

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BLAKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9TH MARCH 2021 AT 7.30PM BY ZOOM CONFERENCE

PRESENT: Cllr A. Cockerill (Chair), J. Reynolds, M. Gulliman, W. Stewart, H. Hopewell and P. Simon
Cllr N. Burbidge join the meeting at 8.40pm due to a medical issue.
Also present Linda Paice, Parish Clerk

1	20/119	No APOLOGIES were received all members being present.					
2	20/120	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS were noted.					
3	20/121	No DISPENSATION REQUESTS had been received in advance of the meeting. DECLARATION OF INTEREST was made by Cllr Hopewell on Agenda item 7.5 relating to Village Hall Road issues as a family member of a joint landowner. A reminder was given on the REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS as and when necessary.					
4	20/122	It was RESOLVED that MINUTES of the Meeting of the Council held 9 th February 2021, having been previously circulated, be signed as a true record, in line with Standing Orders					
5	20/123	ISSUES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHED TO RAISE – No members of the public were present. There were no reports from with the DISTRICT or COUNTY COUNCILLORS					
6	20/124	FINANCE –124.1 It was RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:					
		Chq No	Amount	Incl VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
		300932	£588.05) £125.64) £10.17) £723.86		Linda Paice	Salary Expenses – Land Registry Expenses	LGA 1972 s112 Open Spaces Act LGA 1972 s111
		300933	£127.20		HMRC	Tax	LGA 1972 s112
		300934	£72.00	12.00	DNH Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces Act
		300935	£124.10		Greens Norton PC	Shared admin costs	LGA 1972 2111
		300936	£43.17		Ander Cockerill	Zoom charges	LGA 1972 s111
		300937	£552.00	92.00	2Commune Ltd	Website fees	LGA 1972 s111
		300938	Cancelled				
		300939	£744. 00		C J Bayliss	Noticeboard	Open Spaces Act
		300340	£1686.10	281.02	Playdale Playgrounds	Sanitisation station deposit	Open Spaces Act
		300341	£345.00		SNC	Balance of storage building planning fee	Open Spaces Act
		Direct Debit	£82.14	3.90	SSE	Electricity	Highways Act
		The cancellation of cheque 300938 was explained as a duplicated payment.					
		124.2 To note any RECEIPTS - £300 burial fees					
		124.3 The Council's bank balance at 28 th February 2021 was noted as £104,123.01					
		124.4 Details of receipts and payments to December 2020 had been previously circulated and queries raised explained. Insurance increases would be clarified.					
7	20/125	125.1It was RESOLVED that the following PLANNING APPLICATIONS be considered:					
		Application No	Details				
		S/2021/0321/TCA FOR INFORMATION ONLY	Lime Tree, Works: 1. Removal of tree root(s) from boundary wall. 2. Possible removal of tree root that may lay under the top soil that requires scrapping back to reduce the hump at the brow of the driveway. Area highlighted in red on the Plan outlines root nuisance				

			and the hump location that requires scrapping back at Briars Barn, 4 The Green
		<p>125.2 PERMISSIONS – Poplars Farm; 4B Old School lane – two applications</p> <p>125.3 REFUSALS – None</p> <p>124.4. OTHER PLANNING ISSUES – Information on the issues relating to ownership of the Village Hall road had been lodged with Andrew Gordon Solicitors in Towcester who had explained that there would be some delay before a response could be made.</p>	
8	20/126	<p>REPORTS 126.1 a) PLAYING FIELD – The fee for the amended planning application on the proposed STORAGE BUILDING had been made and SNC were now awaiting submission of the paperwork by Phil Bates.</p> <p>b) An update on repairs to the basket swing would be sought.</p> <p>c) The Clerk would pursue installation of the sanitisation station.</p> <p>d) A quotation had been received for replacement of the old dog waste bin in the sum of £96.80 plus VAT. It was RESOLVED that an order be placed.</p> <p>e) The Chairman had received a request for consideration of a skateboard ramp for the older children in the village possibly sited at the bottom of the field. The Clerk would gather information.</p> <p>f) Cllr Burbidge would be asked to give advice on a drainage issue in the centre of the field. It was thought that a drain may have collapsed.</p> <p>g) A resident had again raised concerns about the amount of dog waste on the field. The Chairman would move the bag dispenser currently on the field closer to where people actually walked.</p> <p>h) The field had been recently mowed and was looking good. A problem with moles would be followed up by the Clerk.</p> <p>126.2 HIGHWAYS – a) There were no update issues to report.</p> <p>b) There were no new highways issues reported .</p> <p>c) Cllr Burbidge was progressing village support for the installation of yellow lines on The Old Greyhound corner on High Street.</p> <p>d) Further concern was expressed about the erosion of the verge and footpath on the corner of the green. Cllr Stewart stressed the existence of utility services under the footpath which he considered to be at risk. The was RESOLVED that the Clerk set up a meeting with Cllr Ian Morris, Cllrs Mrs Sandie Smallman and Helen Howard of NCC Highways to find a way forward. Andrea Leadsom MP would also be invited to attend if she was available once a date had been determined.</p> <p>126.3 RIGHTS OF WAY – No issues reported</p> <p>126.4 No LIGHTING issues were raised.</p> <p>126.5 BURIAL GROUND - Cllr Gulliman was to repair the tap at the burial ground.</p> <p>126..6 ALLOTMENTS – No issues reported</p> <p>126.7 OTHER REPORTS – a) The podpoint was now full installed and being used but concern had been expressed regarding the distance from the Village Hall wall, access for wheelchairs being raised. Cllr Stewart would make contact with Podpoint and ask for their comments. printed with an initial notice of this meeting.</p> <p>b) After discussion it was RESOLVED that the tree issues be carried forward to the next meeting.</p> <p>c) The abandoned vehicle had now been removed following contact with the owners made by the Chairman.</p> <p>d) The additional noticeboard for the school had now been installed and keys passed to the Head Teacher. The Council retained a second set.</p> <p>e) The Clerk clarified that members stayed in seat until May 10th when a new Council would take over. The May Annual Meeting of the Council would be initially chaired by the current Chairman.. Cllr Cockerill.</p>	

		At the current time from May the meetings revert to being face to face and the Reading Room would not be a suitable venue if social distancing needed to be maintained. The Clerk had therefore made tentative enquiries for use of the Village Hall. f) Mrs Stewart had confirmed reservation of a free tree for the village green.
9	20/127	CORRESPONDENCE. – The Clerk sought assurance that members were addressing correspondence directly forwarded to them in order not to miss important issues. This was given.
10	20/128	CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS –None
11	20/129	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA – Fibre Broadband position for the village at The request of Cllr Stewart.
12	20/130	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 12th April 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom conference

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm

