

BISHAMPTON AND THROCKMORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th June 2023 at 7.00pm The Ockenden Suite, Bishampton Villages Hall

Present: Cllrs Boocock (Chair), Amoroso, Davis, Giel, Hodgkiss, Wallace. Cllr Tucker arrived at 19.49
In attendance: County Cllr Boatright, District Cllr Tucker (both arrived at 19.49) and Julie White, Clerk

The chairman opened the Meeting.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr 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.

Cllrs Boocock and Amoroso declared an interest in Item 7 - Planning application W/23/00933/PIP as they both live near to the site. Cllr Boocock shares a boundary with the site.

- d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011).

Cllr Boocock requested a dispensation to participate in discussions but not to vote on Planning application W/23/00933/PIP as he knows a lot of the history of the site and reasons under pinning previous refusals. The Council considered Cllr Boocock's request for dispensation and all voted in favour of granting it.

Adjournment for Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

3. Minutes: It was proposed by Cllr Boocock and seconded by Cllr Wallace that the minutes of the Annual Meeting on 22nd May were a true and accurate record. All in favour. The Chairman signed the minutes.

4. District and County Councillors' reports. As neither had arrived yet due to being at another meeting, the Chair varied the order of the agenda and their reports were given before Item 7.

County Councillor report:

- There is a cycle event planned for July 9th.
- The new analysis of traffic in Long Lane is being processed.
- Cllr Boatright is pursuing the Council about the developer led review of the A44 corridor and B4084.
- Cllr Boocock asked that the bridge over the culvert in Babylon Lane and the resurfacing of the road in Green Leys isn't forgotten.

District Councillor report:

- Cllr Tucker had no report but asked the parish council if it would like her to ask for the outline planning application for 3 houses at the bottom of Babylon Lane to go to Planning Committee. It was unanimously agreed that if it is possible this application should be heard by the Planning Committee.

5. Finance

- 5.1. The Internal Audit report had previously been made available and attention was drawn to 2 minor items. Cllr Boocock proposed that the report was accepted. Seconded by Cllr Amoroso. All in favour.
- 5.2. The dates for the notice of Exercise of Public Rights were agreed as June 12th – July 21st. All in favour.

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- 5.3. The Annual Governance Statement has been previously circulated. Cllr Boocock proposed that the statement is signed. Seconded by Cllr Hodgkiss. All in favour. The Statement was duly signed.
- 5.4. The Statement of Accounts on the Annual Return had been previously circulated. Cllr Boocock proposed that the figures are accepted and the statement is signed. Seconded by Cllr Davis. All in favour. The Statement of Accounts was signed.
- 5.5. The bank reconciliation for May had been previously circulated. All were in favour of accepting it.
- 5.6. The list of May receipts and current payments was received. The Clerk noted that the figure for Cllr Wallace's training course should be £30 plus VAT and not £15 as stated on the list. With this amendment, Cllr Boocock proposed that the payments were approved en bloc. Seconded by Cllr Wallace. All in favour. The list of payments is appended to the minutes.
- 5.7. Following discussion concerning maximising the interest generated by the council's accounts, it was agreed that the clerk should be authorised to transfer funds between current and deposit accounts, as required to maintain a working balance up to £15,000 in the current account (in respect of loan repayments). Proposed by Cllr Davis and seconded by Cllr Amoroso. All in favour.

6. Items for consideration/approval

- 6.1. Cllr Amoroso presented the Welcome Packs for new residents of the parish. Everyone was impressed and thanked Cllr Amoroso for all her hard work. It was agreed that councillors should let Cllr Amoroso know if they are aware of anyone new moving into the village. Cllr Boocock will also put a notice on the website.
- 6.2. Cllr Amoroso has not yet been able to find out the price of the Windfallen Tree course, so this item was deferred until the next meeting. Cllr Amoroso will pass on the details of the course to the Clerk so that the insurance details can be checked.
- 6.3. Cllr Amoroso agreed to attend BATVHC meetings as the parish representative for a trial period. The clerk to let Bev Churchill know and ask her to forward details to Cllr Amoroso.
- 6.4. Planning team. Cllr Hodgkiss volunteered to join the planning team and Cllr Boocock said that he would also join pro temps.
- 6.5. Discussion took place about whether a bench should be bought to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II or to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Ideas discussed were a new tree bench to replace the existing one in Babylon Lane or a new 3-seater bench for a site to be agreed. Other included ideas included refurbishing the existing tree bench and putting an engraved slab in the ground. The use of CIL money was also suggested. After discussion it was agreed that more prices and options should be bought to the next meeting. Councillor Davis will chase a price to refurbish the tree bench.

