

BISHAMPTON AND THROCKMORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th December 2021 at 7.00pm at Throckmorton Parish Rooms.

Present: Cllrs Boocock, Poulter, Argyle, Tucker, Davies and Hodgkiss.

In attendance: C.Cllr Boatright, D.Cllr L.Tucker, Carolyn Morris, Acting Clerk, and 1 parishioner.

The chairman opened the meeting with a reminder about current covid restrictions. Masks were worn, and provided, along with sanitiser. Seating was distanced and windows were opened for ventilation. Minimum paperwork was passed between people.

1. Apologies: Cllrs Amoroso, Oakley and Wood.

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 Argyle 6A**
- d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011).

Adjournment for Public Question Time

One member of the public was present, the meeting was suspended at 7.05pm and reconvened at 7.15pm. Notes distributed with these minutes.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 1st November were approved and signed.

3. District and County Councillors' reports.

County Cllr report:

Pandemic news: Cllr Boatright stressed that very little is known about the new Omicron variant at present so anything read in the media was speculation. He encouraged the council to promote best practice. He said the county council was still logging problems with GP access during this time.

Highways: The state of the pathway by the village hall in Bishampton had been logged and was on the county council list for fixing – Cllr Boatright stressed it was a long list.

He said Green Leys pavements (Bishampton) had been priced up for repairs and were on a shorter list, while the Green Leys roadway was yet to be priced but was on the longer list.

Ditch in Babylon Lane: This has been inspected and was on a list for action but Cllr Boatright stressed there was a staff shortage adding to delays with drainage work. Anyone interested in working for the county council would be able to see the jobs available on The Hub website.

District Cllr report:

Planning applications: Cllr Tucker spoke about a new application on the airfield for warehouses in the area around the hangars – plus an application for more car storage. She was seeking more information about vehicle movements.

Cllr Tucker said that the new planning applications in the area never included large enough traffic movements alone to warrant a highways concern, as highways officers could only look at the application on its own merits. But there was ongoing concern that the incremental increases were making the local roads unsafe. She stressed again, when questioned, that there was no law to insist that vehicles travel down through Hill instead of through Pinvin. Cllr Boatright said he had been forced off the road himself recently and several councillors agreed that a major area of concern was the Long Lane/Pinvin junction – Pinvin parish council was also pursuing this problem. Cllr Boatright and Cllr Hodgkiss agreed to try to discover whether the airfield entrance area was adopted highway or private land.

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Cllr Tucker said that there was a new application for permission to continue the siting of a weather station on the airfield and there was support for this to continue.

4. Progress Reports: for information & discussion.

Item	Description	Responsible
a)	Staffing: Recruitment of Clerk -Interviews were planned for December 10 and there were three strong candidates. It was noted that the candidates' experience may lead to them being paid at a higher rate than previously, but in this case, the council should save money on training costs.	GB/LP
b)	Long Lane VAS signs –Throckmorton North battery will not need replacing for a while. The battery for the sign shared with Wyre Piddle was on order (£40). The repair of the VAS on the south side is yet to be organised.	GB
c)	Visibility fencing in Throckmorton (opp. The Elms) - The lengthsman can paint the fence and will do so once the vegetation is cleared. There was a question about luminous paint to make it stand out in the dark. The lengthsman would be asked if there was anything suitable, otherwise white paint was favoured.	GB
d)	CIL Projects – Cllr Boocock reported there was a link on the website for people to express their preferences.	GB
e)	Christmas Trees – they have been ordered, delivered and erected! Thanks were expressed by the council to Tony Jones and Mr and Mrs Bufton, for supplying electricity for the lights. Thanks also to Smartcut for the supply and help in putting them up, and for the company's kind donation of one of them.	GB/MA
f)	Active Transport – Councillors expressed interest in attending a zoom conference to learn more about the scheme.	GB
g)	Road Traffic Damage – On the night of the 12 th November, a vehicle drove through Bishampton and Throckmorton and down through Hill, knocking down about 20 bollards/posts and demolishing the dog bin at Shorthorn Wood and the bench in Throckmorton. The matter was reported to the police and council officers and it was noted with gratitude that the dog bin had already been replaced by Wychavon DC. It was agreed unanimously to pay the excess of £100 and allow the council's insurance company to pay for a replacement bench at £450. Tony Jones said he could take delivery of the bench and store it until it was fixed. He was thanked again for all his help.	
h)	Covid restrictions –The council had been warned of the risk of restrictions on in-person meetings. In the absence of a clerk, Chair and Vice chair were given delegated authority to amend arrangements as necessary. By law there must be a council meeting in some form to agree the final precept in January even if it needed a special meeting for that single item.	

