for the parish traffic survey has not been received from Cllr Lynden Stowe.

15. Any other business:

- GCC Children and Families survey: Clerk to share on social media and CT to publicise on ClassList, the Blockley Primary School information app.
- Strength and Balance classes: feedback from the classes is positive with the correct balance of exercises for those attending and the mindfulness that the instructor has. It is known that the session coincides with a similar class that Freestyle 360 provide, the class is to be reviewed in January (ACTION: 18.11.21:15.1 KD).
- The resignation of Cllr Charlotte Goldring has been received, CT noted the work C Goldring did to ensure the installation of the Aston Magna play area.

Meeting closed at 20.47

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18.11.21:11.1	Circulate a response to Gloucestershire Waste Local Plan.	CT
18.11.21:14.1	Clerk is to obtain quotes for new fencing and gates at Aston Magna play area.	Clerk
18.11.21:15.1	Strength and Balance class is to be reviewed at the January 2022 meeting.	KD

Approved by Blockley Parish Council:

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