

BLAISDON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
at Blaisdon Village Hall. Wednesday 14th
July 2022 @ 7.00 pm**

In attendance:

Cllr. Nicola Atkinson

Cllr. Sue Foster

Cllr. Stuart Gent

District Cllr. Simon Phelps

Clerk. Jonathan Martin.

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

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

A welcome was given with attention directed to the location of the two fire exits and the emergency meeting area in the car park.

363. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Chairman Richard Boyles, Councillor Stephen Foster as well as from County Councilor Philip Robinson. No declarations of interest or dispensations were made.

Forum.

District Councilor Phelps gave his report.

It was announced that the FODDC main development plans would soon be open for local Parish councils to comment on. Lydney has been considered as the optimum location for the majority of the new constructions. This is due to this town's superior transport links with its proximity to the A48 main road, the Gloucester - Chepstow trainline and the bus routes to Gloucester. Newent, Coleford and Cinderford are of secondary consideration as most of these areas have various planning restrictions on them. Such as brownfield sites and land banking. The larger villages would then receive additional minor constructions.

364. Minutes of the meetings, Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Assembly 18thMay and the ordinary meeting of June 15th2022.

Resolved.

365. Matters arising from the previous minutes.

Councillor Sue Foster stated a copy of the Highways Officer report was being sent to CC Robinson so that he could update us at the next meeting regarding the improvements which could be made to the condition of the path in Blaisdon Lane & the road surface in Velthouse Lane.

It was reported that the local BT phone box had had its previously broken window repaired.

Lastly, the feedback to FODDC on the Village Hall's utility as a polling station had been sent. The Clerk reiterating the Councillor's initial views that the Hall was perfectly adequate for this purpose.

The clerk was asked if he had received evidence from Blaisdon Village Hall Committee to confirm £700 grant money had been spent on the Jubilee celebrations. As no evidence had been received, he was asked to contact the Village Hall Committee regarding this. The clerk was asked if he had received a copy of the map re grid references. As nothing had been received, he was asked to chase it up.

366. Review of the Audit report for 2022 and resolve on any necessary action required to implement its suggestions.

The report from the internal auditor did not contain any major criticisms or suggestions. However, the Clerk was provided with a new model of monthly financial reports by the Councilors, that he will now adopt.

367. To resolve on the renewal of the Blaisdon Parish Council insurance at £152.62

Resolved.

368. Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

These issues had been covered in item 5, minute 365.

369. Financial Report – June 2022.

The report was given with no undue issues raised.

370. Invoices for payment.

- Internal Audit fee, to Mrs S. Fowler. £60.00
- Clerk Wages – June. 19hrs x £10 = £190.00

Resolved.

371. Any other urgent business.

Cllr Gent will perfect the new model financial report and provide this to the Clerk via email for use in the next meeting.

372. Date and Time of Next Meeting – 10th August 2022 at 7.00 pm

The August meeting is typically suspended; however it can be activated should a pressing planning application or other matter arise.

Meeting commenced: 7.00 p.m. Meeting finished: 7.22 p.m. Signed:

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