

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BLAKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
10TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT THE READING ROOM, CHURCH STREET, BLAKESLEY AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr A. Cockerill (Chair), J. Reynolds, M. Gulliman, W. Stewart and P. Simons.
Also present Linda Paice, Parish Clerk and to members of the public.

1	2443	APOLOGIES were received and accepted from Cllr Burbidge (work commitment).					
2	2444	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS were noted.					
3	2445	No DISPENSATION REQUESTS had been received in advance of the meeting. A DECLARATION OF INTEREST was made by Cllr Stewart on items relating to the allotments. (Family association) Members were reminded of the REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS as and when necessary.					
4	2446	It was RESOLVED that MINUTES of the Meetings of the Council held on 9 th July and 6 th August 2019, having been previously circulated, be signed as a true record, in line with Standing Orders					
5	2447	ISSUES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHED TO RAISE –A representative of CC Town Planning spoke to the meeting on behalf of two Developers who were planning to submit an application on land off the Village Hall Road. He was thanked for attending and left the meeting. There was no report from the COUNTY or DISTRICT COUNCILLOR .					
		At this point the agenda was varied to bring forward item 8.6(d)					
6	2448	CO-OPTIONS TO THE COUNCIL – Two nominations had been received and following a vote by show of hands in line with Standing Orders Harry Hopewell was unanimously appointed to fill the vacant seat from the next meeting. The second candidate would be advised accordingly and made aware of a second opportunity to join the Council at the May 2020 forthcoming Elections					
7	2449	FINANCE –7.1a)It was RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:					
		Chq No	Amount	Incl VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
		300793	£1096.20 6.00) £1102.20		Linda Paice	Salary Expenses	LGA 1972 s112 LGA 1972 s111
		300794	£245.80		HMRC	Tax	LGA 1972 s112
		300795	£807.12	134.52	N J Blackwell	Mowing	Open Spaces Act
		300796	£57.60	9.60	DNH Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces Act
		300797	£1092.00	182.00	Greyhound Leisure	Safety surfacing	LGA 1972 s14
		300798	£11350.62	1891.77	Wicksteed Leisure	Play equipment - NHB	LGA 1972 s14
		300799	£552.00	92.00	Nick Burbidge Contracting	Cemetery gates repairs	Open Spaces Act
		300800	£20.00		SNAST	NHW subscription	Local Gov & Rating act 1997 s31
		300801	£240.00	40.00	PKF Littlejohn	Audit fee	Accs and Audit Regs
		300802	£11.93		Anglian Water	Allotment Water	Allotments Act
		300803	£1090.22	181.70	N. Burbidge	Works to cemetery gates	Open Spaces Act
		Direct	£81.10	3.85	SSE	Electricity	Highways Act
		Debit	£89.19	4.24	SSE	Electricity	Highways Act
		7.1b). It was further RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid under Financial Regulation 6.5					
		Chq No	Amount	Incl VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
		300804	£60.00		Mat Webber	Garden of Rest work	Open Spaces Act
		7.2 To note any RECEIPTS -£8.06 – Allotment water; LP Finn £40 -headstone. 7.3 The Council's bank balance at 19 th August 2019 was noted at £89556.89 7.4 A thank you from the Welcome Club for the Council's recent grant was noted and welcomed. 7.5 All queries raised by the Internal Verifier on the accounts to June 2019 had been clarified'					

		<p>7.6 The Statute of Limitation timescale having now lapsed, it was RESOLVED that the outstanding balance of £6000 against the works on the village hall carried out by Gates be returned to the Council's reserves.</p> <p>7.7 It was noted that the external audit of the accounts to March 2019 had now been completed and no issues raised.</p>									
8	2450	<p>8.1) The following PLANNING APPLICATIONS were considered:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Application No</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Comments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>S/2019/1541/FUL</td> <td>Fit garage door to existing garage opening at 9 Old School Lane</td> <td>No objections</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S.2019/1585/FUL</td> <td>Proposed site alterations to enable existing annexe to form an independent dwelling house with associated parking, turning and amenity space at the Annexe Old greyhound, 10 The Greens</td> <td>No objections</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>8.2 PERMISSIONS – The Windmill Quinbury End; Treeworks at both the Green and the Dower House. 8.3 REFUSALS – None 8.4 OTHER PLANNING ISSUES – a) Enforcement investigations being made on Poplars Farm were noted. b) Details from SNC on proposals to move towards Electronic Planning had been circulated. It was RESOLVED that the Council would consider such a move if the grant on offer could be used to provide each member with a Tablet, otherwise the decision would be to stay with the status quo. c) Consideration of issues raised by the landowner in relation to the road to the village hall will be considered at the next meeting once full investigations have been completed.</p>	Application No	Details	Comments	S/2019/1541/FUL	Fit garage door to existing garage opening at 9 Old School Lane	No objections	S.2019/1585/FUL	Proposed site alterations to enable existing annexe to form an independent dwelling house with associated parking, turning and amenity space at the Annexe Old greyhound, 10 The Greens	No objections
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9	2451	<p>REPORTS 9.1 PLAYING FIELD – a) Plans prepared by Phil Bates in relation to the proposed storage building were tabled and it was RESOLVED that he be instructed to proceed with a planning application for this. b) The Clerk would contact Sporting Blakesley about a branch taken from a tree at the side of the field and just left. c) A quote to replace the side gate to High Street would be sought.</p> <p>9.2 HIGHWAYS – a) Updates on previously reported issues were noted. b) No further issues were reported but it was noted that the gullies had been cleaned on the NCC cyclic programme. c) Further issues had arisen in relation to the proposed additional VAS on Maidford Road and positioning of the utilities now needed to be confirmed. It was RESOLVED that National One Call be contacted in this regard. d) Details of planned works on the Litchborough Road picked up from the County schedule recently received were noted. e) An update had been received regarding works to replace the damaged drain cover on Old School Lane.</p> <p>9.3 RIGHTS OF WAY – a) No issues reported.</p> <p>9.4 LIGHTS – No issues.</p> <p>9.5 BURIAL GROUND – a) N J Blackwell had been asked to address tree stump growth encroaching on a grave following contact by a resident and would be followed up.</p> <p>9.6 ALLOTMENTS - Cllr Burbidge had reported to the Clerk that the top of the additional land being taken over had been grubbed. There was a lot of soil and a further day's work was needed for which he quoted £300. It was RESOLVED that this be accepted as an extension to the original order for the works. He supplied a quotation for the proposed fencing along the side of the site including posts, rails and rabbit netting of £1100 and it was RESOLVED that this be accepted and an order placed. The difficulty of finding Contractors to do such work was highlighted but the Clerk as Proper Officer reminded members that best practice needed to be followed by seeking three quotations on future work. Removal of the hedge</p>									

		<p>and fence along the back of the Garden of Rest site was discussed and it was RESOLVED that this be removed and quotations sought for a post and single rail fence. A site plan would be needed by the Clerk.</p> <p>9.7 OTHER REPORTS – a)The replacement noticeboard was now in situ but the Clerk highlighted issues with the closing and locking mechanisms which were being addressed. b) The application to re-register the Bartholomew Arms as an Asset of Community Value had been submitted. c)The co-option to the Council had earlier been dealt with. d) The laying of a concrete base and installation of the donated seat in the Pocket Park was progressing and a formal order would be placed. e) The tree works at Barton Holme and had been satisfactorily completed and the area strimmed. Cllr Reynolds had already spread some wildflower seed and asked if the area could be given a second trim which the Clerk would put in hand. The issue of placing a picnic table on the area was again raised and the Clerk was asked to investigate costs. f) Notice had been received from SNC that the assets of Community Value registrations were coming to the end of their five year term and it was RESOLVED that these be resubmitted as soon as the Clerk’s work schedule allowed. g) The Chair put forward a suggestion for a Christmas Tree on the village green this year. After discussion it was RESOLVED that an electrician be contacted to quote to install a power supply to the site for the trees to be lit as an alternative. The Chair would progress this work. h) Arrangements would be made for the trees on both greens to be inspected with a view to assessing any cutting back works required.</p>
10	2452	<p>CORRESPONDENCE. – 10.1 Tabled and general correspondence was noted. 10.2. The SNC review of polling stations was noted and the Reading Room location would be confirmed. 10.3 Notice of the NCALC AGM had been received and Cllr Stewart agreed to attend on behalf of the Council.</p>
11	2453	<p>CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS –Northampton Town Centre Parking Proposal</p>
12	2454	<p>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA – None requested</p>
13	2455	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room,</p>

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm