

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BLAKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019 AT THE READING ROOM, CHURCH STREET, BLAKESLEY AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllr A. Cockerill (Chair), J. Reynolds, P. Simon, N. Burbidge, M. Gulliman, W. Stewart and Cllr Ms K Nash. Also present Linda Paice, Parish Clerk.

1	2339	No <b>APOLOGIES</b> were received all members being present Cllr Ms Nash having joined the meeting at 7.50pm					
2	2340	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> were noted.					
3	2341	A <b>DISPENSATION REQUEST</b> on agenda item 8.2© had been granted to Cllr Reynolds. <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> was made by Cllr Reynolds on agenda item 8.29© as an affected resident. Members were reminded of the <b>REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE REGISTER OF INTEREST FORMS</b> as and when necessary.					
4	2342	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that <b>MINUTES</b> of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018, having been previously circulated, be signed as a true record, in line with Standing Orders					
5	2343	<b>ISSUES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHED TO RAISE</b> None There was no report from the <b>COUNTY or DISTRICT COUNCILLOR.</b>					
6	2344	<b>FINANCE – 6.1a)</b> Payment of the following accounts between meetings was noted:					
		Chq No	Amount	Incl'd VAT	Payee	Details	Spending power
		300722	£1000		CDS	Cemetery wall interim payment	Burials Act
		300723	£482		Planning Portal	PF building planning application	LGA 1972 s14
		6.1b) It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following accounts be paid:					
		Chq No	Amount	Incl'd VAT	Payee	Details	Spending power
		300724	£1081.54) £ 3.30) <b>£1084.84</b>		Linda Paice	Salary ) Training meeting expenses)	LGA 1972 s112
		300725	£217.00		HMRC	Tax	LGA 1972 s112
		300726	£72.00	12.00	DNH Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces Act
		300727	£116.34	19.39	N J Blackwell	Mowing	Open Spaces Act
		300728	£13.45		Anglian Water	Allotment water	Allotments Act
		300729	£234.00		NCALC	Bespoke training	LGA 1972 s111
		300730	£240.00	40.00	PKF Littlejohn	Audit	Accs & Audit Regs
		300731	£61.75		SLCC	Share membership fee	LGA 1972 143
		Direct Debit	£1429.73		PWLB	Loan repayment	LGA 1972 s14
		Direct Debit	£87.49		SSE	Electricity	Highways Act
		6.1c). It was further <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following payments be made under Financial Reg 6.5					
		Chq No	Amount	Incl'd VAT	Payee	Details	Spending power
		300732	£229.1	38.24	TBS	Burial ground	Open Spaces Act

