

## BLETCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bletchingdon Village Hallon Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7:30pm

**Present:** Cllr. A.K.Saunders (Chair), Cllr A. Jordan, Cllr. Mrs. M. Knight, Cllr R. Pirie, Cllr D. Ledger, County Cllr C. Griffiths & 1 member of the public

080/19 **Apologies:** Cllr M. Taylor, Cllr C. Lane

081/19 **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019:**  
The Minutes were approved by PC and signed by Cllr Saunders.

082/19 **Declarations of Interest:** None

083/19 **Progress with the stone path from Springwell to Station Road:** The Clerk had contacted Chris Grain of Highways for advice. In progress

084/19 **Plastic Path:** This is one of a number of items Cllr Saunders needs to discuss with the site manager at Duchy Fields. The path is now breaking up in places.

085/19 **Litter Bin:** Apologies from the Clerk as this has still not been installed.

086/19 **School Board of Governors:** Cllr Saunders has still not managed to make contact with the Chair of Governors following the appointment of a new LA governor.

087/19 **Councillor Priority Funding:** [Cllr Griffiths arrived during this item]The notice board has been received and is currently at The Clerk's house. The PC left the meeting room at this point (prior to Cllr Griffith's arrival) to view the land around the Co-Op (not yet opened) for best location. It was agreed that Cllr Saunders would also discuss this matter with Duchy Field site manager. The Clerk will put the additional £133.50 for engraved lettering onto the 2019/20 Councillor Priority funding application, meaning there is still £463.61 available. Cllr Griffith's informed the PC that the funding is for £2500 per year for two years, therefore there will actually be £2963.61 remaining. Possible items to add might be cost of refurbishing the Parish Notice board in the wall on Islip Road, bollards and a PC leaflet or improvements to website.

088/19 **Sewage Smell:** The Clerk reported that Thames Water continue to provide updates and that the latest news is that they are going to carry out a 4 week study using a probe inserted into the discharge drain. It is hoped that data may be received from this by the end May/early June.

089/19 **Picnic Bench:** This has now arrived and is currently in the Clerk's front garden. It is hoped that Mr McNaught will re-locate it in the recreation ground soon.

090/19 **Enforcement Update:** Cllr saunders reported that he had no further update as Heather Nesbit (CDC) had been on holiday.

091/19 **Speed Limit Change on Weston Road:** Following discussions had at last meeting the Clerk had asked for clarification on the PCs understanding of when a speed limit might be changed. James Wright (OCC Highways) responded asking for a plan of where the PC propose to extend the 30mph limit to. The Clerk has done this and awaits further instruction on how to proceed with an application to extend the 30mph limit to beyond the private road to The Stables.

092/19 **Annual Parish Meeting:** The Clerk had invited Chris Grain to attend this meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May, but he is unavailable that day. The PC considered changing the date to allow for the speaker to attend, however as other Cllrs were unable to make other dates it was agreed to keep with original date. Clerk to try to find another speaker

(Iain Hudspeth & Growth Deal were suggested) and to promote the meeting around the village.

093/19 **Reports from District & County Councillors:** Cllr Griffiths reported that the Growth Deal, which included the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway, were top of the agenda at OCC. The Conservative Council are happy with the Expressway because it is all to do with growth and development and it will improve the A34. Cllrs against the Expressway are agreeing with it provided it gets a Full Consultation. Route due to be decided about September 2019. Cllr Griffiths asked Cllr Saunders if they could meet site manager of Duchy Field together. Cllr Saunders to arrange meeting.

094/19 **Fix My Street:** The Clerk reported that there was very little outstanding on Fix My Street. Cllr Saunders expressed concern over potholes on Islip Road, which Chris Grain (OCC Highways) had said would be filled. The Clerk has already contacted Chris Grain about them as there is an outstanding pothole issue (not reported by PC) on Fix My Street too. Await response.

095/19 **Planning Applications:**

095a/19 **Applications Received:**

19/00088/TCA – Home Farm House, Islip Road – Various tree works. This was received after the last meeting, however consultation deadline was before this meeting. The application was passed to all on planning committee with all making ‘No Objection’

19/00621/F – Huckleberry Farm, Heathfield – Continued use of transportable building to be made permanent (retrospective). Consultation ends 8/5/19. Councillors discussed the application, with Cllr Saunders expressing dislike for yet another retrospective application, however there were no actual grounds to object. Cllr Griffiths assisted the discussions. It was agreed that a comment suggesting a time-limit be place on the use of a ‘transportable building’ as a condition if the application was permitted. Clerk to send response.

095b/19 **Application Withdrawn:** 19/00240/F – The Old Rectory, Weston Rd

096/19 **Finance:**

096a/19 Cllrs were asked to consider invoices for payment itemised on the payment schedule.

Cheque No	Payee and Reason	Budget	Minute Ref	Total Amount	VAT
101578 (10577 void)	R.Mcnaught	General Admin	This minute	£34.99	£5.83

The Direct Debit to BT is due to go out on or just after 23/04/19, bill not yet received.

096b/19 The Clerk reported that the bank reconciliation had been carried out as at 31<sup>st</sup> March and that everything balanced. A full report would be prepared for the Annual Parish Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May, however she stated that there was an actual bank balance in the current account of £32643.47 (after unbanked cheques are taken into account) with much of that being in the allocated funds for traffic calming and playground. The overall expenditure for the year was £19,772.47 with total receipts of £28,590.47.

097/19 **Kick Wall:** Cllr Jordan had started looking at this and hopes to present ideas at next meeting.

098/19 **Correspondence Received:** None received

**099/19 Items for information or next Agenda only - all items for next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

- The Clerk had not yet written to 21 St Giles to request that they do not park vehicles in such a way that the pavement is obstructed. Cllr Knight confirmed it was still causing a problem. Clerk to action.
- Clerk to check building regs regarding properties in the village where there is concern over building work, but also to confirm information to PC at next meeting.

**100/19 Date of Next Meeting:** to confirm the date of the next meeting as 23rd May 2019 at 7.30pm (a week earlier than usual due to half-term).

Meeting Ended : 8:55pm