

BLAISDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Virtually on Wednesday 23rd September 2020 @ 7.30pm

In attendance: Cllr. Richard Boyles (Chair)
Cllr. Sue Foster
Cllr. Stephen Foster
District Cllr Simon Phelps
County Councillor Brian Robinson

Mrs Anna Rich Clerk

Apologies: Cllr. Stuart Gent

92. 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.

93. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

94. Public Forum - Members of the Public

District Cllr Simon Phelps attended to give an update. Because of Covid restriction there was not much to report. He noted that virtual meetings that he had attended were not as useful as face to face and items took longer to agree. He also mentioned that local enforcement officers were very busy as many people had decided to build additional structures to their properties without planning permission.

County Councillor Brain Robinson briefly joined the meeting. He has attended many virtual meetings that had not been successful due to being conducted virtually. He mentioned that the county council had been doing a lot to help local communities. He was attending a climate change meeting later that evening.

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95. Minutes – 4th March 2020

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March 2020, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

96. Planning Application -

P1349/20/TCA – Spring Cottage, Blaisdon Lane – thin canopy of 1 x Copper Beech Tree by 10-15%

RESOLVED

The Parish Council raise no objections to the proposals.

P1340/20/FUL – Barn off Blaisdon Lane, change of use to Equestrian. Conversion and extension of barn to form an artists studio

RESOLVED

Blaisdon Parish Council has no objections but request that the toilet facilities and Pump Room are kept within the curtilage of the existing building as specified in the pre application advice from the planners

ADDED AFTER AGENDA COMPLETED –

P1486/20/TCA – The Old Mill, Blaisdon. Crown lift and Reduction to 2 x Sycamore tree

RESOLVED

The Parish Council raised no objections to the proposals

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97. Clerks Report and Correspondence

Reopening of Village Hall- The councillors agreed that due to Covid Restrictions Blasidon Parish Council would continue to meet virtually. This would be reviewed again in the future.

Speeding through Blasidon Village – Blasidon Parish Clerk to write to Highways and ask for a review.

Acting on Email Requests – The Clerk asked the councillors if they wished her to respond or act upon any emails that had been forwarded during lockdown, apart from those that had already been dealt with

Using a Facebook Page – The councillors agreed that the website was sufficient for the public to access information regarding Blasidon Parish Council

98. Financial Report

Financial report for April, May, June, July and August 2020. This report was emailed to councillors prior to meeting. There were no comments at the meeting

99. Invoices and Payments

The following cheques and bank transfers that were authorised and issued

Cheque No.	Amount	Drawn To	Purpose	Authorisation
503	£20.00	Village Hall	Room Hire	Agreed via email over lockdown
505	£155.56	Anna Rich	Clerk Wages	Agreed via email over lockdown

506	£1011.31	Anna Rich	Clerk Wages – 6 months	Agreed via email over lockdown
507	£74.70	GAPTC	Subscription	Agreed via email over lockdown

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BACS	£152.62	Community First	Insurance Renewal	Agreed via email
BACS	£50.00	Mrs Fowler	Audit	Agreed via email
BACS	£23.25	PATA – Payroll Services	Clerks Wages	Agreed via email
BACS	£300.88	Anna Rich	Clerks Wages	Agreed via email

100. Arrange EPDR for Clerk

To be arranged at a later date

101. New Blaisdon Parish Plan

District Councillor Simon Phelps informed the councillors that Mitcheldean Parish Council had produced a parish plan that was expensive and he was not sure of its benefits especially in the current climate. Councillors agreed to put this matter on the agenda again in 4 months

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102. AOB

BT Telephone box. Cllr Stephen Foster reported three panes of glass missing from telephone box and door not opening and closing properly. Clerk to draft a letter to BT to remind them they are responsible for repairing.

As the Parish includes Flaxley and Nottwood Hill it was suggested that a Parish Council Meeting should be held in Flaxley. This is to be organised when Covid Restrictions lifted

91. Date of next meeting.

Wednesday 21st October 2020 7.30 pm

Meeting commenced: 7.30 p.m. Meeting finished: 8.20 p.m.

Signed: Date:2020