

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th March at 7.00pm held in The Ockenden Suite, Bishampton Villages Hall

Present: Cllrs Boocock (Chair), Davis, Hodgkiss, Rolls, Tucker (arrived 19.10) 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 Geil

2. Declarations of Interest:

- Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. **None**
- To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. **None**
- Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011). **None**

Adjournment for Public Question Time

There were 2 members of the public present. The meeting was adjourned whilst a member of the public addressed the Parish Council about the following:

Paul Blackburn, the current shop tenant, said that he is holding a leaving party from 2pm onwards on 16th March. He asked for a date that the contracts could be exchanged as he is working towards March 18th. The Clerk confirmed that the draft lease should be prepared by next week and providing there aren't any unforeseen holdups, the date of March 18th should be achievable.

The meeting resumed at 19.10

3. Minutes: Cllr Boocock proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate record. Seconded by Cllr Hodgkiss. All were in favour. The Chair signed the minutes.

4. District and County Councillors' reports.

County Councillor Report:

- Cllr Boatright spoke about the Boundary Review and asked that support is given to the draft recommendation to keep the Pershore division unchanged.
- Following a recent meeting which included representatives from the Environment Agency and Highways, it was identified that there are several key documents that should go out to residents. Cllr Boocock suggested that all the documents are put in one place making it easier to direct residents to the relevant information.
- Barry Barnes from Highways is still following up issues from the recent site visit re flooding in the parish and considering the engineering options.
- Clarification on the change for schools from 3 tier to 2 tier is being sought.
- Cllr Boatright has a meeting with the local MP soon and asked if there are any issues that need raising to let him know.
- Now that the flooding is abating, the backlog of maintenance is being tackled.
- Due to the forthcoming PCC elections, there will be a pre-election period known as 'purdah' where there will be restrictions on communications.
- There was an update on the SWDPR from a Highways perspective.

There were no questions for Cllr Boatright

District Councillor report:

- SWDPR – Cllr Tucker gave an update on the SWDPR. The Inspector is requesting more information on the traffic analysis.
- Planning – Cllr Tucker mentioned the two new planning applications to be considered tonight.
- Ian Macleod is the new Head of Planning at Wychavon District Council.
- There is a very large pothole by the chicken farm in Long Lane. It was confirmed that this has been reported.
- There is still no update on the outstanding application for 3 self-build houses on Main Street.

There were no questions for District Cllr Tucker

5. Progress Reports for Information and Discussion

- 5.1. **Update on Public Consultation re proposal to sell Housemartins** – A draft leaflet providing an overview of both sides of the debate and promoting the Public Meeting, had been circulated previously. Following an explanation of the figures and a few suggestions to improve the layout, Councillor Boocock will prepare a revised draft of the leaflet and send it round it to all councillors for comment. The date of the Public Meeting was provisionally agreed upon as 21st March, pending approval of the leaflet.
- 5.2. **Crime Prevention Event.** Cllr Amoroso sent in an update stating that she is awaiting a response from the Police, and she is hopeful of getting something organised for the April/May Coffee Morning. Cllr Boocock mentioned that PC Dee Stanley, a Community Safety Engagement Officer, had attended the latest coffee morning and offered support in arranging the crime prevention event.
- 5.3. **Unauthorised Gate in the fence at The Dolphin** – It was confirmed that a crime number has been obtained. Cllrs Hodgkiss and Tucker will make the necessary repairs to the fence and inform the Clerk when the work will take place so that she can let the Manager of The Dolphin know.
- 5.4. **Community Bus Service** – The Clerk has had a few positive email exchanges with Madeleine Sumner at Worcestershire County Council. The next step is a virtual meeting which Cllrs Boocock, Davis and Tucker expressed an interest in joining. The clerk will circulate the dates put forward by Ms Sumner and arrange a meeting.
- 5.5. **Shop Tenancy Update** – It was confirmed that the terms have been accepted by the new tenants and a draft lease agreement should be available from our solicitor by next week, with a view to exchanging on March 18th.
- 5.6. **Infinis Community Funding** – The Clerk confirmed that the PC's comments on the draft Deed of Contribution have been forwarded to Infinis' legal team. A response is awaited. The Clerk was asked to contact the Project Manager for the site to mention the reported issues with phone signals and ask for a status update.

6. Items for consideration/approval

- 6.1. Cllr Rolls has offered to be the PC representative on the Bishampton Villages Hall Committee. Cllr Boocock proposed that Cllr Rolls' appointment is accepted. Cllr Hodgkiss seconded the motion. 5 votes in favour. Cllr Rolls abstained from voting. The Clerk to inform the BATVHC Chair.
- 6.2. It was agreed not to proceed with getting the properties valued until a decision is made on the sale of the flat above the shop. All in favour.
- 6.3. Cllr Rolls outlined her idea for a multi-forum group comprising of representatives from local groups. Cllr Rolls agreed to contact key organisations for feedback on whether it was thought to be a useful idea. This will be followed up next month.
- 6.4. A grant application had been received asking for £500 towards the running of the Bish Bosh Bash Fete taking place in the summer. Cllr Boocock proposed that £500 is awarded to come out of next year's budget. Seconded by Cllr Rolls. All in favour.
- 6.5. Carol Wood has offered to organise a litter pick on behalf of the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr Boocock and seconded by Cllr Tucker that Carol's kind offer is accepted. All in favour. The likely dates are 6th or 20th April.

7. Planning

7.1. The following **Planning Decision** was noted:

W/23/01895/CU	Land at (OS 9830 4901) Throckmorton Rd, Throckmorton	Retrospective change of use from Amenity to Air Rifle Club (Sui Generis) to include the retention of containers/ outbuildings, used in association with Thockmorton Gun Club	Approved
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7.2. The following **Planning Applications** were considered:

W/24/00313/FUL	Black Barn House, Main Street, Bishampton	Change of use of stables outbuildings (Sui Generis) to dwelling annex (C3) guest. outbuildings	Comment: The Parish Council would prefer that if there cannot be a main sewer connection, there should be a herringbone soakaway drainage system. The Parish Council would also like a condition imposed that the building must remain ancillary to the main building and not become a separate dwelling.
W/24/00368/HP	Maple Cottage, Hill Furze Road, Bishampton	Construction of detached car port building with ancillary accommodation within roof in the form of study and storage.	Comment: The Parish Council notes that it is stated in the application that no trees will be felled and seek confirmation that the nearest tree to the house will not need to be felled.

8. Properties

- 8.1. Housemartins boiler. The Clerk has been in touch with the engineer and is waiting for a date to service the boiler. As the boiler is currently working fine, Cllr Boocock proposed that this matter is deferred until it is known if the flat is to be sold or not. All in favour.
- 8.2. Dolphin heating issue.
Cllr Boocock has spoken to the plumber and outlined the problem re a failed control valve. As the system will need to be drained, the replacement will be fixed when the weather warms up. Rodent damage to cables in the loft was also noticed, so an electrician is also required. The plumber has been asked to provide the Clerk with an estimate for the work.

9. Finance

- 9.1. The bank reconciliation for February was received and approved. All in favour.
- 9.2. The list of February 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 Hodgkiss. All in favour.

10. To note items of correspondence

The list of correspondence had been circulated and was noted. The clerk highlighted the following:

- **10.35** – The broken plank on the ditch crossing behind The Dolphin, has still not been repaired by WCC. With Phil Poulter now recovering, he plans to request materials to replace the entire structure.
- **10.37** – Wychavon Games. There has been very little interest in these annual games in the past. It will be advertised on social media and on the website to see if anyone would like to enter any of the events this year.
- **10.39** – Park Hill Training. The Clerk has received the certificates for Brian Young after his completion of chainsaw training. The Clerk has scanned these certificates and Cllr Rolls offered to take the originals to Mr Young.

- **10.46** – Resident – latest update on the phone mast.

11. Clerk’s report –

- The Clerk asked for any items for inclusion in the Spring newsletter to be forwarded by 15th March.
- The plaque has been fixed to the bench. Cllr Davis was thanked for doing this. The Clerk was asked to see if Stockwood Joinery, who refurbished the bench, could varnish the plaque to match the bench.
- This year is the 80th anniversary of D-Day and The Clerk asked for confirmation if the PC planned on doing anything to commemorate the occasion. It was agreed to speak to the Village Hall Committee and also to the History Society.
- The Clerk reminded everyone that the Pinvin Cycle Road Race will be taking place on March 24th.

12. Councillors’ reports and any items for future agenda

- The VAS unit, Throckmorton South, has been repaired under warranty.
- Cllr Amoroso sent in a report to say that she has obtained two free pear trees for the orchard in the nature reserve and is going to organise a day where volunteers will be shown how to plant them. Also, a dead hedge is going to be created with all the brash that was cleared from the overhead power lines.
- A suggestion of using a projector to project plans etc at meetings will be placed on the next agenda.

13. Date of next meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on:

Monday 8th April 2024, The Parish Room, Throckmorton at 7pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.08

Signed

BISHAMPTON AND THROCKMORTON PARISH COUNCIL



Clerk to the Council: Julie White, Box Tree Cottage, Worcestershire, WR7 4PE

Bishampton & Throckmorton Parish Council - March Payments

Bank Balances - 1st March 2024	Amount	Interest
Lloyds Deposit	32,821.05	36.20
Lloyds Current (01289157)	5,228.67	
Lloyds Ounce Deposit	6,570.76	7.25
Total	44,620.48	

Authority to pay	Description	Nett Amount	VAT	Total	Cost code	Invoice No
J White	Salary	776.40	0.00	776.40	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
Avondale	Roof work at The Dolphin	200.00	0.00	200.00	24	Feb-24
Smartcut	grounds maintenance	306.18	61.24	367.42	25	21830
Ounce	Coffee mornings Nov/Dec/Jan	125.00	25.00	150.00	9	Feb
Carl Brassington	Lengthsman Duties	180.00	0.00	180.00	31	n/a
Steve Smith	Hedge flailing Throckmorton	40.00	8.00	48.00	25	13160
Ionos	webhosting	10.00	2.00	12.00	9	DD
Ionos	website content management	7.00	1.40	8.40	9	DD
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