



Blockley Parish Council Minutes of Meeting

THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2024, 7PM, LITTLE VILLAGE HALL, BLOCKLEY,

Present: Jon Bryan (JB) chair, Clare Turner (CT) vice chair, Charlie Mackinnon-Little (CML), Chris Leach (CL)

Apologies: Tom Bradley (TB), Ellie Thorneycroft (ET)

Not present: Lynden Stowe

Minutes: Nikki Holt (NH) Clerk & RFO

Meeting opened: 19.00h

1. Apologies for absence received from Tom Bradley, Ellie Thorneycroft.
2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations for items on the agenda - CT /JB have children of age who could benefit from Youth Club
3. **Public Participation** - Meeting was suspended at this point to hear any representations by members of the public. Resident living near Keepers Cottage raised issue over untrimmed verge between village and houses on outskirts of village and possibility of creating a footpath to Northwick Mill. **ACTION:** NH will check with MO to see if this may be added to current workload current area to add o his work load or steve to cut further path Underneath there is a black mat originally. NH to contact Northwick Estates to ask if hedges may be cut back from Keepers Cottage to group of houses . Also speed of cars around S bend out of Blockley, CT updated BPC are looking to adopt 20's plenty campaign. **ACTION:** NH to discuss with highways potential for some traffic signage to reduce speed. NH to email resident with update. On conclusion of public participation, council business resumed.
4. **RESOLVED** to approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 20th June 2024 unanimous
 1. Matters arising – see appendix 1
5. **District Cllr & County Cllr Updates**

County Cllr – non provided
District Cllr – see appendix 2
6. **Finance: – Cllr Bryan**
 1. **RESOLVED** to approve Finance Report for 15.06.24 – 12.07.24 including bank reconciliation for June 2024 & detailing all accounts held by the council as circulated and shared prior to meeting. Unanimous
 2. **RESOLVED** to approve Transactions for period 15.06.24 – 12.07.24 as shared prior to meeting. Unanimous
 3. **RESOLVED** to approve BPC funding of a car park survey of SGH- details shared prior to meeting. Unanimous
7. **Planning: -**
 1. Review of current planning applications as shared prior to meeting. No comments
 2. NH updated council on progress of Aston Magna Bus shelter proposal, along with potentially Paxford. Awaiting quotes **ACTION:** NH to check any planning requirements and continue liaison with resident
8. **Youth & Recreation: Cllr Leach**
 1. Youth provision for September 2024 onwards No applications yet. **ACTION:** CL & NH to chase businesses that expressed an interest in tendering **ACTION:** CT to talk to Jackie Wright communities CDC – youth worker locally & look into CYN network.
 2. Update on Summer Camps – Cllr Thorneycroft **ACTION:** CT to discuss with ET to open it up to other nearby parishes.
9. **Burials: - Cllr Leach**
 1. Artificial Flowers in Cemetery policy discussed, enforcement could be an emotive issue. Monitor for time being.
 2. **RESOLVED** to approve construction of a new composting bin and rubbish collection area. Budget up to £1000k **ACTION:** CL to produce plan & get materials to build with JB & CML & possibly MO
10. **Community:**
 1. Feedback on Better Living in the Country Expo was shared
 2. **RESOLVED** to adopt '20's Plenty' motion: **BPC Supports the 20's Plenty for Gloucestershire campaign: Calls on Gloucestershire County Council to implement 20mph in Blockley Parish; and Will write to Gloucestershire County Council to request 20mph speed limits on streets throughout Gloucestershire where people live, work, shop, play or learn, with 30mph as the exception on those roads, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit.** Unanimous. **ACTION:** CT to update the 20's plenty campaign to confirm that the motion was passed and to write to County (as set out in Motion).
 3. **RESOLVED** to approve, in principle, the concept of establishing a timebank if external funding can be secured (without prejudicing any future consideration of BPC funding to support the initiative). Unanimous
 4. Greenway Road Speedwatch Camera re-siting of pole request being actioned. **ACTION:** JB/NH To decide new location and progress with following residents' consultation.
11. **Environmental Sustainability WG: - Cllr Turner update**
 1. Water Testing: CT advised there is potential interest to set up a community group. **ACTION:** To be added to next ESWG meeting agenda.
12. **Clerk's Highlights – as shared prior to meeting.**
13. **To receive Parish Councillors' reports on matters not on the agenda**
 1. Bowls Club – update on current situation
 2. Friendly Faces Café at Northwick Park – The Watsonian – **ACTION:** CT & NH to get together list of community information

"Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, political persuasion, profession, education, place or length of residence, marital status and any disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights"

3. Tree Survey – to review **ACTION:** NH to share with JB CT

Bank:

Current Account Balance: £114,285.40

Instant Access Account Balance: £119,459.07

Total £233,744.47

Adjusted Bank Balance considering unrepresented payments and receipts Total: £233,744.47

The bank was last reconciled to the 30th June 2024

Income:

£650 J.Sullivan Burial fees

Expenditure: NB: YTD £1765 of grants awarded in 23-24 have been paid 24-25

View Transaction report (as to be minuted) for all transactions over reported period. Of Note:

Sam Groves Jubille Hall wall toppers: £550

Dorn Hill, approved mower investment from June 24: £2,505 net

Notes:

Reserves transfer proposal pending September 24: 23-24 surplus minus mower & pending surveys (SGH parking & churchyard monuments): £36,823.12 - £2505 (mower), -£905 SGH survey, - £TBC Churchyard Survey.

Survey of SGH car park: “to look at those 3 options below and do some drawings to show the art of the potentially possible, we would need a day’s time for one of our architects and also to download some OS data”, £950 +Vat.

1: remarking of current space incorporating the EV bays

2: reclamation of the grass strip along the hedgerow (gives additional space) - <https://w3w.co/showcases.harmlessly.wished>

3: accommodated separate entrance/exit

Goal is to maximise capacity & safety – considering efficiency of use and scalability of on-site activities.

BPC Transaction Report 15.06.24- 12.07.24

12-Jul-24	J M Sullivan Ltd t	650	108112.77	closing balance
11-Jul-24	B/P to: SLCC	-229		
11-Jul-24	B/P to: Inspire to Aspire	-1033.5		
11-Jul-24	B/P to: Dorn Hill Machine	-3006		
11-Jul-24	B/P to: Mr Steven Woods	-24.3		
11-Jul-24	B/P to: Thomas Fox L'scape	-2400		
11-Jul-24	B/P to: Cloudy Group Plc	-129.83		
30-Jun-24	Service Charge	-28.65		
27-Jun-24	B/P to: Mrs NC Scott	-30.59		
24-Jun-24	Direct Debit (GRUNDON WASTE MANA)	-62.26		
20-Jun-24	B/P to: Sam Groves	-550		
20-Jun-24	B/P to: R A Dunn	-45		
17-Jun-24	Direct Debit (LLOYDS BANK PLC)	-3	115001.9	opening balance

Meeting closed: 21.12h

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 19thSeptember 2024, Draycott Mission

SIGNED CHAIR: _____ **DATE:** _____