

BLAISDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Blaisdon Village Hall, Blaisdon Wednesday 15 March 2017

Those attending: Cllr. Stuart Gent (Chair)
Cllr. Richard Boyles (Vice Chair)
Cllr. Eve Tonks
Cllr. Kevin Baker
Cllr. Sam Spencer

Also present: Mr. Tony Hughes Clerk
County Councillor Brian Robinson (Observer)

Apologies for Absence: District Councillor Dave East (Observer)

87. Health and Safety Procedure

The attention of those present was drawn to the procedures for evacuation of the premises in the event of an emergency.

88. Declarations of interest

Councillor Richard Boyles, being the applicant, declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 10(b) on the agenda – planning application - Iona, Blaisdon lane, erection of a two storey extension to dwelling (P1756/16/FUL).

89. Public Forum

No members of the public present

90. Minutes – 18th January 2017

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th January 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

91. Report from County Council and District Councillors

The Clerk reported the contents of an e mail from District Councillor Dave East who had submitted his apologies. In particular attention was drawn to a further accident at the top of Hope Hill on Sunday evening.

County Councillor Robinson reported on the follow issues:

- The County Council budget meeting on the 15 February 2017 had agreed to a 3.9% increase including a 2% surcharge for adult care services. He also referred to the demand for children services and particular attention would be paid to vulnerable children.
- £9 million had been allocated to roads which will be reflected through improved surfacing

- The Hospital Trust were pursuing their recovery plan
- The Javelin Park incinerator project was on target which would deal with the 30% of waste that cannot be recycled. There was encouraging number of people recycling.
- With reference to the accident at the top Hope Hill, the safety of the road and its layout continued to be monitored. There were considerable volumes of traffic at morning times which raised particular problems in relation to access to the main road including Velthouse Lane and Blaisdon lane.

92. Clerk's Report and Correspondence

The Clerk reported an e mail from the District Council advising of the establishment of a Wild Boar Working group which be examining the growing concerns of the increase in the Boar population in the Forest..

93. Web Site Development and Transparency Code Funding Application

The Clerk updated Members on the development of the Web Site and reported that Parish Websites, the company appointed by the Parish Council, were working on the creation of the Parish Web Site and a Transparency Grant of £1016.90 had been received.

94. Finance

(a) Financial Report for period January and February 2017

The Clerk presented a financial report for the months of January and February 2017 which showed an operating balance of £4651.59 as at 28 February 2017. The report was noted.

(b) Invoices for payment and cheques for issue

(i) Clerk's Salary and PAYE

The Clerk submitted invoices for the payment of salary and PAYE as follows:

Backdated salary 1 October 2015 – 31 March 2016 (net)	£ 640.64
PAYE	£ 160.00
Outstanding PAYE payment on salary 1 April 2015 – 30 Sept. 2015	£ 160.00
Salary 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017 (net)	£ 1281.03
PAYE	£ 320.25
TOTAL	£2561.92

RESOLVED

That the payments be authorised and the cheques issued.

(ii) GAPTA Subscription

RESOLVED

That the annual subscription to GAPTA be approved and a cheque to the value of £64.60 issued.

95. Audit Arrangements

The Clerk reported that details of arrangements for the external audit accounts by Grant Thornton were awaited. New auditing arrangements will come into effect from 1 April 2018.

RESOLVED

That the information be noted.

96. Planning Application – Western View, Blaisdon

The Parish Council considered a planning application to erect a single storey extension to the property known as Western View (P0266/17/FUL)

RESOLVED

That Forest of Dean District Council be informed the following:

The Parish Council raises no objection to the proposal

97. Annual Parish Assembly Meeting

Wednesday 19 April 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Main Village Hall

98. Dates of Future Meetings

2017 - 17 May Annual Meeting, 14 June, 12 July (P), 16 August, 13 September (P), 18 October, 15 November (Budget), 13 December (P)

2018 – 17 January (Precept), 14 February (P), 14 March, 18 April (Annual Parish Assembly), 16 May (Annual Meeting)

Meeting commenced: 7.45 p.m.

Meeting finished: 8.55 p.m.

Signed:.....Chairman.

Date:.....2017