

BLAISDON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
at Blaisdon Village Hall. Wednesday 15th
February 2023 @ 7.00 pm**

In attendance:

Chairman. Richard Boyles.

Cllr. Sue Foster.

Cllr. Stephen Foster

Cllr. Nicola Atkinson.

Cllr. Stuart Gent.

Dist Cllr. Simon Phelps.

Clerk. Jonathan Martin.

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

The safety information was given, and a request was made for the audience to declare any recording activity.

428. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from County Councillor Philip Robinson.

429. Declarations of Interest & Public Forum.

No declarations or dispensations were made.

Forum.

District Councillor Phelps informed the Council that the FODDC had changed the name of its planning committee to the 'development and management' committee. It had also been resolved to take on a more proactive stance to address the issue of pollution in the district's waterways.

It was reported that Peter Williams is retiring as the FODDC's chief executive officer. His temporary replacement is a Andrew Clerk, who has had previous experience in similar roles.

The Chairman asked as to how the District Council can affect the issue of water quality within its jurisdiction, especially in relation to water licenses. Cllr Phelps explained that the District Council can put pressure on the higher authorities, such as raising objections within the planning process. There are also plans to work with

other bodies to improve local water. The Chairman mentioned the wider issue of major water leaks systemic to the supply system. This was conjoined with reports of fluctuations in the water pressure within the parish.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Phelps for his updates.

430. Minutes of the meeting held on January 11th 2023, and matters arising.

Correction required to one of the dates.

Resolved.

431. Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

The Clerk reported that a new printer had been purchased and was operational, and that the Council's laptop had been repaired with a replacement battery put in.

The Clerk also mentioned that he would attend an online meeting with the FODDC for training in relation to the upcoming elections in May.

The Strategic land questionnaire would be put up on the Council's website and a link supplied to Cllr Atkinson for dissemination.

432. Financial Report – January 2023.

The Clerk cited that payment of the grant monies to Flaxley Village hall had been made. There was approximately £500.00 of grant money still present in the budget for the remaining year. If possible, this could be allocated before the end of the financial year.

433. Resolve on slight modification to the budget of 2023-24.

The Clerk explained that the budget needed an additional £0.30 to be drawn from the reserves to balance the figures, as the council would be receiving £0.30 less from the precept. This is due to the requirement for the precept to be in 'whole numbers'.

Resolved.

434. Resolve on updates to the new Standing Orders of 2023-24.

The additions to the proposed Standing Orders had been made and approved.

Resolved.

435. Invoices for payment.

- **Expenses to the Clerk:**
 - **Laptop diagnosis and replacement battery. £85.00**
 - **Replacement printer. £59.99**

- New printer ink. £28.49

Total: £173.48

- Clerk Wages - January. 19hrs x £10 = £190.00

Resolved.

436. Any other urgent business.

There was a discussion regarding the forthcoming May elections.

437. Date and Time of Next Meeting – 15th March 2023 at 7.00 pm.

Agreed.

Meeting commenced: 7.00 p.m. Meeting finished: 7.39 p.m. Signed:

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