		300733	£180.00	30.00	2Commune	Website training	LGA 1972 s111													
		300734	£57.60	9.60	DNH Contracts	Dog bin maintenance	Open Spaces Act													
		300735	£77.62		Silverstone PC	Share admin costs	LGA 1972 s111													
		<p>6.2 <b>RECEIPTS</b> – John White - £80 burial fee; Allotments Soc - £8.96 water</p> <p>6.3 The Council's bank balance at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 was noted as £89103.45</p> <p>6.4 Submission of the 2019-202 precept demand at £42.000 was noted.</p> <p>6.5 Notice of completion of the 2017-18 Audit had been received from PKF Littlejohn and all necessary actions had been taken. No issues had been raised.</p> <p>6.6 the Clerk updated members of the latest position with the New Homes Bonus ringfenced funds currently standing at £9942.14. Various possibilities had been highlighted and after consideration it was <b>RESOLVED</b> the funds be used to replaced the current multi use play equipment on the playing field with a Wicksteed Leisure unit on the existing footprint. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council try to sell the existing unit on a buy it and remove it basis thus saving the quoted costs for such removal. Any shortfall in required funding to be taken from the Council's reserves</p> <p>6.7 Contact from SNC regarding a CCTV/ANPR possibility had been circulated but no interest would be resgistered at the present time.</p>																		
7	2345	<p>7.1a) <b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b> - the following application responded to since the last meeting was noted:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Application No</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Comments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>S/2018/2564/FUL</td> <td>Single storey front and two storey side extension at 14 Old School Lane</td> <td>No objections</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>7.1b) the following <b>APPLICATION</b> was considered and comments would be submitted accordingly:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Application No</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Comments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>S/2018/2796/LBC</td> <td>Roof repairs/strengthening and partial recovering at The Priory Farmhouse, 17 Church Street</td> <td>No objections</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>7.2 <b>PERMISSIONS</b> – 47 Quinbury End, 1 Poplars Close, 4The Green, 22 Old School Lane and 1 Old School Lane.</p> <p>7.3 <b>REFUSALS</b> – None</p> <p>7.4 <b>OTHER PLANNING ISSUES</b> – i) Notice of Appeal had been received on 23 Church Street</p>						Application No	Details	Comments	S/2018/2564/FUL	Single storey front and two storey side extension at 14 Old School Lane	No objections	Application No	Details	Comments	S/2018/2796/LBC	Roof repairs/strengthening and partial recovering at The Priory Farmhouse, 17 Church Street	No objections	
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8	2346	<p><b>REPORTS</b> 8.1 <b>PLAYING FIELD</b> –a)The planning application for a new storage building had been submitted but was not currently showing on SNC website. The Chair would follow up on this.</p> <p>b) A decision had already been made on a replacement play unit from NHB funds under Finance.</p> <p>8.2 <b>HIGHWAYS</b> – a/b) There were no updates on previously reported issues and no further issues raised.</p> <p>b) A report from an arboriculturalist had been received and a quotation for the works requested at Barton Holme but none so far received. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk also take further advice from other Contractors. Registration of the piece of land with the Land Registry would be progressed.</p> <p>c) Contact had been made with the Chair by Mr Adams on Hillcroft View relating to the mowing he had been doing over many years but which is no longer felt able to undertake. The Clerk had asked the current mowing contractor to include this in his work and confirmation was awaited. A letter and token of gratitude in the form of a £100 Voucher would be taken to Mr. Adams.</p> <p>d) It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that for the time being no further VAS be progressed for the Maidford Road.</p> <p>8.3 <b>RIGHTS OF WAY</b> – No new issues raised.</p> <p>8.4 <b>LIGHTS</b> –a/b A faulty light on the corner of Quinbury End would be reported and no other issues were reported.</p> <p>c) After further consideration it was <b>RESOLVED</b> at that at the present time no action be taken to upgrade the village lights. Lights would be replaced as and when necessary.</p> <p>8.5 <b>BURIAL GROUND</b> - a)No further issues were raised but the Clerk would again check with</p>																		

		<p>N J Blackwell what progress had been made to date on management of the problematic growth and the hedge cutting.  Progress on the maintenance on of the Garden of Rest was being followed up.  b) Works continued on the cemetery wall, the actual poor condition of it being explained for the benefit of members  c) Repairs to the gates were still outstanding.</p> <p><b>8.6 OTHER REPORTS</b> – a) Progress on works to the allotment fence would be checked by the Clerk.  b) A quotation had now been received for replacement of the noticeboard in pressure treated timber. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the timber used should be oak and further quotations would be sought, Cllr Burbidge to provide details for a suitable contractor.  c) Following sale of the Bartholomew Arms, it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council apply for it to be re-registered as an Asset of Community Value  d) Further information would be sought on the previously minuted bus opportunity for the village.  e) Members gave feedback on the recent bespoke training session, some feeling that more interaction was desirable. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the clerk investigate the possibility of s bespoke session on Council Finance part informative and part interactive.</p>
9	2347	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE.</b> – 9.1 There was no tabled and general correspondence.  9.2 Confirmation of the postponement of the 2019 Elections was noted. Members would be serving a five year term instead of four.</p>
10	2348	<p><b>CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS</b> – A consultation from NCC on the 2019-2020 budget was noted members to look online.</p>
11	2349	<p><b>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA</b> – None requested</p>
12	2350	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> – <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 at 7.30pm</b> in the Reading Room</p>

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm