

BLAISDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Blaisdon Village Hall. Wednesday 14th June 2023 @ 7.00 pm

In attendance:

Cllr. Nicola Atkinson.

Cllr. Nathalie Mignotte

Cllr. Jane Spencer

Cllr. Richard Boyles.

Cllr. Tony Brady.

County Cllr. Philip Robinson.

Clerk. Jonathan Martin.

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

The welcome was given to all members present and attention was drawn to the location of the fire exits and the emergency evacuation procedure.

475. Apologies for absence.

There were no apologies received from District Councillor Simon Phelps.

476. Declarations of Interest & Public Forum.

There were no declarations of interest.

Public Forum.

Cllr Robinson gave a report on the recent events within the County Council. These included the additional grant of 4 million extra pounds from central government for road repair. This sum was on top off the already given 100 million pounds. So far 39 thousand potholes have been repaired, though many remain to be attended to. For local people who wish to report a pothole or other road damage, the county council automated website is the best mode to do this.

The Gloucestershire community speed watch scheme has been showing results in reducing speeding and other motoring offenses. 70 APR cameras have been set up and so far, 1 persistent offender has been fined. 1 individual has been prosecuted for using false plate on a stolen vehicle and another person has been prosecuted for an

undisclosed offense. 90% of people who received a written warning required no follow up action, suggesting that the warning was sufficient.

Tree planting season has concluded with a total of 130+ thousand new trees planted this season, out of a new total of 221 thousand of the million tree target for the County. It was asked how these trees were being issued out. It was a combination of private and public land receiving the trees, with differing species being given on request. These tree species being either native or imported types.

Cllr Robinson was thanked and leaves.

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

Councillor Spencer proposed Cllr Atkinson for the role. It was resolved that Cllr Atkinson become Chairman of Blaisdon Parish Council.

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

Councillor Atkinson proposed Cllr Spencer for the role. It was resolved that Cllr Spencer become Deputy Chairman of Blaisdon Parish Council.

479. To resolve on the co-opting of Mr Richard Boyles as Blaisdon Parish Councillor.

Resolved.

480. To resolve on the co-opting of Mr Tony Brady as Blaisdon Parish Councillor.

Resolved.

481. Minutes of Meetings 12th April and 24th May 2023 and matters arising.

Resolved.

482. To resolve on the completion of the Annual Governance Statement.

Resolved.

483. To resolve on the completion of the Annual Accounting Statement.

Resolved.

484. Clerk's Report and Correspondence.

The Clerk reported that recent queries on a member's declaration of interests had been resolved with a minor clarification given for District Council's records.

485. To acknowledge the receipt of the Precept for 2023-24 of £3,840.00

This payment was acknowledged with thanks.

486. Financial Report – April and May 2023.

Both reports were given with no issues present. The Clerk cited the various subscription payments that had been made.

The Clerk was instructed to update the Bank Mandate to remove the names of the departed signatories and add new ones if needed.

487. Invoice(s) for payment.

- **Blaisdon Village Hall hire. £50.00**
- **Website subscription fee. £160.00**
- **GAPTC subscription fee. £66.63**
- **Clerk Wages – April. 19hrs x £11.06 = £210.14**
- **Clerk Waged – May 19hrs x £11.06 = £210.14**

Resolved.

488. Any other urgent business.

The recent planning application for Sharon, Blaisdon Lane, for a Conversion of existing garage into home office/gym with decking and extension and alterations to existing workshop was discussed. It was deemed necessary to process this application here as the period for comments falls in between two meetings.

There was concern that the development may have been outside of the development boundary yet within the conservation area, this was unclear.

It was held that no extension of time to make comments was necessary as the Council had no objections comments to make on the application.

489. Date and Time of Next Meeting – 12th July 2023 at 7.00 pm

Agreed.

Meeting commenced: 7.00 p.m. Meeting finished: 7.50 p.m. Signed:

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