

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

PRESENT: Cllr A. Cockerill (Chair), J. Reynolds, M. Gulliman, W. Stewart, P. Simons, N. Burbidge and H. Hopewell

Also present Linda Paice, Parish Clerk and three member of the public.

1	2468	No APOLOGIES were received all members being present.					
2	2469	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS were noted.					
3	2470	No DISPENSATION REQUESTS had been received in advance of the meeting. No DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST were made at this point. Members were reminded of the REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS as and when necessary.					
4	2471	Paperwork confirming Harry Hopewell as a CO-OPTED MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL was duly completed.					
5	2472	It was RESOLVED that MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held on 8 th October 2019, having been previously circulated, be signed as a true record, in line with Standing Orders					
6	2473	ISSUES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHED TO RAISE – A resident asked for an update on replacement of the small side gate at the playing field which was given. He also raised concerns about tree growth in the children's play area and Cllr Burbidge would check the position and report back to the next meeting. There were no reports from the COUNTY or DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.					
7	2474	FINANCE –7.1(a) The following payments made since the last meeting were noted:					
		Chq No	Amount	Incl VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
		300815	£193.00	32.17	Leisure Bench	Picnic table for Barton Holme	Open Spaces Act
		300816	Cancelled Cheque				
		300817	£126.80		HMRC	Tax	LGA 1972 s112
		300818	£72.00	12.00	DNH Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces Act
		300819	£143.52	23.92	N J Blackwell	Mowing	Open Spaces Act
		300820	£4223.26	703.88	Swarco	Vehicle activated sign	Highways Act
		300821	£78.00	13.00	Play Inspection Co	Play equipment inspection	LGA 1972 s14
		300822	£572.85) £ 18.20) £122.13) £864.91		Linda Paice	Salary Expenses Christmas lights	LGA 1972 s112 LGA 1972 s111 Open Spaces Act
		Direct Debit	£83.85	3.99	SSE	Electricity	Highways Act
		7.1(b)It was RESOLVED that the following payments be made:					
		Chq No	Amount	Incl VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
		300823	£560.39		Linda Paice	Salary	LGA 1972 s112
		300824	£124.60		HMRC	Tax	LGA 1972 s112
		300825	£12.07		Anglian Water	Allotment water	Allotments Act
		300826	£283.00		NCALC	Training	LGA 1972 s111
		300827	£46.75		Colin Stafford	Pocket Park expenses	Open Spaces Act
		300828	£106.41		Silverstone PC	Share admin costs	LGA 1972 s111
		300829	£600.00		Sycamore Property Maintenance	Mowing	Open Spaces Act
		300830	£57.60	9.60	DNH Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces Act
		Direct Debit	£89.19	4.24	SSE	Electricity	Highways Act

- 7.2 To note any **RECEIPTS** - None
 7.3 The Council's Bank Balance at 30th November 2019 was noted as £84405.70
 7.4 Budget information from NCALC was noted
 7.5 A draft budget for 2020-21 was considered and an updated version would be circulated for adoption at the next meeting
 7.6 Feedback from the report of the Internal Verifier has been circulated and all issues addressed.
 7.7 Changes had been made to the Council' Insurance cover to fall in line with the Council's asset register
 7.8 A revised draft Grants Policy would be circulated by Cllr Reynolds for consideration and adoption at the next meeting.
 7.9. Freezing by SNC of all grant applications for the time being was noted
 7.10 Details of the proposed bin store at the Village Hall would be passed to the Clerk for orders to be placed.

8	2475	8.1a) Responses submitted since the last meeting were noted as follows:												
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		8.2 PERMISSIONS – Storage barn on the playing field; treeworks on the green; Old Greyhound 8.3 REFUSALS – None 8.4 OTHER PLANNING ISSUES – a) Following receipt of correspondence from Mr Harvey and Cllrs Mrs Smallman comment would be made to SNC . b) No further update relating to Poplars Farm.												
9	2476	REPORTS 9.1 PLAYING FIELD –a)The planning application for the proposed storage building had now been determined and permission granted. Contractors would be asked to quote for the works on the specification of size as per the plan submitted to SNC, manually operated roller doors at both ends, concrete floor and personnel door with high standard security lock. Quotations to be fully itemised. Costs quoted would then determine the tender route in line with Local Government requirements. b) All issues raised in the play area annual inspection were designated as low risk and no actions were needed. c) A quotation from Nick Burbidge Contracting for replacement of the side gate leading to High Street on the playing field was noted and it was RESOLVED that this be accepted and an order placed.												

9.2 HIGHWAYS – a) Closure of the report on drain issues was noted. A details location map had been prepared by Cllrs Reynolds and Gulliman and a further response Highways would be made
 b) No further issues were reported.
 c) The Maidford Road VAS was now working.
 d) A quotation in the sum of £325.03 had been received for replacement of the village entrance sign on Maidford Road. It was **RESOLVED** that an order be placed.
 e) There appeared to be confusion in regarding to the recent request for consideration of a crossing by the school and Helen Howard would be asked for dates to arrange a further site meeting with the Chair.

9.3 RIGHTS OF WAY – a) Concerns about access along the right of way from Old School Lane to Quinbury End been reported and correspondence received back from the ROW Officer.

9.4 LIGHTS – a) No issues raised.
 b) Consideration of the power supply contract to 2024 would be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

9.5 BURIAL GROUND - a) The two quotations received for hedge and fence removal would be carried forward to the next meeting
 b) Nigel Blackwell had been asked to quote to cut back the inside hedge along Church Street where it was encroaching on graves and this would be followed up by the Clerk.
 c) The Funeral Directors would be asked to ensure that soil from grave digging was removed from the site.

9.6 ALLOTMENTS – Nothing further reported.

9.7 OTHER REPORTS – a) Nothing further to report on the allotments site.
 b) The picnic table for Barton Holme had been delivered to the Chair and he would advise the Clerk on the size of the slab base required.
 c/d) Tree works and Christmas lights on the green were in hand. The Chair would need to advise the Clerk of the street column number to which the supply was connected and the size of the lights being used in order to advise Western Power for billing purposes.
 e) The Bartholomew Arms had now been accepted by SNC as an Asset of Community Value and the registration was renewed.
 f) Following advice from NCALC, members were asked to advise the Clerk whether or not they intended to stand for re-election in May 2020.
 g) 2020 meeting dates were circulated and the May date drawn to members' attention. This due to different rules on May meetings in an election year
 h) A request from a resident for consideration of an EV charging point at the Village Hall would be followed up

10	2477	CORRESPONDENCE. – General correspondence was noted.
11	2478	CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS –NCC Draft budget link was noted.
12	2479	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA – None requested
13	2480	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room,
		There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm

