

BLAISDON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at
Blaisdon Village Hall. Wednesday 15th
December 2021 @ 7.00 pm**

In attendance:

Cllr. Richard Boyles (Chairman)

Cllr. Nicola Atkinson

Cllr. Sue Foster

Cllr. Stuart Gent

Clerk. Jonathan Martin.

Apologies: Apologies given by Cllr Stephen Foster and Philip Robinson.

258. Welcome and Health and Safety procedure.

The locations of the fire exits were reiterated.

259. Declarations of Interest & Public Forum.

The Chairman declared an interest regarding the second planning application of item 5, as he is the owner of the property. At this item he will recuse himself from the meeting.

Motion is held to process application P1672/21/FUL in item 5 first and the public forum to be continued after. This is due to several points that members of the public wish to be addressed.

The Chairman recuses himself from the meeting at 7.05

260. Planning Applications for Consultation.

- P1672/21/FUL Iona, Blaisdon Lane, Blaisdon, Longhope. Change of use for the creation of a garage block to be used as an annexe/Airbnb.

Members of the public raised concerns that the addition of another B&B seemed excessive to the local area, as least 5 other services were reported to be in operation. Moreover, extra visitors to the parish could pose a security due to the potential unaccountability of who these people are. Another member of the public and joint owner of the property assured that proper records and vetting would be incorporated into the business.

Resolved.

There were no objections to this application, conditional that these potential security issues were to be addressed by the applicants.

The Chairman re-entered the meeting at 7.16

261. Public forum.

Members of the public asked about the status of the proposed Churcham development. The Chairman informed them that the proposed development has been retracted, and that the District Council is currently reconsidering the idea for a single new large development.

Other complaints were made about the presence of dog excrement in certain parts of the parish. The Clerk informed them that the Parish council can forward this complaint to the relevant department of the District Council.

Lastly, concerns over speeding in the Parish were addressed by the Chairman, explaining that there is at present a program at County council to reduce rural speed limits to 20mph. This policy will however take considerable time to implement.

262. Minutes of the meeting 20th October 2021.

Resolved.

263. Planning Applications for Consultation. (Continued).

- P1784/21/LBC. Tan House, Blaisdon, Longhope, Gloucestershire. Listed building, creation of a one and a half storey side extension, associated ground works and external and internal alterations to rear extension. Demolition of lean-to garage.

Resolved.

No objections.

264. To resolve on the suspension of Standing Order 2.iii until the current problems with the Council's notice boards are resolved satisfactorily.

Other public notice boards are now in use.

Resolved.

265. To resolve on the repair of the Council's notice boards with appropriate costs and timelines.

It was determined that pictures of the broken noticeboard would be required to facilitate the repairs. Local contractors would need to be approached and their estimates reported back to the Parish Council.

Resolved.

266. To discuss and resolve on proposed improvements to the Council's website.

Updates and improvements to the website should include a separate page for minutes and agendas, dates for meetings, a policy page and a page for local updates. The Clerk would organise their training with the website company to achieve this.

Resolved.

267. To resolve on the reconfirmation and adoption of the Model Publication Policy scheme for 2022-23.

Resolved.

268. Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

The Clerk reported that a freedom of information request had been received, which Councillors had already been made aware of. The response to this was still awaiting a review and suggestions from GAPTC. The reply would therefore be ready in the next few days.

269. Update from the Communication group on the Churcham development.

No further information has arisen.

270. Financial Report – October and November 2021.

The Clerk gave the financial reports.

271. Draft budget to be presented by the Clerk.

The Clerk presented the draft budget with its attached precept level. It was determined that the s.137 grant fund should be increased from £465.00 to £1,000.00. The difference to be drawn from the current account's unallocated reserves. A new s.137 policy would also need to be examined by the Council for this. The precept was therefore to be kept at its previous level as well. The Clerk suggested that a final confirmation of the budget and its precept will be included into the Agenda for January's meeting.

Resolved.

273. Invoices for payment.

Resolved.

274. Any other urgent business.

None.

275. Date and Time of Next Meeting – 12th January 2022 at 7.00pm.

This meeting was confirmed.

Meeting commenced: 7.00 p.m. Meeting finished: 7.59 p.m. Signed:

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