

BLAISDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Blaisdon Village Hall, Blaisdon Wednesday 13 December 2017

Those attending: Cllr. Stuart Gent (Chair)
Cllr. Kevin Baker
Cllr. Eve Tonks

Mr. Tony Hughes Clerk

Apologies for Absence Cllr. Richard Boyles
Cllr. Sam Spencer
District Councillor Dave East (Observer)
County Councillor Brian Robinson (Observer)

41. 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.

42. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members present at the meeting.

43. Public Forum

No members of the public present

44. Minutes – 18 October 2017

RESOLVED

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

45. Reports from County and District Councillors

Apologies for absence from County Councillor Brian Robinson and District Councillor Dave East, therefore no reports on this occasion.

46. City Clerk's Report and Correspondence

The Clerk reported the following:

Salary

The Clerk drew attention to the pay scales in accordance with the National Salary Award for 2016-2018. The Clerk was currently paid on scale LC1 at a rate of £8.34 per hour on average 4 hours per week. This rate had been applied since the Clerk commenced duties from 4 May 2013. As of 1 April 2017, the hourly rate had increased to £8.87. Having considered this discrepancy, the Parish Council –

RESOLVED

That with effect from 1 January 2018 the Clerk be paid at the hourly rate of £8.87 and that this be reflected in calculation of the budget for the financial year 2018/19.

Purchase of Lap top and printer/scanner/copier for Parish Council Work

The Clerk reported that he was pursuing purchase of a lap top, software, and printer/scanner to be dedicated for the use of the council and funded from the remainder of the transparency grant held in reserves currently £567.00. The Clerk would endeavour to seek the best deal possible within the budget.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk be authorised to purchase equipment and software as required and submit an invoice to the Parish Council for reimbursement from the Transparency Fund budget.

47. War Memorial at the junction of Velthouse Lane and Blaisdon Lane

The Clerk reported a proposal by Historic England to add the Village War Memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural Interest.

RESOLVED

That Historic England be informed that the Parish Council have no objections and support the proposal to List the structure.

48. Planning Applications for consultation

- (a) Blaisdon House – Works to 1 Lime Tree to include a 30% crown reduction, 10% crown thin and crown raise up to 2m above ground level**

RESOLVED

That the District Council be informed that the Parish Council raise no objection.

- (b) Glaymar, Blaisdon Lane – Conversion of existing outbuilding to form two-bedroom dwelling with associated curtilage, landscaped gardens and parking/turning area**

RESOLVED

That the District Council be informed that the Parish Council's comments as follows:

- (1) On the plans submitted there appears to be no provision for a septic tank and the Parish Council would wish to be assured that there are adequate arrangements for the discharge of sewerage and effluent.
- (2) The Parish Council are concerned about additional traffic movements generated by the development in that location of Blaisdon Lane.

In addition, the Parish Council wish to make the following comment:

This Council would not be supportive of a further planning application to provide garaging for vehicles because, in the opinion of the Parish Council, it could be considered as over intensive development of the site.

49. Finance

(a) Financial Report for October and November 2017

The Clerk presented a financial report for the months of July, August, and September 2017 which showed an operating balance of £ 5574.55 as at 1 December 2017.

(b) Invoices for Payment

None

50. Budget Preparation for the next financial year 2018-2019

The Parish Council considered a draft budget for 2018-2019. Reflecting discussion held earlier in the meeting concerning the Clerk's salary scale, the Parish Council agreed to increase the annual provision for salary to £1812. This would have the effect of raising the proposed precept to £2707, an increase of \$47 on the current year.

The Parish Council also agreed to increase the amount reserved for election expenses to £1400, an increase of £150. This would not affect the proposed precept.

RESOLVED

That a revised budget be submitted to the January meeting of the Parish Council reflecting these changes.

51. Any other urgent business

None

52. Date and Time of next meeting

Wednesday 17 January 2018 at 7.30 pm. Meetings in future to revert to the time of 7.30 pm

Meeting commenced: 7.45 p.m.

Meeting finished: 8.30 p.m.