

# BLAISDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Blaisdon Village Hall, Blaisdon Wednesday 14 February 2018**

Those attending: Cllr. Stuart Gent (Chair)  
Cllr. Eve Tonks  
Cllr. Richard Boyles  
  
Mr. Tony Hughes Clerk

Apologies for Absence Cllr. Kevin Baker  
District Councillor Dave East (Observer)  
County Councillor Brian Robinson (Observer)

### **63. 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.

### **64. Declarations of Interest**

#### **Woodland Management Plan**

Councillor Gent reminded members of his interest in the subject matter declared at the last meeting, namely a disclosable pecuniary interest in the Blaisdon Woodland Management Plan by jointly owning land adjacent to the woodland which may have implications in relation to the right of access to the wood. He indicated that he was also a member of the Parochial Church Council who may have an interest in operations and access by articulated lorries.

### **65. Public Forum**

No members of the public present

### **67. Minutes – 17 January 2018**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 17 January 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **67. Reports from County and District Councillors**

Apologies for absence from County Councillor Brian Robinson and District Councillor Dave East. The comments e mailed by Councillor Robinson and reported by the Clerk were noted summarised as follows: a County Council Tax rise of 4.49% including a 2%

social care levy; £16m extra funding for children's services: £150m for road improvements across the County; the continuation of the Lengthman Scheme – Parish Councillors to notify the Clerk of works required; Highways local funding under the control of the local councillor £20,000 for the local division ; new community fund of £30,000 available for each County Councillor over the next three years to support local community activities.

#### **68. City Clerk's Report and Correspondence**

Noted

#### **69. Blaisdon Wood Consultation Plan**

Members considered the Plan and

##### **RESOLVED**

That the Parish Council encouraged the retention of Oaks in the Woodland and endorse the statement in the Management Strategy Section 4 relating to Veteran and Notable Trees identifying and retaining the oak trees in the woodland.

#### **71. Planning Application P1985/17/FUL – Land off Tanhouse**

Members considered the proposal for change of use of land from agricultural use to equestrian including the siting of two temporary and mobile buildings.

##### **RESOLVED**

That whilst the Council have no objections to the proposed change of use the Council wish to comment on the proposed location of the two buildings identified on the submitted plan as a stable, and a task room/hay and straw store. The Parish Council suggest that the two buildings would be better located at a point furthest from the road and away from the Tanhouse which would have less visual impact on the surrounding area than the location proposed.

#### **72. Blaisdon War Memorial**

Members noted the Grade II listing of the Memorial having previously been consulted by Historic England and previously resolved to support the proposal. The Parish Council acknowledged responsibilities in relation to upkeep of the structure.

#### **73. Finance**

##### **(a) Financial Report January 2018**

The Clerk presented a financial report for the month of January 2018 which showed an operating balance of £5574.73 as at 1 February 2018.

##### **(b) Invoices for Payment**

**RESOLVED –**

That the following payments be authorised –

- (a) Blaisdon Village Hall – £10.00 – Hire of Hall 12 July 2017 – Cheque 000473
- (b) GAPTC - £55.00 – Attendance of Clerk – Audit Preparation Course – Cheque 000474

**74. Audit Arrangements Year End 2018 –**

The Clerk reported of new Audit arrangements and it was

**RESOLVED**

That Mrs S Fowler be appointed as the Independent Auditor.

**75. Arrangements for Annual Parish meeting – Wednesday 18 April 2018**

Consideration was given to a guest speaker at the Annual Parish meeting to be held on Wednesday 18 April 2018 at 7.30 pm. Possible suggestions, if available, were Baroness Royall, or Eric Freeman Radio Gloucestershire. Approaches would be made.

**76. Annual Assembly Meeting Arrangements**

Noted

**77. Draft Dates of Meetings 2018/19**

Approved and to be published on web site

**78. Date and Time of next meeting**

Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting commenced: 7.30 p.m.

Meeting finished: 8.05 p.m.