

BISHAMPTON AND THROCKMORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th February 2022 at 7.00pm at Throckmorton Parish Rooms.

Present: Cllr Boocock (Chairman), Cllr Poulter (Vice Chairman), and Cllrs Amoroso, Argyle, Hodgkiss, Tucker and Wood.

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

The chairman opened the meeting and reminded councillors that although restrictions had been relaxed and it was up to individuals to manage their risk regarding the virus, the council would aim to continue considering the wellbeing of each other and visitors.

1. Apologies: Cllr Oakley, Cllr Davis

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)

Adjournment for Public Question Time
Two members of the public were present but there were no issues raised.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 10th January were approved and signed.

3. District and County Councillors' reports.

District Councillor report:

Planning: Cllr Tucker said there had been local concerns about noise regarding the Vale Fisheries application for further development at the Broad Lane site. She reported that there had been some correspondence of concern from local residents and some letters of support from people from further afield who were keen to use the swimming facility. Cllr Tucker said she had no concern with the swimming aspect of the plans, just concerned that a noisy safety boat was restricted to safety use and that the use of similar noisy equipment would not become commonplace.

She reported that Wychavon District Council was not increasing its council tax precept, due to other rising costs faced by people this year.

County Councillor report:

Cllr Boatright reported that the County had agreed a 15% increase in finances for the Parish Lengthsman scheme so parishes could continue to run some of their own maintenance.

Village Hall Pavement: Attempts are still being made to resolve ownership and responsibility for the pavement which shows different ownership on two different maps.

Manhole Covers: Several hundred manhole covers had been stolen across numerous parishes in the area, said Cllr Boatright, but he confirmed that the county council is working to replace them with covers made from a different material which would render them useless for thieves. The aim was that this should be done by March 6.

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4. Progress Reports: for information & discussion.

Item	Description	Responsible
a)	Long Lane VAS signs – The Lengthsman has the work on his list for attention.	
b)	Visibility fencing in Throckmorton (opp The Elms) – No change – awaiting Highways to complete the work. The unresolved issue of the fencing close to the highway in Long Lane was raised but Cllr Tucker and Cllr Boatright reported that talks were ongoing but there were some sensitive issues involved which were holding up further developments. The Parish Council will request an update from Highways.	GB
c)	CIL Projects – Cllr Tucker reported that he and Cllr Argyle had looked at the paths in Shorthorn Wood and gathered some quotes for stone chippings necessary for improvements and leave a little spare. It would amount to approximately £160. This was agreed. A further proposal to purchase a hedge trimmer for ongoing maintenance was mooted but Cllr Tucker was asked to come back to the council with further details at the next meeting as it had not been something requested as part of the original proposal. It was suggested that the footpath team has a trimmer which might be able to be used across the village sites. Cllr Tucker to come back with further detail. Cllr Amaroso said she had obtained quotes for bat boxes from a wildlife specialist, amounting to £359.94 for six. This was agreed. She said she would come to the next meeting with quotes for fencing and gates.	CT FA
d)	Replacement Memorial Bench – The bench has been replaced and everyone involved was thanked for their work. It was noted that cyclists had mentioned how they missed the bench which was a place they rested on their rides around the area.	Complete
e)	Nature Reserve Tree Work – Cllr Amoroso had obtained quotes for tree maintenance at the nature reserve, following concern from nearest neighbours. It was agreed to go ahead with the favoured contractor. Cllr Amaroso and the chairman were delegated to confirm with the neighbours that the council are responsible for the cost, so any contribution would be entirely optional.	FA/GB
f)	Culvert, Babylon Lane - A meeting for multiple parties has been proposed for March 7 th by Wychavon. Cllr Argyle was liaising.	MA
g)	Jubilee Events – Cllr Wood reported that there had been little development with the plans in Bishampton as yet but the idea of a procession through the village was unlikely to proceed. A few groups had offered ideas but Cllr Wood was now approaching people on an individual basis to see if they would be willing to play a part. Cllr Tucker reported that a picnic was being planned in Throckmorton and the paddock next to the village hall had been offered for a stage and children's games to take place. Cllr Hodgkiss said that some people at Willow Bank were planning an event (with live entertainment) to which the other people in Tilesford would be invited.	
h)	Playground Inspection – The latest inspection was due in March and had been ordered at a discount.	EP

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5. Planning

- There were no new planning applications. Responses to the Fishery and the Airfield plans have been made.

	Reference	Description	Comment
Pending	20/02113/FUL	Evesham Vale Carp Fishery, Broad Lane: 6 Lakeside Lodges	Commented
Pending	21/01962/FUL	Rotherdale Farm Long Lane: The erection of a 142,596 M2 Glasshouse	No Comment
Pending	21/02478/CU	Land at Pershore Airfield, Long Lane: Change of use 27.6 Hectares	Commented
Pending	21/02648/FUL	Land off Long Lane (Airfield): 4 Warehouses + associated parking etc	No Objection
Approved	21/02941/CLPU	10 Moat Farm Lane, Bishampton, Certificate of Lawfulness	No Objection
Pending	21/02985/FUL	Evesham Vale Carp Fishery, Broad Lane, Change of use from fishing lakes to recreational use	Commented

6. Progress Reports: Properties

Item	Description	Responsible
a)	Dolphin Maintenance Issues:- Boiler replacement update: February schedule TBC.	GB
b)	Housemartins –fan fitting: Still unable to get response from K Walker	GB
c)	Shop electrics: No further progress to date.	GB

7. Finance

7.1. The bank reconciliation was reviewed and payments were approved. Delegated authority was agreed for the chairman to arrange payments for the Dolphin coffee morning and the temporary clerk payment at the same rate as previously agreed as well as for £25+VAT for some council training.

7.2. It was reported that the precept request had been made and confirmed. An explanatory text was being prepared for publication on the PC website

7.3.

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Current Account balance as of 31 st December 2021	54,866.00
Savings Account, 30 Day notice account	14,052.50
Total cash assets for the PC stand at	68,919.50

Payments for Approval (inc. of VAT)	£
Alpha Tank Services	300.00
Smart Cut Ltd	319.50
Carl Brassington- LM Duties	135.00

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

- A villager reported concerns about speeding at the end of Abberton Road. It was reported that when a police speed check was carried out nobody was found to be speeding. It was noted that speeding was becoming a concern for police and villagers in Long Lane.
- There were plans to talk about 'Active Transport' to see if any improvements could be made to public transport in the area. It was noted how one of the busses to Pershore goes into town but does not come back. Bookings to be made on forthcoming Wychavon events for Cllr Wood(2) and Amoroso(1).
- The tenants of the Dolphin wrote about an issue with damp in the bathroom of the living accommodation. The property team agreed to investigate and put the issue on the next agenda.
- It was noted that a spare table had been sold for £55 and would be shortly taken away.

9. Clerk's report n/a

10. Completed items to close

- 10.1. was noted that the war memorial fence had been cleaned and was in good condition once more. Cllr Argyle and his helpers were thanked for their work.

11. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda.

- a) A villager had raised an issue with local verges.

12. Date of next meeting:

The next parish council meeting is on Monday 7th March, to be held in the Ockenden Suite of Bishampton Villages Hall.

13. Confidential Business

The meeting was not closed for this item, as there was no sensitive information to discuss. A letter had been sent to Mr Mills' solicitors and a reply was awaited.

The meeting closed at 20:30.

Carolyn Morris (Acting Clerk)

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