

BLAISDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held in Blaisdon Village Hall, Blaisdon 16th March 2016

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| In attendance: | Councillor Stuart Gent | Chair |
| | Councillor Kevin Baker | Vice Chair |
| | Councillor Richard Boyles | |
| | Councillor Sam Spencer | |
| | Councillor Eve Tonks | |
| | Mr Anthony Hughes | Clerk |

83. Health and Safety Procedure

The Chair drew attention to the procedures for evacuation of the premises in the event of an emergency.

84. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

85. Minutes – Meeting 18 February 2016

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th February 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising

Chapel Lane – Condition of Surface (Minute 76 refers)

Following contact with the County Council some remedial work to Chapel Lane by the infilling of pot holes had been undertaken.

Broadband – Fastershire Project (Minute 76 refers)

The Chair reported that a response had been received from the BT Group Senior Support Manager concerning the continued issue of improvement to Broadband speeds in the village. Monies under the Fastershire project had been exhausted. There was a possible option of providing an improved broadband service over ground but this would involve provision of additional poles. If this option was to be pursued, the community would be expected to contribute.

Public Footpath adjacent to Walnut Cottage, Nottwood Hill (Minute 81 refers)

Because of adverse weather conditions a further inspection of the footpath had not been undertaken to date. However an inspection would be made when conditions were dry.

86. Reports from District Councillor David East and County Councillor Brian Robinson

There were no reports on this occasion.

87. Clerk's Report and Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report on this occasion.

88. Finance

(a) Financial Report for period February 2016

The Clerk presented a financial report for the month of February 2016 which showed a total operating balance of £3,265.98 as at 29 February 2016.

An 'Active Together' grant of £750 from the County Council had also been received by bank transfer to the Treasurer's account to support Pilates classes initially for a 10 week period in Blaisdon Village Hall. The Chair reminded that he had e mailed members in relation to this grant and that applications would be considered on a 'first come, first served' basis. Priority would be given to residents in the parish. Further details would be published in the next edition of the parish magazine and notices would be placed on notice boards in the Parish.

RESOLVED

That the Financial Report for the month of February 2016 be noted together with the information concerning the Active Together grant.

(b) Invoices for Payment

Clerk's Salary and expenses – 1 October 2015 to 31 March 2016

At the request of the Clerk, payment was deferred pending clarification of on line PAYE payments for the current financial year.

Hire of Village Hall – 21 October and 17 November 2015

The Parish Council authorised the payment of £20.00 for the hire of the small room, Blaisdon Village Hall on 21 October and 17 November 2015 and agreed to issue a cheque for this amount payable to 'Blaisdon Village Hall' (cheque No 000449).

89. Spring Cottage, Blaisdon Lane, Blaisdon (Planning Application P0212/16/LBC)

Members considered the proposals to strip black paint from external timber beams.

RESOLVED

That Parish Council raises no objection to the Listed Building Application and supports the proposal to restore the property to its natural state.

90. Arrangements for Annual Parish Assembly Meeting

Members considered arrangements for the Annual Parish Assembly Meeting to be held on Wednesday 20th April 2016 at 7.30 pm.

The Chair advised that originally it had been hoped that Baroness Janet Royall would be available to give a talk but in the event of her unavailability, he had asked Dr Helen Taylor who lived locally whether she would be willing to give a talk on skin care.

Other items of business would be as standard for an Annual Parish Assembly meeting.

91. Any Other Business –

Commemorative Medal HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday

The Chair advised that he had received a free sample medal produced by Tower Mint commemorating HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday valued around £1.99. The medal had been produced for schools and councils. The Chair proposed to pass the sample medal to his 26 week year old great niece S.Gent and Members raised no objection and noted that this would be recorded in the minutes.

Condition of small bridge across Longhope Brook

It was noted that the location of the bridge may fall outside the Parish boundary but nevertheless the attention of Brian Watkins, Divisional Highways Engineer be drawn to this matter.

Web Site

The Clerk advised that he would make enquiries with Councillor Brian Robinson with regard to progress in setting up a Blaisdon Parish Council web page on the GL17 hub.

Gun Mill Project

Councillor Tonks drew attention to a fund raising event for the Gun Mill Project (roof repairs) to be held in the Flaxley School Rooms on the 22 April 2016.

92. Date and Time of Meetings 2016/2017

Members noted the following suggested dates for meetings in 2016/2017 (Note: P designates Planning matters):

2016: 18 May, 15 June (P) 13 July, 17 August (P), 14 September, 19 October (P), 16 November (Budget 2017-2018), 14 December

2017: 18 February, 15 February, 15 March, 19 April (Annual Assembly meeting and P), 17 May (Annual Meeting)

Members agreed to the proposed dates but noted that there may be a need for adjustment of some dates depending on the dates of the Pilates classes to be held in the Village Hall.

Meeting commenced: 7.30 pm

Meeting finished: 8.20 p.m.

Signed:.....Chairman. Date:.....2016