

CHURCHILL AND BLAKEDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th August 2015, in the Pavilion, Blakedown Sports Centre, Birmingham Road, Blakedown.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr R Shade, Vice Chair Cllr Mrs. P Hayward, Cllrs. Mrs. S Fowler, J W Long, J Lorton and P Mellor.

In attendance: Angela Preece - Clerk to the Parish Council, District Cllr Ian Hardiman and one member of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks: The Chairman congratulated Cllr Mrs. Fowler and Cllr Long for being successful in their applications for a grant to the Heritage Lottery Fund and for completing the registration of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Chairman thanks them both for all the hard work.

2. Apologies for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs. A Lindop, B Hession, R Keys, M Hart, S Clee and Mark Jones (Lengthsman)

3. Declarations of Interest: No other interests were declared by Councillors other than those previously declared.

4. Community Policing: Police report circulated prior to the meeting. Members recorded their thanks to PCSO Niall Ryland for sending instructions on how to get onto the dotMailer system. Members haven't been successful in access the system as yet but will continue to try.

The meeting was adjourned for **Public Question Time**, notes of which are appended to these minutes

5. Dispensations: No new requests for dispensations received, previously granted dispensations still in place.

6. District and County Council Matters: District Councillor Ian Hardiman provided his report. At full Council on the 29th July 2015 District Councillors had been informed that the public realm works in Kidderminster Town Centre were progressing well. The District Council have arranged a compulsory purchase order to help realise the Weaver's Wharf expansion and demolition of Crown House, if necessary. Hendersons, the Developers will use these powers only if necessary and it will be at no cost to the Council or the tax payer. The new Leisure Centre is progressing well and completion is expected in the Summer of 2016. Full Council has agreed new steps in the Kidderminster governance review regarding Parishing, it is proposed that the Charter Trustees will form a temporary Council until the Town elections next May. The District Council has held a review of the May elections and will use this regarding future elections. The District Council is seeking to increase the percentage of recycling of household waste and reduce the contamination of green bin recycling. Too many bins are contaminated so badly with items such as food, nappies, clothing and wooden items, the recycling crews are refusing to empty them. In some cases whole lorry loads (8 tonnes) are being turned away by the recycling company causing the Council to deposit the load into landfill at a premium of £100 per tonne. Via local press a period of 'education' has started to address this issue with a full page article in last weeks Kidderminster Shuttle. Cllr Hardiman was made aware that he Kidderminster Shuttle is not delivered free of charge to the Parish and would see if anything could be done about that as local residents are missing out on the information being provided by the District Council.

7. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th July 2015 were approved.

8. Lengthsman and Environmental Maintenance Reports: Lengthsman timesheets and report provided via the Clerk. The Lengthsman will be working on the benches in the next couple of weeks and arrangements are being made to have the vehicle activated signs collected by Wescotec for repair. Cllr Long advised that a

meeting was scheduled for Friday 21st August 2015 with Linda Collis at Wyre Forest District Council which would include discussing the litter collection and grass cutting contracts. Cllr Long stated that he felt fortnightly emptying of the skip (there were now two on site) was unacceptable due to fact that rubbish and bagged dog faeces would be sitting in the container for up to two week. Cllr Mellor agreed that it was unacceptable. Cllr Long would raise the issue again with Linda Collis. Cllr Lorton provided a list of environmental items to be actioned.

9. Highways, Traffic, Street Lighting, Car Park and Parking Matters: a) The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Fowler and Cllr Long had met with Dave Hunter from County Highways earlier in the day to discuss car parking issues around the Parish and in particular Station Drive, Mill Lane and Sculthorpe Road. They discussed options around restricted parking, residents parking permits and the addition of double yellow lines. Cllr Long will also raise parking issues with Linda Collis to see if Wyre Forest District Council can assist in any way. b) Cllr Mrs. Fowler gave a presentation on traffic data provided by David Hunter from County Highways. The data covers four separate areas, Birmingham Road, Belbroughton Road, Churchill Lane and Stakenbridge Lane dating back to 2009. The data shows numbers of vehicles broken down in hourly bands during the course of the day and also records the average speed vehicles are travelling. Dave Hunter had offered to do some more traffic census work if requested and members agreed this should be done as a matter of priority. Members agreed to write to Dave Hunter to put forward their views regarding traffic and parking issues. Members thanks Cllr Mrs Fowler for the presentation which they had found very informative.

