

**BLAISDON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at  
Blaisdon Village Hall. Wednesday 12th January  
2022 @ 7.00 pm**

In attendance:

Cllr. Richard Boyles (Chairman)

Cllr. Nicola Atkinson

Cllr. Sue Foster

Cllr. Stephen Foster

Cllr. Stuart Gent

Clerk. Jonathan Martin.

Apologies: There were none.

**276. Welcome and Health and Safety procedure.**

The locations of the fire exits were reiterated.

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

There were none.

**Forum.**

District Cllr Simon Phelps gave a brief update on local matters. The application of the levelling up fund is underway by the forest of dean district council. The Five Acres site has been purchased by them for regeneration. Other sites were also mentioned.

Cllr Sue and Stephen Foster enter and apologise for being late at 7.03.

The adoption of the local plan was also proceeding slowly. The idea for scattering the many new developments throughout the district as opposed to building a single large new settlement has taken effect. Other council's had attempted the same with success. It was also reported that Gloucestershire County council was conducting further investigations into local flooding issues. The contingency planning for Village Hall was also underway.

County Cllr Philip Robinson enters at 7.05

The Chairman asked as to what the plans were for the regeneration of the former midland bank in Cinderford. Discussions were still being held on this.

County Cllr Robinson then gave his own updates. The County council had concluded its budget formation. This included an increase in funding for local schools and roads. Cllrs were to receive a £30,000 discretionary fund a year to facilitate local

grants and other projects. The new budget only resulted in a council tax increase of 2.9% and was also funded by a new arrangement with central government. The Cllr reminded the Parish Council of the upcoming meeting between Councillors and the Police and Crime Commissioner. Lastly the 'build back fund' was stated as active in submission for applications.

Cllr Robinson leaves at 7:14

Members of the public inquired on why the local notice boards had not been supplied with agendas in preparation for meetings over the previous year. The Chairman informed them that there had been a resolution to suspend this practice during the Covid restrictions for safety reasons.

An item is to be included into the next Agenda regarding Blaisdon Council's contribution to the repair of the Flaxley Village Hall notice board. The item to verify the Parish Council's emergency plan would be included in the next agenda as well.

### **278. Minutes of the meetings, 10<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, and 15th December 2021.**

The Chairman commented that he could only confirm the parts of the minutes in which he was in attendance, his absence for certain items being necessitated by declarations of interest. The time of the ending of the last meeting was corrected to 7:59.

**Resolved.**

### **279. To resolve on the adoption of the following policies:**

- **Model transparency policy.**
- **Equality and Diversity policy.**

**Resolved.**

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

The Clerk reported that the search for contractors to repair the notice board had been started with little results thus far due to the end of year restrictions. This search would continue with at least 3 tenders to be presented to the Council for their decision. Further reports on this would be given in the next meeting.

### **281. Update from the Communication group on the District Housing Growth Agenda.**

Business on this matter has fallen quiet. It was regarded that the group had been successful in preventing the Churcham development.

### **282. Financial Report – December 2021.**

The report was given. The Clerk will relocate the unallocated reserves into the general reserves.

**283. To resolve on the budget and precept for 2022-23.**

The Chairman instructed the Clerk to gain receipts from the submission of the precept forms.

**Resolved.**

**289. Invoices for payment.**

- Clerk's wages December 19hrs x £10 = 190.00
- Website training fee. Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 1hr x £60.00

**Resolved.**

**290. Any other urgent business.**

The Clerk was instructed to prepare application forms for upcoming grant money from the parish Council for the next financial year. An updated policy on this would also need to be reviewed and resolved on by the Council in preparation of this. Cllr Atkinson and Cllr Sue Foster would also report back on what information to put up on the Council's website. Nicola Atkinson also confirmed that she would contact the Village Hall Committee regarding promoting activities at the Hall and any ideas for the Queen's Jubilee celebration in June.

A few of the outdated posts on the website would also need to be removed.

**291. Date and Time of Next Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.00pm.**

This meeting was confirmed.

Meeting commenced: 7.00 p.m. Meeting finished: 7.45 p.m. Signed:

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