

**BLAISDON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at  
Blaisdon Village Hall. Wednesday 20th October  
2021 @ 7.00 pm**

In attendance:

Cllr. Richard Boyles (Chairman)

Cllr. Nicola Atkinson

Cllr. Stephen Foster

Cllr. Sue Foster

Clerk. Jonathan Martin.

Apologies: Apologies given by Cllr Gent and Cllr Simon Phelps.

In attendance: Cllr Philip Robinson.

**Public forum: Moved.**

**238. Health and Safety Procedure.**

The locations of the fire exits were reiterated.

**239. Declarations of Interest & Public Forum.**

The Chairman states that one of the upcoming planning applications relates to his own property and will recuse himself from the discussions on this.

**240. Minutes of the Meeting 15th September 2021.**

**Resolved.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th September 2021 were approved as a record and signed by the Chairman.

**Public forum:**

Report given by Cllr Philip Robinson.

There is a new county council scheme for the planting of 300,000 new trees on private Land after submission. The County Council is looking for landowners to apply for this. The plan for is an 80% to 20% native, exotic plants respectively.

The County has been reduced to the final five applicants for the founding of a new Fusion power station in the coming years. This would likely create thousands of construction jobs and then thousands more once operational.

The County Council is currently offering the 'build back better councilor' scheme whereby County Councilors will have a budget of £40,000 to be spend over four years for community focused grants.

Lastly, the County had so far absorbed approximately 35 families as part of the Afghanistan refugee settlement scheme.

The Chairman suggested that awareness of the Build Back Better scheme can be advertised on the Parish Council's website.

Councilor Robinson leaves at 7.14.

#### **241. Planning Applications for Consultation.**

The Chairman deemed that for added expedience that this item to processed first. The planning application P1692/21/PIP has also been added to this meeting as its time limit for comments would fall between meetings and there is a clear public demand for the issues surrounding this application to be heard.

- P1672/21/FUL.lona. Blaisdon Lane. Blaisdon. Longhope. Creation of garage block.

The Chairman recuses himself from the deliberations at 7.16as this application, due to his interest in the application pertaining to his own property.

#### **Resolved.**

There were no objections.

The Chairman returned to the meeting at 7.18.

- P1692/21/PIPPermission in principle for up to 2 dwellings. | Land To The West Of Blaisdon Lane Blaisdon Village Gloucestershire GL17 0AH

The Clerk and the Chairman read through four emails received by the Parish Council from members of the public who were concerned with this application. The Council then heard the views of three members of the public who were present.

In summary of the main issues of contention with this application, was that it was felt that the application would be in clear breach of the conservation policies imposed onto the village, and which has prevented numerous other proposed developments. To proceed with this application would open up the 'flood gates' to other questionable planning applications. The land is also undeveloped as agricultural land and the transition of this into residences would be further violation of the conservation area. If the building was to go ahead it would also be under considerable risk of flood damage as experienced by Blaisdon in 2020. Other important concerns were on the effect on local traffic and parking. Any potential residents here would also struggle to find local services and amenities. There would also be an impact on the esthetic quality of the village as well as reducing the views of neighbors.

The Parish Council votes unanimously to object the proposed development for the above reasons.

Public forum is ended at 7.45

#### **242. Clerk's Report and Correspondence.**

The village hall committee reported that it is aware of the deterioration of its notice boards. The Parish council would be happy to partially fund the repair of this.

The issue of the incompatibility of the VETs machines with the local ambulance service would be deferred.

Highways would be chased up again due to the overgrowth on local lanes.

The issue of the repair of the local war memorial being part funded by the Parish would be deferred to the next meeting.

#### **243. Update from the Communication group on the Churcham development.**

Cllr Stephen Foster handed out the 'core principles of the cross-parish group' for inspection by the council. No other developments were reported.

#### **244. Financial Report – September 2021.**

The Clerk reported the difficulties of changing the Council's online banking postal Addresses. The bank mandate would need to be changed to include more signatories.

#### **245. Invoices for payment.**

- Clerks wages August 19hrs x £10 = £190.00.

**Resolved.**

#### **246. Any other urgent business.**

None.

#### **247. Date and Time of Next Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.00pm**

The Chairman gave his apologies in advance for the next meeting set for the 10<sup>th</sup> of November.

This meeting is provisional dependant on any pressing business.

Meeting commenced: 7.00 p.m. Meeting finished: 8.17 p.m. Signed:

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