10. Charitable Incorporate Organisation:

- a) Members noted the registration of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation named the Churchill and Blakedown Villages Trust (registration number1163029) which was duly recorded. Cllr Long advised that the Parish Council as a whole is the trustee of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation, not individual Councillors.
- b) Members noted that the Parish Council is the sole trustee and that separate governance procedures will be entailed.
- c) Members noted the amended and approved (by Charity Commission) constitution.

11. Housing Needs Survey: Cllr Mrs Fowler had written to Sally Horne at Wyre Forest District Council after analysing the report. A response had been received but was unsatisfactory in addressing the issues raised. Cllr Hardiman asked if he could make enquires on behalf of the Parish Council with regard to the survey.

12. Neighbourhood Plan: Maria Dunn has returned the draft copy with four pages of detailed comments which will be sent on to the Planning Consultants. The comments will be circulated shortly prior to the next meeting of the Steering Committee.

13. Reports for information: a) Parish Website –ongoing. b) Neighbourhood Watch – updates being circulated from Cllr Keys via the Clerk.

14. Delegation of Powers: To be deferred to next meeting.

15. Local Council Award Scheme: Members decided to defer participation in the scheme until a later date when other work has been progressed.

Cllr Hardiman left the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

16. Planning and Development Control:

- a) Planning Applications Received
15/0335/FULL - 1 WATERWORKS COTTAGES STOURBRIDGE ROAD ISMERE
Revised plans - Single storey side extension and provision of pitched roof over existing garage.
No objection

15/0452/FULL - GRAZINGS CHURCHILL KIDDERMINSTER - Change of use of land to the keeping of horses. Siting of stables with hay barn – no objection

b) Planning Applications Approved

15/0360/TREE - 7 BROOKSIDE WAY BLAKEDOWN KIDDERMINSTER
Fell two Alder; Thin a Goat Willow by 20% and reduce by 1.5 metres

15/0287/FULL - 10 MILL CLOSE BLAKEDOWN KIDDERMINSTER
Proposed first floor side extension and porch roof. Single storey rear extension

15/0284/FULL - ISMERE GRANGE FARM STOURBRIDGE ROAD ISMERE
Agricultural buildings

c) Planning Applications Refused

14/0661/OUTL 05/11/2014 LAND AT STATION YARD OFF LYNWOOD DRIVE BLAKEDOWN - Outline application with access and layout to be determined for up to 16 residential dwellings and provision of parking for railway station

17. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts:

- a) Members noted bank balances at 1st July 2015
- b) Members approved payments as per the list with the addition of a payment to Mark Jones of £957 cheque 01227 and a payment of £15,000 to transfer funds to the Unity Trust bank account chq 001231.
- c) Members ratified the payment of £249.00 to Staples (laptop) cheque 001378 dated 14.7.15
- d) Members decided to postpone the renewal of Community First membership for further information.
- e) Members resolved unanimously to adopt the draft grant policy as corrected by Cllr Mrs Fowler.

18. Churchill War Memorial: Cllr Keys had advised, via the Clerk, that the additional name should be added to the Memorial in the next week or so.

19. Land adjacent to 77 Belbroughton Road: No update.

20. Correspondence for Information: Correspondence report issued with the Agenda was noted.

21. Clerks Report on ongoing items: The Clerk's report issued with the Agenda was noted.

22. Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas: Cllr Long requested the signal box be added to the next agenda.

23. Date of Next Meeting: – 16th September 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion, Blakedown Sports Centre, Birmingham Road, Blakedown

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Dated this 16th September 2015

Chairman to Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council

Notes of Public Question Time

One member of the public observed to attend the meeting. No issues were raised.