



Blockley Parish Council

Minutes - Thursday 20th January 2022, 7.00pm, Jubilee Hall, Blockley.

Present: Cllrs – P Baines, T Bradley (presiding), J Brian, C Cowles, J Lidsey, E Thorneycroft and C Turner

Members of the public: 3

Apologies for absence accepted from: K Derson and S Jepson

The Clerk/RFO: Sarah Longbottom

Meeting opened at 7:00pm

1. Apologies were accepted from K Derson and S Jepson
2. Items for Any Other Business - resignation of Cllr Jenny Lidsey
3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations for items on the agenda – TB and JL members of the St George’s Management committee
4. Public Participation –
 - A resident of Paxford declared to be representing 20 Paxford residents who wish for 20mph to be implemented in the Northern end of the village if not throughout the whole village. The resident has endured a vehicle crashing into their garden; PC Westacott was informed but informed the resident that the police can only enforce the current 30mph. The resident has spoken to Cllr Baines who informed them that the matter is County Council authority. Cllr Bradley is to raise the matter with Cllr Stowe and Cllr Turner is to research implementing a volunteer speed watch group. (*ACTION: 20.01.22:4.1*)
 - A Blockley resident shared photographs and documents from the Queen’s Jubilee celebrations of 2002 and 2012. The value of £2,000 grant was given by the parish council in 2012. The Women’s Institute would like to be involved in arranging the ‘Big Lunch’ and contact details of vintage car owners were offered.
 - A Blockley resident updated the council on the Little Village Hall noticeboard application.
5. RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 18th November 2021, proposed PB, seconded CT, abstention from TB as not present at the meeting.
RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting of 2nd December 2021, proposed CT, seconded JB, 4 abstentions as not present at the meeting.
 1. Matters arising

Minute reference	Action (responsibility) from 18 th November 2021	Status
15.04.21:12.1	Further meetings are to be arranged with contributors of the Station Road phone box refurbishment.	Item 8
15.07.21:15.3	The surfacing of the Landgate is to be raised by the Chair to the County Councillor.	Ongoing
21.10.21:12.1	Councillors are to attend the November SGH management committee meeting to discuss the governance and Trustee responsibility.	Complete
21.10.21:15.1	Councillors are to receive one hour group training session on Microsoft Teams.	Complete
18.11.21:7.1	21/01674/AGRPAN: comment regarding obligation of 10% biodiversity net gain.	Complete
18.11.21:7.2	21/03898/FUL: comment reflecting a noise condition to be circulated.	Complete
18.11.21:8.3	Community groups are to be informed of the opportunity to apply for parish council grants.	Complete
18.11.21:11.1	Circulate a response to Gloucestershire Waste Local Plan.	Complete

18.11.21:14.1	Clerk is to obtain quotes for new fencing and gates at Aston Magna play area.	Complete
:18.11.21:15.1	Strength and Balance class is to be reviewed at the January 2022 meeting.	Item 10

6. County and District Councillors' updates

The County and District Councillor were absent. TB is meeting with Cllr Stowe (County) on Saturday 29th January and will raise all outstanding matters. All councillors are to email TB the outstanding matters to be raised. (ACTION: 20.01.22:6.1)

7. Planning:

Current planning applications were circulated.

21/04695/FUL - documents are to be reviewed to look at waste management due to the location of the brook

No comments are to be submitted on the current applications.

8. Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

1. Arts Council Grants – Cllr Turner

CT updated members about Gloucester Community Foundation with grants available for projects related to the arts. It was advised that grants of up to £5,000 would be recommended. Parish councils and schools can apply, the application deadline 28th February. Clerk is to review the closing date of the Build Back Better from Gloucestershire County Council.

2. RESOLVED to establish a working group for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, proposed TB, seconded CT, unanimous. Members of the council to join the group are TB, CT and ET. The group are to consider a memorial event and the inclusion of the Station Road phone box as a memorial installation. The council will review the plans and are minded to make a monetary contribution. TB is to contact local societies to inform them of the working group and arrange a kick-off meeting. (ACTION: 20.01.22:9.1)

3. RESOLVED to commission memorial plaque for the two Oak trees, proposed TB, seconded JB, unanimous. Clerk is to obtain a selection of options and costs. A metal tree guard is to be purchased to protect the trees. The trees are to be planted at Paxford and Aston Magna play areas. (ACTION: 20.01.22:9.2)

9. Finance: – Cllr Cowles

1. The finance report for 12th November 2021 – 14th January 2022 detailing all accounts held by the council were circulated ahead of the meeting.