5. Planning

- The chairman reported that although the self-build application in Main Street had been rejected, the developers planned to appeal the decision.
- Planning committee members were asked to express concern over extra traffic movements re the airfield applications, as discussed earlier in the meeting.

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- Dist Cllr Tucker reported that the Church Farm House outbuilding conversion had been withdrawn.
- Cllr Tucker advised there was no comment on the Coach house application below or the Met office Mast application ([21/02832/FUL](#)) issued today

	Reference	Description	Comment
Pending	20/02113/FUL	Evesham Vale Carp Fishery, Broad Lane: 6 Lakeside Lodges	Comment
Pending	21/01962/FUL	Rotherdale Farm Long Lane: The erection of an 142,596 M2 Glasshouse	No Comment
REFUSED	21/02215/OUT	Land off Main St: RESUBMISSION -Outline permission for 6 self-build dwellings with all matters reserved except for access.	Comment
New	21/02478/CU	Land at Pershore Airfield, Long Lane: Change of use 27.6 Hectares	9 Dec
New	21/02648/FUL	Land off Long Lane (Airfield): 4 Warehouses + associated parking etc	16 Dec
New	21/02604/HP	The Coach House 6 Lower House Farm Barns Long Lane: Single storey rear extension	9 Dec

6. Progress Reports: Properties

Item	Description	Responsible
a)	Dolphin Outbuilding, tree removal. (Cllr Argyle left the room for the following discussion). It was reported that the landowners had agreed to the removal of the tree and councillors voted to accept a quote (the cheapest price) for its removal.	GB/MD
b)	Dolphin maintenance issues:- a) Gas Safety Certificate – R Parry advised to be done after a new boiler is fitted. c) Boiler –Five quotes were sought and one had been received. It was agreed to await a quote from R Parry (this week) before a decision was made. Delegated to the Property Team (to max of quote received) unless further issues arise. d) Dampness –It was noted that there were two small patches of damp but it was not considered a priority issue at this time.	GB/Property Team
c)	Housemartins –Fan upgrade ordered but no schedule yet forthcoming.	
d)	Shop electrics – Shop tenant to liaise with electricians and come back to the council with a proposal.	MA/MD/GB

7. Finance

7.1. The bank reconciliation was reviewed and payments were approved. It was noted that payments had to be made by cheque until a permanent clerk was in place to oversee the bank account. Delegated authority was agreed for the chairman to arrange payments for the upcoming newsletter and the temporary clerk payment at the standard hourly rate.

7.2. Councillors looked at initial budget outlines and agreed in principle that an increase in precept would be acceptable. A final decision on that amount will be made in January.

	£
Current Account balance as 30 th November 2021	51,958.06
Savings Account, 30 Day notice account	14,052.15
Total cash assets for the PC stand at	66,010.21

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Payments for Approval (inc. of VAT)	£
R H Parry – Heating and shower repair at Dolphin	396.00
The Dolphin – November Coffee Morning	55.50
The Dolphin – December Coffee morning	52.50
Smart Cut Ltd – Xmas Trees	78.00
Smart Cut Ltd – Mowing	319.50
Cotswold Tech Services – Flat alarm	70.56
Elizabeth Poulter – Reimbursement - Signs SHW	21.57
Carl Brassington – LM Duties	165.00

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

Correspondence had been circulated to councillors. There had been a report of light pollution at Rotherdale tomato farm - the company was trying to rectify it and Cllr Amoroso was liaising.

9. Clerk's report n/a

10. Completed items to close

10.1. Dolphin Cellar fixings (MH)

10.3. Shorthorn Wood additional signage (EP)

10.2. Housemartin's sign (GB)

10.4. December Newsletter (GB)

11. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.

- a) The chairman reported that he attended a meeting with neighbouring parish councillors re the SWDP and a new sustainability report which could mean that new responses had to be made. The parish councils are jointly planning to send an open letter to Wychavon to express their concerns at the way the consultation process has been run.
- b) Cllr Poulter reported that donations had been collected for the outgoing clerk's leaving present and garden vouchers were due to be purchased and handed over. Thanks went to Cllr Amoroso for organising.
- c) The pub boundary dispute was to be added to the confidential session of the next agenda for further updates.

12. Date of next meeting:

The next parish council meeting is on Monday 10th January to be held at Bishampton Villages Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Carolyn Morris (Acting Clerk)

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