

BLAISDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Blaisdon Village Hall. Wednesday 18th May 2022 @ 8.00 pm

In attendance:

Cllr. Nicola Atkinson
Cllr. Sue Foster
Cllr. Stephen Foster
Cllr. Stuart Gent
District Cllr. Simon Phelps
Clerk. Jonathan Martin.

The meeting is chaired by Councillor Sue Foster as the acting Chairman.

335. Welcome and Health and Safety procedure. Members of the public will be requested to declare if they intend to record the meeting.

This information was administered with attention given to the location of the fire exits.

336. Apologies for absence.

Chairman Richard Boyles sent his apologies for not being able to attend.

337. Declarations of Interest & Public Forum.

No declarations of interest or dispensations were made. There were no members of the public present.

338. To resolve on the position of the Chairman for the Parish Council.

It was confirmed that the Chairman would voluntarily step down from his role. However, he wishes to remain a standing Councillor at the Parish. The need for an extra Councillor to be recruited was raised, perhaps taking the role of acting Chairman or Vice Chairman. The Clerk would have to check whether the council already has the full remit of Councillors before any recruitment action could be undertaken.

It was agreed that both Councillor Sue Foster and Atkinson would serve as acting Chairman/vice Chairman on a rotating basis until a more permanent solution can be found.

339. To resolve on the position of the Deputy Chairman for the Parish Council.

As above.

Forum.

Councillor Phelps gave his report on local events. The entirety of the Five Acres Site has been cleared except for one building. It is now increasingly clear that the policy for the construction of new houses in the district has re-orientated toward diffuse construction.

Chairman Foster read out the recent email for the FODDC's request for general input on the planning 'décor' for new builds. It was felt that this was part of the above policy change away from the Churcham proposed development.

340. Resolve on the meeting schedule for 2022-23.

Resolved.

These meeting times for the new year would be placed on the website.

341. Minutes of Meeting 13th April 2022.

Resolved.

342. Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

The Clerk reported that there was nothing else to convey other than what had already been reported.

343. Financial Report – April 2022.

The report was given with emphasis on the receipt of the council's yearly precept.

344. Invoice(s) for payment.

Blaisdon Village Hall hire at £16.00
Blaisdon Parish Council website subscription renewal at £130.00
Defibrillator Pads at £68.39 (To be paid to the Clerk as expenses)
Clerk Wages – April. 19hrs x £10 = £190.00

Resolved.

345. Update from the Communication group on the District Housing Growth Agenda.

There was nothing other to report, other than the proposed Churcham development essentially being cancelled.

346. Any other urgent business.

Regarding the recently received application from the Blaisdon Village Hall for a grant from the Council's s.137 funds for jubilee preparations. This application was to be resolved here due to the submission falling too late for it to be included in the

agenda, yet needing to be processed before the actual jubilee. The full application requested was £1,385.00. This included the costs for a bouncy castle, singers, BBQs and signage.

The Council deemed that the full amount requested exceeded the current budgeted limit of £1,000 for grant money and some should remain for other applications. A compromise of £700 was agreed upon.

This payment would be retroactively reviewed in the next Council meeting. Moreover, as per the Grants policy, the Clerk would request from Blaisdon Village Hall evidence that the money had been spent on the above purchases.

It had been determined that a change to the Council's commitment to the Defibrillator service should be made. Whereby the council takes no part in the formal running of the local scheme, but will assist in the financial aspects, such as buying new pads when needed. This will need to be reflected in the next meeting's agenda.

Councillor Steve Foster also mentioned a broken style. The Clerk was instructed to track down an official map of the styles in the locale.

Lastly, the Clerk showed his tax code and P60 to confirm that the council has no obligation to pay and contribute taxes on his behalf. This responsibility remains with the Clerk.

347. Date and Time of Next Meeting – 15th June 2022 at 7.30 pm

Agreed.

Meeting commenced: 8.00 p.m. Meeting finished: 8.36 p.m. Signed:

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