2. RESOLVED to approve expenditure from 12th November 2021 – 14th January 2022, proposed BC, seconded JB, unanimous.

3. RESOLVED to approve a 3% increase to the precept for 2022-2023, proposed BC, seconded PB, abstention ET, against TB, agreed by majority.

4. Grant applications:

1. – Draycott Recreational Trust

RESOLVED to award £401.90 for community tables, proposed TB, seconded JB, unanimous. The society are to be invited to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee working group so that councillors can consider all funds being awarded to commemorate the occasion.

– Blockley Horticultural Society

RESOLVED to award £88.74 for Spring show exhibition boards, proposed BC, seconded CT, unanimous.

BC left the meeting.

10. Recreation and Youth

1. RESOLVED to continue the funding of the Strength and Balance classes for 10 weeks until the end of the financial year when the classes will be reviewed again, the cost is £460, proposed CT, seconded JB, unanimous.

11. Environmental Sustainability update by Cllr Turner

Volunteer tree planting involved, 28 adults and 25 children, 67 apple trees, 50 mixed native trees and willow hedges were planted. Further meetings regarding electric vehicle charging took place in December. The winter meetings are to be virtual. CT is speaking about climate action at Blockley Forum.

12. Noticeboards: - Cllr Bryan
 1. RESOLVED to propose a new board for the cemetery, a maximum budget of £1,600, the board is only to display burial fees and waste management notices, proposed JB, seconded TB, unanimous.
 A full review of the cemetery including bins is to be proposed in February.
 A full review of the parish boards is to be proposed in February including a new board to be situated at Back Ends Common. (ACTION: 20.01.22:12.1)
13. Communication: - Cllr Turner
 The Clerk is to obtain costs for annual non digital communication report to be distributed to residents. A cost for extra pages in The Voice magazine and some digital only productions are to be researched.
14. St George's Hall (SGH) update by Cllr Bradley
 TB informed members that the 2021 accounts have been submitted to Charity Commission; a request to change the financial reporting dates is being submitted. The new caretaker is working well, quotes are being obtained for drainage in the pathways, the hedge is protected so limited cutting is permitted, steps have been repaired, the handrail has been painted, bookings are on the rise.
 CT requested that governance is an agenda item for the March SGH meeting.
15. Clerk's update and correspondence log
- CPR and defibrillator sessions have been rescheduled for the 14th and 18th February
 - A full parish wide tree inspection survey has been completed, Clerk is obtaining quotes for work regarded as required within 3 months. Clerk is sending the report to the Church wardens
 - RF Trustee Co have contacted the Clerk about restoration of the Elizabeth Pengree Memorial, reports and quotes are being sent back
 - Meeting venues for the next year, subject to availability will be:
 - o Feb – SGH
 - o Mar – LVH
 - o Apr – Paxford
 - o May – Jubilee
 - o June – Draycott
 - o July – SGH
 - o Sept – LVH
 - o Oct – Jubilee Hall
 - o Nov – Paxford
 - Correspondence: Chipping Campden Town Council have enquired about the planning regulations at Stanley's Quarry, councillors support case officer's assessment.
16. Any other business – resignation of Cllr Jenny Lidsey
 After 11 years of public office, Jenny Lidsey resigned from the parish council. TB thanked her for her time dedicated to the parish especially her lead role with the Youth Club.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 17th February 2022.

Meeting closed at 20:44.

Approved by Blockley Parish Council:

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Date.....

Action points:

ACTION: 20.01.22:4.1 - Cllr Turner is to research implementing a volunteer speed watch group.

ACTION: 20.01.22:6.1 – Cllr Bradley is to raise all outstanding matter with Cllr Stow

ACTION: 20.01.22:9.1 - Cllr Bradley is to contact local societies to inform them of the Platinum Jubilee working group and arrange a kick-off meeting.

ACTION: 20.01.22:9.2 – Memorial plaque and tree guards are to be researched for the Platinum Jubilee trees (Clerk)

ACTION: 20.01.22:12.1 - A full review of the parish noticeboards is to be proposed in February including a new board to be situated at Back Ends Common (Cllr Bryan)