

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BLAKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM AT VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllr P.Simon (Chair), M. Gulliman, N. Burbidge, N. Berrill, T.Foster and Cllr Mrs J. Stewart

Also present Cllr Charles Manners, Unitary Member, Linda Paice, Parish Clerk and six members of the public.

1	21/96	<b>APOLOGIES</b> were received and accepted from Cllr Hopewell (away)					
2	21/97	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> were read and noted.					
3	21/98	i)No <b>DISPENSATION REQUESTS</b> had been received. ii) <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> were made by Cllr Stewart regarding the Allotments and a Platinum Jubilee proposal iii)A reminder was given on the <b>REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS</b> as and when necessary.					
4	21/99	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that <b>MINUTES</b> of the Meeting of the Council held 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2021, having been previously circulated, be signed as a true record, in line with Standing Orders					
5	21/100	<b>ISSUES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHED TO RAISE</b> – None presently raised. Cllr Charles Manners as the elected <b>WEST NORTHANTS UNITARY MEMBER</b> updated the meeting in regard to the WNC Budget highlighting a question to be clarified on savings which were anticipated with the amalgamation of three Councils in South Northants. Unfortunately the push to reverse the decision on charges for green bins had been unsuccessful and from April 2022 there would be a cost of £42 per bin per annum for any household wishing to continue its use. Christmas tree collection arrangements would remain unchanged across the board. He highlighted issues being experienced by residents in the path of HS2. There was an alert given to watch the strategic plan especially in relation to the call for site. The plan would now be for 15years as opposed to the original 20 years. Planning Permission had been given to the Tiffield Turn site and DHL, Podium Park, Woolgrowers field and land adjacent to Bell Plantation were still working their way through the planning system requirements. The need for residents to comment individually on all of these applications was stressed. WNC has now reinstated comments on planning applications onto their website. Cllr Manners was asked about his UM grant position which was explained. He was thanked for attending and giving his report.					
6	21/101	At this point the Chairman <b>RESOLVED</b> to vary the Agenda to bring forward item 8viii (b) on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and invited members of the public to join in. There followed lengthy discussion involving representatives from the School, Sporting Blakesley, the Church and a village group with a proposal for a scented flower garden on the edge of the playing field. There was agreement that all work together co-ordinated by Kate Bleazard and that the Clerk please be kept in the loop. The members of the public were thanked for their interest and for coming along to the meeting and left. It was later <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Parish Council plant an oak tree on the village green accepting a kind offer by Cllr Burbidge to donate this. All planting would be formally recognised with plaques of some kind and all events would be under the auspices of the Parish Council.					
7	21/102	<b>PLANNING</b> –102.1 There were no <b>APPLICATIONS</b> to be considered. 89.2 To note any <b>PERMISSIONS</b> received – None 89.3 To note any <b>REFUSALS</b> received - None 89.4 <b>ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS</b> -i) A circulated response from Cllr Berrill on the DHL application was agreed and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that it be submitted. ii) A further submission on the WNC Strategic Plan was noted.					
8	21/103	<b>FINANCE</b> –103.1a) Payment of the following accounts since the last meeting was noted –					
		Chq No	Amount	Incl VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
		301011	£44.00		NCALC	Training	LGA 1872 s 111
		301012	£90		SLCC	Share Clerk's membership	LGA 1972 s112
		Online	£1120.97	186.83	Europipes	Replacement for returned chq 30101 storage building works	LGA 1972 s14
		b) January 2022 authorised by Cllrs Stewart and Hopewell					
		Chq No	Amount	Incl VAT of	Payee	Details	Power

OL1/1	£1337.22 ) £27.90 ) <b>£1365.12</b>		Linda Paice	Salary inc re chq 300988 Expenses	LGA 1972 s 112 LGA 1872 s 111
OL1/2	£413.79		HMRC	Tax & NHI	LGA1972 s 112
OL1/3	£162.00	27.00	DNH Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces Act
OL1/4	£165.42	27.57	N J Blackwell	Mowing	Open Spaces Act
OL1/5	£31.49		Anglian Water	Allotment water	Allotments Act
OL1/6	£101.20) £151.00) <b>£252.20</b>		GNPC	Shared admin costs Wrongly deposited receipt	LGA 1972 s111 LGA 1972 s111
OL1/7	£120.20	20.03	Playdale Ltd	Hand sanitiser	GPOC
OL1/8	£817.34	136.22	C & W Knight	Stone for storage bldg base	LGA 1972 s14
OL1/9	£640.00		Sycamore Properties	VH and play area mowing	Open Spaces Act
OL1/10	£264.40	52.40	Arnold Thomson	Legal costs	GPOC
OL1/11	£100.00		GNPC	Addition error on OL1/6	LGA 1972 s111
Direct Debit	£86.58	4.11	SSE	Electricity	Highways Act

1b) It was **RESOLVED** that the following accounts be paid and the Chairman and Cllr Gulliman were asked to complete authorisation the next day.

Chq No	Amount	Incl VAT of	Payee	Details	Power
OL2/1	£661.56		Linda Paice	Salary	LGA 1972 s 112
OL2/2	£156.14		HMRC	Tax & NHI	LGA1972 s 112
OL2/3	£72.00	12.00	DNH Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces Act
OL2/4	£40.00		Information Commission	Data protection renewal	LGA 1972 s111
OL2/5	£1087.20	181.20	Tollers	Legal advice	GPOC
OL2/6	£38.00		NCALC	Training	LGA 1972 s111
Direct debit	£97.43	4.63	SSE	Electricity	Highways act

103.2 **RECEIPTS** – None

103.3 The Council's bank balance at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 was noted as £107232.27 with £21,539 of earmarked funds.

103.4 A quotation from N J Blackwell for mowing in the upcoming season was noted and it was **RESOLVED** that it be accepted. A quotation to add onto this for inclusion of mowing of the Village Hall road would be requested.

103.5 Following a circulation by the Clerk it was **RESOLVED** that from April 2022 the Council subscribe to a 5 year Edge IT Systems Package to keep the accounts with an initial set up fee of £134 followed by an annual discounted fee of £110.

9	21/104	<p><b>REPORTS</b> 104.1 -<b>PLAYING FIELD</b> – a) Work on the <b>STORAGE BUILDING</b> base was progressing.</p> <p>b) Planning Permission was still to be applied for on the <b>SKATEBOARD RAMP</b>. A possible person to submit the application was being progressed.</p> <p>c) Cllr Burbidge had looked at the tree issues raised by a resident of Bartholomew Gardens and confirmed that the tree was still viable. The resident would be advised that the Council had no issues with him removing any growth overhanging his property.</p>
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10	21/105	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE.</b> –i)Tabled and general correspondence was noted. ii) A request for metal detecting on PC owned land was noted but no suitable areas were available.</p>
11	21/106	<p><b>CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS</b> from WNC on Tree Policy and Bus Strategy were noted but no member considered that they had the knowledge or expertise to respond on behalf of the Council. WNC would be advised accordingly.</p>
12	21/107	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm</b> in the Village Hall</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm

