

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BLAKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 2021 AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr P.Simon (Chair), J. Reynolds, M. Gulliman, H. Hopewell, N. Burbidge (joined at 7.40pm) and Cllr Mrs J. Stewart

Also present Linda Paice, Parish Clerk and one. Member of the public

1	21/18	No APOLOGIES were received all members being present.						
2	21/19	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS were noted.						
3	21/20	A DISPENSATION REQUEST had been received and granted for Cllr Hopewell allowing him to speak on item 19.ii) B relating to the village hall road issues. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST were made by Cllr Hopewell on item 19.(ii)B as a family member of the landowner and by Cllr Mrs Stewart in regard to item 18.6 relating to a grant application from the Allotment Association of which she was Chairman. A reminder was given on the REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS as and when necessary.						
4	21/21	It was RESOLVED that MINUTES of the Meetings of the Council held 13 th April and the Annual Meeting of the Council on 18 th May 2021, having been previously circulated, be signed as a true record, in line with Standing Orders						
5	21/22	Two nominations had been received for VICE CHAIRMAN for Cllr Burbidge and Cllr Reynolds. Cllr Reynolds was no longer willing to stand and as Cllr Burbidge was not yet present at this point the matter would be dealt with later in the meeting						
6	21/23	As no member came forward to be appointed as the Council's representative to the VILLAGE HALL , it was RESOLVED that for the time being Will Stewart be asked if he would act as the representative for the Council.						
7	21/24	It was RESOLVED that the Clerk be appointed RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER						
8	21/25	It was RESOLVED that the Council buy into the NCALC INTERNAL AUDITOR service for the year.						
9	21/26	It was RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs Stewart be appointed INTERNAL VERIFIER of the accounts						
10	21/27	Members of the Council having previously given consideration to the POLICIES OF THE COUNCIL currently in place, it was RESOLVED that these be readopted en bloc unchanged.						
11	21/28	A full explanation having been given and full criteria being met it was RESOLVED that the Council take up the GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE until the next Election in 2025						
12	21/29	It was RESOLVED that Cllr Peter Simon be appointed to oversee the PLAY EQUIPMENT and carry out weekly visual checks.						
13	21/30	Having been previously circulated to members, it was RESOLVED that the SPORTING BLAKESLEY AGREEMENT be renewed for a further year. The Clerk to arrangement completion with the group.						
14	21/31	Date of the MEETINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL were confirmed as the second Tuesday of each month other than August and December when there were no meetings, or such other dates as may be designated by the Clerk as necessary						
15	21/32	CO-OPTIONS TO THE COUNCIL – Mr Berrill was welcomed to the meeting as having applied for co-option to fill the current vacant seat and it was unanimously RESOLVED that he be appointed from the next meeting. The Clerk would make the necessary contact						
16	21/22 contd	At this point the APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN under item 21/22 above was considered. Cllr Reynolds having withdrawn it was RESOLVED that Cllr Burbidge be appointed to this post for the year						
17	21/33	ISSUES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHED TO RAISE – None There was no report from Cllr Charles Manners as the newly election WEST NORTHANTS UNITARY MEMBER for the Silverstone Ward who was not present.						
18	21/34	PLANNING –34.1 To note submission of the following comments since the last meeting: To consider the following APPLICATIONS:						
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WNS/2021/0490/TCA	Tree works at 10 Old School Lane FOR INFORMATION ONLY																																																	
WNS/2021/0632/FUL	Conversion of garage and tack room to residential unit at 12A Walnut Farm, Church Street	No objections																																																
WNS/2021/0701/LBC	Listed Building Consent to replace existing roof slates on Annex roof to match existing, after inspection roof rafters are in poor condition, woodworm and will need replacing and remainder will need treating as appropriate. While these works are being carried out, insulation will be installed to current building regulations at Kendal House, High Street	No objections																																																
<p>34.3 To note any PERMISSIONS received - None 34.4. To note any REFUSALS received - None 34.5 ANOTHER PLANNING MATTERS – Cllr Reynolds asked that clarification be sought on what plans were in hand for the tidying up of the yard at Poplars Farm which appeared to need attention. The Clerk would pursue this.</p>																																																		
19	21/35	<p>FINANCE – 35.1 It was RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Chq No</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Incl VAT of</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Power</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>300958</td> <td>£628.32) £ 16.71) £645.03</td> <td></td> <td>Linda Paice</td> <td>Salary Expenses</td> <td>LGA 1972 s 112L LGA 1972 s111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300959</td> <td>£141.00</td> <td></td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Tax</td> <td>LGA 1972 s112</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300560</td> <td>£72.00</td> <td>12.00</td> <td>DNH Contracts</td> <td>Dog bin maintenance</td> <td>Open Spaces Act</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300561</td> <td>£411.55</td> <td>68.59</td> <td>Sovereign Design Play Systems</td> <td>Swing repair</td> <td>LGA 1972 s14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300562</td> <td>£330.84</td> <td>55.14</td> <td>N J Blackwell</td> <td>Mowing</td> <td>Open Spaces Act</td> </tr> <tr> <td>300563</td> <td>£120.00</td> <td></td> <td>Mat Webber</td> <td>Burial ground maintenance</td> <td>Burials Act</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct Debit</td> <td>£96.06</td> <td>4.57</td> <td>SSE</td> <td>Electricity</td> <td>Highways Act</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>35.2 The Council's bank balance at 31st May 2021 was noted as £112,165.20 35.3 The Clerk reported that the bank mandate had been updated leaving Cllrs Simon, Gulliman, Burbidge and Reynolds as cheque signatories. 35.4 A Grant Application from the Allotment Association for a replacement mower had been previously circulated and after discussion it was RESOLVED that they present their quotations for various options within a £650 budget to the next meeting the grant being agreed in principle.</p>	Chq No	Amount	Incl VAT of	Payee	Details	Power	300958	£628.32) £ 16.71) £645.03		Linda Paice	Salary Expenses	LGA 1972 s 112L LGA 1972 s111	300959	£141.00		HMRC	Tax	LGA 1972 s112	300560	£72.00	12.00	DNH Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces Act	300561	£411.55	68.59	Sovereign Design Play Systems	Swing repair	LGA 1972 s14	300562	£330.84	55.14	N J Blackwell	Mowing	Open Spaces Act	300563	£120.00		Mat Webber	Burial ground maintenance	Burials Act	Direct Debit	£96.06	4.57	SSE	Electricity	Highways Act
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20	21/36	<p>REPORTS 36.i) A -PLAYING FIELD – a) sanitisation station was now fully working. b) The basket swing repair had been completed. c) Cllr Hopewell had circulated some information in relation to the skateboard ramp proposal. He was asked to obtain a firm quotation for a wooden version within the £6-£10k range and a desired location was identified which the Clerk would pursue with Foxley Trust. d) The Clerk would contact the Planning Officer for an update on the expected decision on the storage building planning. The full specification had now been finalised and Cllrs Burbidge and Gulliman would submit to the Clerk suggested companies to be approached to provide their quotation for sections or all of the project e) The Clerk would make further enquiries regarding measures available to control dog fouling in public areas especially in and around the enclosed play area. f) The Clerk would seek an update on the wildflower area at the bottom of the field.</p>																																																

		<p>g) A quotation from Greyhound Leisure regarding the breaking up of the safety surface in the enclosed play area. As further patching was not recommended it was RESOLVED that an order be placed for a full replacement in the sum of £5980</p> <p>36.2 HIGHWAYS – a) There were no update issues to report. The Clerk would seek an update on the replacement sign on Maidford Road. A blocked slot drain and manhole outside 23 Old School Lane would be reported. Ownership of the grit bin, which being placed very close to the school wall was causing problems, would be investigated. b) After lengthy further consideration of the land ownership issues and the positioning of the Village Hall Road it was RESOLVED that alternative Legal Advisor be sought prior to inviting the landowners to attend a PC meeting.</p> <p>36.3 RIGHTS OF WAY – The footpath from Old School Lane through to Quinbury End was gain very overgrown and virtually impassable.</p> <p>36.4 No LIGHTING issues were raised.</p> <p>36.5 BURIAL GROUND - Quarterly maintenance had been carried out and Cllr Burbidge was planning an annual risk assessment..</p> <p>36.6 ALLOTMENTS – No issues reported</p> <p>36.7 OTHER REPORTS – a) It was RESOLVED that the earlier decision on the siting of the elm tree on the village green should remain unchanged. b) There was still no progress on the tree issues in the Pocket Park and Cllr Burbidge would speak to the arboricultural company who he knows has looked at the site. The mowing contractor would be asked to add the grass verge along the roadside wall of the site to be added to the routine cutting. c) The Clerk would make further contact with Will Stewart regarding the latest position with Podpoint following his earlier feedback. d) The position on intermittent longterm parking on the Village Hall Carpark was clarified and would be monitored. e) Details of action under Delegated Powers had previously been circulated.</p>
21	21/37	CORRESPONDENCE. – Tabled and general correspondence was noted. Platinum Jubilee tree planting information would be raised again at the next meeting.
22	21/38	CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS –None
		<i>Pursuant to the public bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the sensitive nature of the matter next to be considered relating to the Clerk members of the public and press were asked to leave</i>
23	21/39	Information relating to the Clerk's Contract and annual salary review having been previously circulated and after consideration decisions were made and would be advise in writing.
23	21/40	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA – None raised
24	21/41	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm

