

BISHAMPTON AND THROCKMORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd October at 7.00pm held in The Parish Room, Throckmorton

Present: Cllrs Boocock (Chair), Davis, Giel, Hodgkiss, Tucker and Wallace

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

The chairman opened the Meeting.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Amoroso 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. **None**
- d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011). **None**

Adjournment for Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present, so the meeting was not adjourned.

3. Minutes: It was proposed by Cllr Boocock and seconded by Cllr Davis that the minutes of the meeting on 4th September were a true and accurate record. All in favour. The Chairman signed the minutes.

4. District and County Councillors' reports.

County Councillor report:

- **The phone mast at Nightingale Farm** - Cllr Boatright has spoken to Nigel Huddleston MP who is going to speak to his team to find out the position. Cllr Boatright has also spoken to the Broadband Team at County Hall. There are a lot of factors contributing to the delay in replacing the mast including land ownership, contractors and equipment being diverted to other sites. Things are moving slowly, but the more that people complain the better.
- **Visibility Fence in Throckmorton** – Cllr Boatright reported that Highways has no issue with the visibility fence as there is no threat to life. Cllr Boatright said that there has been an obvious change of approach by Highways lately.
- **Culvert, Babylon Lane** – The metal railings have been reordered as the original ones were fitted at the wrong site. Cllr Boocock reported that the upper rail has now collapsed.
- The road heading north out of Bishampton has been resurfaced.

Cllr Boatright then invited questions. Cllr Hodgkiss reported a large vehicle in Tilesford which needs to be moved. Cllr Boatright will alert HMRC as this is on the land under the control of the Receiver.

Cllr Boatright was also asked about the SWDPR. He said that he is still reading through the documents, but there is a lot of archaeological information on the airfield and developers don't seem keen to take on the contaminated land.

District Councillor report:

- **Planning** – Cllr Tucker confirmed that the planning application for Nightingale Fields (W/23/00933/PIP) will be heard by the Planning Committee in October. The application for Babylon Lane (W/22/02754/OUT) is not going to Planning Committee in October as there is a chance that the site may be outside the settlement line and therefore could be refused.
- **Residents' Survey** - Cllr Tucker encouraged people to complete Wychavon District Council's Residents' Survey. Cllr Boocock confirmed that details have been placed on www.Batpc.org.uk

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- **Throckmorton Airfield** - Cllr Tucker updated the Parish Council on the court cases involving Mr Bruce
- **Verge Sweeping** - Cllr Tucker asked if the verge sweeping had taken place as promised. The Clerk to check with the Lengthsman.

5. Progress Reports for Information and Discussion

- 5.1. Wychavon Legacy funding – results of community survey. Cllr Boocock had previously presented the final figures of survey with no significant changes from the figures presented at September's meeting. There is now a mandate to progress.
- 5.2. The Help Out Volunteer Day was discussed, and it was noted that there had not been any uptake from the newsletter. A notice will be posted on Facebook to try and garner some support.
- 5.3. Community Bus service. Peopleton PC has expressed an interest in joining forces and in the first instance suggested that we contact Pershore Volunteers. A response from Pershore Volunteers is awaited.
- 5.4. Chainsaw course for Brian Young. The original date in October was not suitable for Brian, so a course on January 22nd has been booked.
- 5.5. The Chairman confirmed that the reinstatement of the phone mast was on the front page of the latest newsletter, encouraging people to complain. There had been a suggestion that the PC contacts the landowner to try and ascertain the situation. Everyone confirmed that they were happy for the Parish Council to contact the landowner. If there is an issue with the site, it was suggested that alternative sites could be considered eg the Villages Hall.
- 5.6. It was confirmed that the visibility fencing in Throckmorton still has lots of vegetation which has overgrown the ends by several feet. It was agreed that the work should be carried out as Highways were not going to act. It was suggested that the Lengthsman is asked if he will clear the overgrowth and paint the fence. If the work is outside the Lengthsman's remit, it was suggested that a working party could be formed to clear the overgrowth, and then the Lengthsman could then be asked to do the painting. All in favour.

6. Items for consideration/approval

- 6.1. Solar Farm Community Fund – review of working group membership – Cllr Hodgkiss agreed to join the working group alongside Cllrs Tucker and Davis. The Clerk to chase Infinis again about producing the draft agreement.
- 6.2. Various options for a Coronation plaque were considered. A suggestion was made to burn an inscription into the bench. The Clerk to make enquiries.
- 6.3. Cllr Boocock proposed that the Clerk is authorised to attend a course on The Council as a Landlord at a cost of £30 + Vat. Seconded by Cllr Wallace. All in favour.

7. Planning

- 7.1. The following Decision Notice was noted:
 - (i) W/23/00833/LB – Old School House, Main Street, Bishampton - **Approved**

8. Properties

- 8.1. Dolphin – outbuilding cracks. The insurer has agreed to cover the work under the Parish Council insurance and sent out a civil engineering contractor to visit the site. Cllr Boocock outlined the nature of the work to take place and said that he expects that the work will start in the new year and will take 1 – 2 weeks. There is a subsidence excess of £1000 which was agreed would be paid by cheque.
- 8.2. Housemartins – The Clerk reported that a Heating Engineer had looked at the boiler and is still considering the options. The Clerk to follow this up. A mould issue has also been reported. The Clerk to ask Johnsons to get a quote from a contractor and deal with the matter under delegated authority up to £500. All in favour.

9. Finance

- 9.1. The bank reconciliation for September was received and approved.
- 9.2. The list of September receipts and current payments had been previously circulated. Cllr Boocock proposed that the payments on the list were approved (appended to the minutes). Seconded by Cllr Wallace. All in favour.
- 9.3. The half yearly monitoring report was received. All in favour.
- 9.4. The external audit report was received noting that no matters of concern, the Clerk was thanked.

10. To note items of correspondence

The clerk highlighted the following items of correspondence:

- CALC – no problem for PC to sell Shorthorn Wood charcoal
- WCC Footpaths – extension of footpath closure at solar farm
- VAS battery failed. Clerk to purchase new battery under delegated powers. All in favour

11. Clerk's report

- A vacancy for a new Trustee on The Stoneland Trust has been advertised but there has been no response to date. The Clerk to liaise with current Trustees to discuss the vacancy.
- The Clerk held a very useful meeting with Bev and Chris Churchill regarding the land at Bishampton Villages Hall. The Clerk will now progress with the land registration as soon as time permits.
- The Clerk asked Members to consider if they felt that the properties should be valued to check that they are adequately covered for insurance purposes. To be revisited at a later date.
- The Clerk reminded everyone that the Action Log is in the shared area and Cllrs can check if there are any jobs allocated to them.

12. Councillors' reports and any items for future agenda

- Wreaths for Remembrance Sunday will be ordered by Peter Chatterton and the PC will reimburse him.
- A parishioner had raised concerns that The Dolphin was not for villagers any more as lots of people come in from outside the area. The Parish Council acknowledged that the current format may not please everyone but is important to the success and survival of the pub in difficult times.

13. Date of next meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on:

Monday 6th November in The Ockenden Suite, Bishampton Villages Hall at 7pm

14. Confidential business

To resolve to close the meeting via Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to discuss matters relating to any of legal/contractual issues that, if discussed in the public arena, could be prejudicial to the public interest, following which members of the public will be asked to withdraw. Proposed by Cllr Boocock and seconded by Cllr Tucker. All in favour.

15. To discuss a suggestion to rearrange the PWLB property loans

Opinions were split after an extensive discussion. It was therefore agreed that further information would be sought, and the item would be revisited on the next agenda. Proposed by Cllr Boocock, seconded by Cllr Tucker. All in favour.

16. Housemartins:

- 16.1. The lease was discussed and a course of action was agreed upon. Proposed by Cllr Boocock and seconded by Cllr Tucker. All in favour.

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16.2. It was agreed not to enter into the Reposit scheme at this time. Proposed by Cllr Boocock and seconded by Cllr Tucker. All in favour.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30

Signed

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Bishampton & Throckmorton Parish Council - October Payments

Bank Balances as at 1st October	Amount	Interest
Lloyds Deposit	20,655.88	19.28
Lloyds Current (01289157)	28,372.37	
Lloyds Ounce Deposit	6,536.04	6.10
Totals	55,564.29	

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	13.50	0.00	13.50	2	n/a
Smartcut	grounds maintenance	306.18	61.24	367.42	25	20899
Carl Brassington	Lengthsman Duties	120.00	0.00	120.00	31	n/a
PKF	External Audit	315.00	63.00	378.00	4	SB20230932
SLCC	Training course	30.00	6.00	36.00	8	BK212289-1
Park Hill Training	Chain saw course- Brian Young	685.00	95.00	780.00	29	19707
NALC	Registration fee - Quality Award	50.00	10.00	60.00	9	14355
B & M Babbage & Co Ltd	Insurance claim excess - Dolphin	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	24	C23494S
Wychavon District Council	Uncontested Election charge	50.00	0.00	50.00	35	eld0332889
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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