Councillor Charles Tucker and District Councillor Liz Tucker and County Councillor Dan Boatright arrived during this item at 19.49.

- 6.6. Cllr Boocock said that the parish council could apply for a grant from the Wychavon Legacy Fund and suggested that there could be the potential for amalgamating the Men In Sheds Scheme with the Community Pottery and Crafting centre. A debate then took place and included questioning if there would be support for such a scheme, the sustainability beyond the initial funding, where would it be sited? It was also suggested that such a scheme should be led by the community and not the parish council. A further suggestion felt that a sporting venue may be more relevant to a leaving a legacy.

It was agreed that further exploration is required and a survey of villagers should be conducted. Councillor Boocock will prepare a proposal for a community survey for the next meeting.

7. Planning

Reference	Description	Comment
W/23/00933/PIP	Land at (OS9876 5123) Nightingale Fields, Bishampton	Cllr Boocock outlined the planning history of the site and Cllr Tucker led the debate that followed. Cllr Tucker proposed that the Parish Council objects to the proposal. Seconded by Cllr Hodgkiss.

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		<p>It was agreed (Cllr Boocock abstained) to Strongly object to this application. A planning objection will be put in which will include the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the change of use of the land from agricultural would open the door for future large-scale development.• the land is an important green space within the village and should be preserved.• the impact on the neighbouring Grade II listed building• the nuisance problems of being by a working farm.• ecology reasons due to great crested newts, TPO on the site, flooding issues.• Public right of ways on the site• Site falls outside the development boundary.
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8. Properties

Item	Description	Responsible
a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dolphin cracks in outbuilding – no further feedback from the insurer.	JGB/MD

9. To note items of correspondence

The clerk highlighted the following items of correspondence:

9.4 – Johnsons re the Reposit Scheme.

9.6 - An email which had just been received from the Villages Hall regarding insurance

10. Clerk's report

- All Councillors have now signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office
- Update following a recent virtual briefing by the Local Government Boundary Commission concerning an electoral review for Worcestershire.
- Lloyds Bank – official complaint re-opened re failure to change the address of the statement of one of the accounts.

11. Councillors' reports and any items for future agenda

- Cllr Boocock said that the vacancy for a parish councillor should be advertised.
- Future agenda – Brian Young to undertake the Windfallen Tree course.

12. Date of next meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on

Monday 3rd July in The Parish Room, Throckmorton at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 21:10

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Bishampton & Throckmorton Parish Council - June Payments

Bank Balances as at 31/05/23	Amount	Interest
Lloyds Deposit	14,096.33	8.01
Lloyds Current (01289157)	33,269.85	
Lloyds Ounce Deposit	6,516.53	3.70
Totals	53,882.71	

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	306.18	61.24	367.42	25	19744
Smartcut	amount omitted from last month's invoice	0	7.99	7.99	25	19520
Carl Brassington	Lengthsman Duties	200.00	0.00	200.00	31	May-23
BATVHC	Room hire - Feb	15.00	0.00	15.00	6	651
BATVHC	Grant	300.00	0.00	300.00	30	n/a
Myriad Business Services	Internal Audit	220.00	0.00	220.00	4	3167
Worcs CALC	Cllr Wallace training	30.00	6.00	36.00	8	awaiting invoice
PWLB	Shop loan	5299.28	0.00	5299.28	20	DD
Cllr Amoroso	Reimburse - welcome packs presentation folders	127.00	25.40	152.40	3	633259
Zurich	Annual insurance	2342.00	0.00	2342.00	4	523911957
Parish Magazine Printing	Newsletter	109.38	0.00	109.38	3	10189
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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