

BLAISDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Blaisdon Village Hall, Blaisdon Wednesday 18 January 2017

Those attending: Cllr. Stuart Gent (Chair)
Cllr. Richard Boyles (Vice Chair)
Cllr. Eve Tonks

Also present: Mr. Tony Hughes Clerk

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

(One Member of the Public present)

73. 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.

74. 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).

75. Planning application - Iona, Blaisdon lane, erection of a two storey extension to dwelling (P1756/16/FUL)

Members agreed to vary the order of its business by considering the following item.

A member of the public was present who had an interest in the application.

Councillor Boyles, having at the commencement of the meeting declared a direct pecuniary interest in this matter, withdrew from the meeting and left the room.

The remaining Members considered the proposal to erect a two storey extension to the property name Iona.

On a procedural matter the Parish Council had an insufficient quorum. Nevertheless the remaining two Members had no objections to the proposals but commented on the need to ensure the size of the existing septic tank on the site was adequate and suitable to meet the increased demands of the extended property.

RESOLVED

That the observations of the two Members be conveyed to the Forest of Dean District Council together with the caveat in regard to quorum.

(Councillor Boyles re-entered the room and joined the meeting).

76. Public Forum

Apart from the Member of the Public referred to above, there were no further members of the public present.

77. Minutes – 14 December 2016

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th December 2016, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

78. Reports from County Council and District Councillors

There were no reports on this occasion.

79. Clerk's Report and Correspondence

The Clerk had no correspondence to report on this occasion.

**80. Planning Application – Rural Building, Land at The New House, Blaisdon Lane
Conversion of rural building to one bed holiday let (P1656/16/FUL)**

The Parish Council considered a planning application to convert a rural building to a one bed holiday let (P1656/16/FUL)

RESOLVED

That Forest of Dean District Council be informed the following:

The Parish Council does not see the need for any further holiday accommodation within the Parish and in the absence of the comments of the Tourism Officer the Council would wish to reserve its comments on this matter.

81. Web Site Development and Transparency Code Funding Application

The Clerk updated Members on the development of the Web Site and the Transparency Code Funding application.

82. Finance

(a) Financial Report for period December 2016

The Clerk presented a financial report for the month of December 2016 which showed an operating balance of £4651.43 as at 31 December 2016. The report was noted.

(b) Invoices for payment and cheques for issue

The payment of the Clerk's salary as set out in the agenda was deferred.

83. Budget 2017-2018 – Approval of budget and recommended precept

The Council considered its final budget for the financial year 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 (appended to the minutes) and the precept to be recommended to the Forest of Dean District Council.

The budget was recommended to be set at £2660 which was an increase of £130 on last year reflecting withdrawal of centrally funded Council Tax Support grant and an increase in audit fee provision.

The Council also agreed that, in view of the fact the Clerk had been in post for three years and had not received an incremental rise in salary according to National Pay Scales, consideration be given to increasing the Clerk's salary hourly rate in accordance with National Pay Scales to be contained within the amount allocated in the Council's budget.

RESOLVED

That the Forest of Dean District Council be advised that the recommended precept of Blaisdon Parish Council for the Financial Year 2017/2018 is £2,660.

84. Defibrillator for Village

As an additional item of business the Chair updated Members on discussions of the Village Hall Committee relating to the possible provision of a defibrillator for the village.

The Village Hall Committee had no objections to a defibrillator being affixed outside the Village Hall but however did not wish to get involved in financial contributions.

In view of the size of the village, the views of the Village Hall Committee, and other considerations including cost of provision and maintenance, it was decided not to pursue the matter any further at this stage.

85. Annual Assembly Meeting

The Chair informed the Members that it was hoped that Pete Wilson of Radio Gloucestershire would attend the Annual Parish Assembly meeting on the 19 April 2017 to give a talk on his life in Radio. The Parish Council agreed to pay expenses as appropriate.

86. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 15 February 2017 at 7.45 pm (Planning)

Meeting commenced: 7.45 p.m.

Meeting finished: 8.55 p.m.

Signed:.....Chairman.

Date:.....2017