

BISHAMPTON AND THROCKMORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023 at 7.00pm at
The Ockenden Suite, Bishampton Villages Hall, Bishampton

Present: Cllrs Boocock (Chair), Davis, Hodgkiss, Poulter, Tucker and Wood

In attendance: County Cllr Boatright, District Cllr Tucker and Julie White, Clerk

Before the meeting commenced, John Duddington, independent Chairman of the local accreditation panel, presented the Parish Council with the official award certificate for the Local Council Award Scheme's Foundation Award.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Amoroso, Argyle and Rolls

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

- a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. **None**
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. **Cllr Boocock declared in interest in Item 9.1 as the quotations that have been received are from an immediate neighbour. Cllr Boocock also declared an interest in Item 8.1 (planning application 22/02754/OUT – Land at Babylon Lane), as he lives close to the location of the planning application. Cllr Boocock refrained from voting on either item.**
- d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011). **None**

Adjournment for Public Question Time

Rodney Hodgkins attended the meeting and enquired about the cycle path opposite Travis Perkins on Wyre Road which has still not re-opened. Cllr Boatright said that there is a dispute with the original landowner and Worcestershire County Council who are the new landowner. Cllr Boatright confirmed that the matter is now with the legal department.

Rodney also mentioned the forthcoming elections in May and recommended that people should be encouraged to put themselves forward to join the Parish Council. Suggested ways to encourage new Councillors were via a leaflet drop or to draw up a list of potential likely candidates and invite anyone who may be interested to a social evening where they could learn more about it.

Rodney was thanked by the Chairman for his input.

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 9th January were proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Boocock. Cllr Poulter seconded the proposal. All were in favour, so The Chairman signed the minutes.

4. **District and County Councillors' reports**

County Councillor Boatright gave the following report:

- Cllr Boatright distributed letters for signing to support the proposal to classify the Throckmorton Airfield site as an ancient monument. These letters will be sent to The Department for Culture, Media & Sport who will pass the letters on to English Heritage.
- 2% of the proposed 5% Council Tax increase will go towards social care.
- There is still no news on the metal handrail at the culvert in Babylon Lane.
- The broken fencing at the ditch in Throckmorton has now been repaired.
- Cllr Boatright is still trying to ascertain if the road, pavement or both in Green Leys are to be resurfaced.

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District Councillor report:

District Councillor Tucker gave the following report:

- Cllr Tucker said that there are two potentially contentious planning applications being considered at tonight's meeting:
The first one is the outline application in Babylon Lane for the construction of 3 dwellings where there are a number of reasons why this is unsuitable e.g. flooding and the fact that the application lies outside of the village boundary.
The second application is for the extension of hours at Vale Carp Fishery.
- Wychavon District Council is not increasing Council Tax again this year.
- There is to be briefing on the 5-year land supply and any information gleaned will be passed on.

Cllr Boocock asked if there was any update on the Wychavon Design Code which was queried at the last meeting. Cllr Tucker said that she looked at it and it just appears that you look at a picture and decide if you like the look of it or not, but other than that there is no further information.

Cllr Charles Tucker listed our Planning Officers, noting there were 2 vacancies:

Sean Herbert -Development Manager North	Gemma Smith -	Principal Planner
Emma Bailey -	Principal Planner	Charlotte Barry -
Jay Singh -	Principal Planner	Frances Fleming -
		Assistant Planner

5. Finance

- 5.1 The bank reconciliation had been previously circulated and was unanimously received and accepted.
- 5.2 The Payments & Receipts list had been previously circulated and was received and accepted. All the payments were approved (appended to the minutes). Proposed by Cllr Boocock and seconded by Cllr Poulter. All in favour.

6. Progress Reports – for information and discussion

Item	Description	Responsible
a)	Community Bus Scheme – Cllr Tucker reported that the expectation is that the deadline will be extended into April. Businesses, schools etc are still being approached. People are being encouraged to pledge, even just £1.	CT
b)	New VAS sign in Throckmorton – The Clerk confirmed that the money for 50% of the cost has been approved and is expected in the bank account shortly. The licence has been issued by Barry Barnes at Highways and he has agreed to replace the post at no cost to accommodate the new VAS sign.	JW

7. Items for consideration

- 7.1 **Shorthorn Wood – working with Pershore College** – Cllr Tucker reported that Pershore College is keen to work at Shorthorn Wood to train and assess students. Cllr Wood enquired if Pershore College would be able to carry out work in the nature reserve too and Cllr Tucker said that this may be possible. Everyone was happy with the collaboration and fully supported it. Cllr Tucker said that this arrangement should take away the need for chainsaw training at Shorthorn Wood, but brush cutter training will be necessary before the Summer. Cllr Tucker to investigate courses and prices.
- 7.2 **Approval of Lengthsman's new hourly rate from £15 to £20 from April** – Cllr Boocock proposed that the price increase is accepted, seconded by Cllr Poulter. 4 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

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The Clerk was asked to speak to the County Council to see if there is any guidance re the fees that the Lengthsmen charge.

- 7.3 **A Community Buy Scheme for solar power.** A new scheme by Worcestershire County Council was highlighted by Cllr Boocock. Registering will not commit you to anything. Cllr Boocock proposed that Parish Council properties are registered. Seconded by Cllr Poulter. All in favour. It was also unanimously agreed that the scheme should be publicised to the community via Facebook and the website.
- 7.4 **A training course on election procedure (£25)** – Cllr Boocock proposed that the Clerk attends this course. Seconded by Cllr Poulter. All in favour.
- 7.5 **Plans for the King’s Coronation** - Cllr Wood reported that the Monday following the Coronation is to be a day of volunteering. Plans are being formulated for work in the churchyard, village hall and footpaths, together with litter-picking around the parish. The PCC is planning to hold a community lunch at the church. Cllr Wood is happy to co-ordinate the event. The Clerk was asked to obtain more litter-picking equipment for the event. All Cllrs were in favour of supporting this initiative. Ideas for events in Throckmorton and Tilesford were also invited.

8. Planning

8.1. The following new planning applications were considered.

Address	Reference	Description	Comment
Land at (OS9869 2131) Babylon Lane, Bishampton	22/02754/OUT	Outline application with all matters reserved bar access for the construction of 3 no, dwellings	Objection
Evesham Vale Carp Fishery, Broad Lane, Bishampton	23/00072/FUL	Variation of Condition 8 following a grant of planning permission 21/02985/FUL – change of use of fishing lakes to recreational use and for the siting of two containers in association with the recreational use.	Comments re lighting concerns, impact on the local amenity, noise.
Hill Grove, Abberton Road, Bishampton	23/00103/HP	Construction of single car garage at front of property	No Objection
Huntsman Cottage, Broad Lane, Bishampton	22/02703/HP	Single storey extension	No Objection

8.2. The following decision notice was noted:

Decision	Reference	Description	Comment
Approved	22/01892/FUL	Solar Farm off Broad Lane, Bishampton – variation of conditions 2 and 4-12 on permission 20/02071/FUL	No Objection

9. Progress Reports: Properties

Item	Description	Responsible
9.1	<p>a) Dolphin Ongoing maintenance issues: Paul Tank has given 5 quotes, the first 3 relating to the roof at The Dolphin and the last 2 relating to the outbuildings. These quotes had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman pointed out that there is no requirement for alternative quotes but asked if the Parish Council felt that further quotations</p>	JGB/JW

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should be obtained. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that further quotations would not be necessary. Councillor Poulter proposed that all 5 of the quotations were accepted with priority given to quotes 1,2 & 3 which relate to the Dolphin roof. Cllr Hodgkiss seconded the proposal. 5 votes in favour. Cllr Boocock abstained from voting.

9.2 **b) Shop**

Cllr Boocock reported that he had met with the Tenant who is happy with the proposed increase, and he thanked the PC for its ongoing support.

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9.3 **c) Housemartins Flat**

The boiler broke down again and the contractor is now recommending that an oil lifter is fitted at a cost of £2140 plus VAT. The PC is currently disputing the charge for the second callout and further opinions over the need for an oil lifter are being sought.

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10. Correspondence for Information (circulated prior to the meeting).

The list of correspondence received was noted.

11. Clerk's report:

- The playground inspections have been booked.
- Cllrs Davis and Boocock are now set up as Lloyds Bank signatories.

12. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:

- The strimming at Shorthorn Wood has been carried out satisfactorily.
- Bish Bosh Bash will be at the Villages Hall this year. Cllr Wood passed on the thanks of the Committee for the approved grant which is to be paid in April. The Clerk to see about grass cutting prior to the event.
- MagPost for the Nature Reserve – next agenda
- Purchasing bird boxes for Shorthorn Wood – next agenda
- Preparation for the election – next agenda
- Improvement projects – next agenda
- Crack in the Dolphin outbuilding – next agenda

13. Date of next meeting: - The next Parish Council meeting will be held on:

Monday 6th March in The Parish Room, Throckmorton at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 21:16

Signed

Date

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Bishampton & Throckmorton Parish Council - February Payments

Bank Balances as at 31/01/23	Amount	Interest
Lloyds Deposit	14,065.61	6.01
Lloyds Current (01289157)	19,293.60	
Lloyds Ounce deposit	6,502.33	2.33
Totals	39,861.54	

Authority to pay	Description	Nett Amount	VAT	Total	Cost code	Invoice No
J White	Salary	736.00	0.00	736.00	1	n/a
J White	monthly allowance	17.50	0.00	17.50	2	n/a
J White	mileage	9.00	0.00	9.00	2	n/a
Smartcut	grounds maintenance	266.25	53.25	319.50	25	19089
Carl Brassington	Lengthsman Duties	135.00	0.00	135.00	31	n/a
Mossman	strimming in Shorthorn Wood	420.00	0.00	420.00	33	922
Gardening Club	grant approved last month	303.11	0.00	303.11	34	Cil money
*Worcs CALC	Election training course	25.00	0.00	25.00	8	
Ionos	webhosting	7.00	1.40	8.40	9	DD
Ionos	website content management	7.00	1.40	8.40	9	DD
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