

CHURCHILL AND BLAKEDOWN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 20th March 2019 in the Norman Dawson Sports Pavilion, Blakedown.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr R Benney, Vice Chairman Cllr R Shade, Cllrs Mrs S Fowler, Mrs P Hayward, B Hession, J W Long, J Lorton, P Mellor and N Rowlinson.

In attendance: Angela Preece – Clerk to the Parish Council, District Councillor S Williams, PCSO Ruston, PCSO Williams and one member of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and recorded his thanks to Cllr Steve Williams, on his retirement, for all the work he had done on behalf of the Parish Council in the past year. The Chairman also reported that the 'give way' sign at Churchill crossroads had been checked and it was located in the correct position.

2. Apologies for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr I Hardiman and Cllr M Hart.

3. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Long declared an interest in agenda item 10. Treescape, as his property backs onto The Avenue which might be included in any discussion regarding trees.

4. Community Policing: PCSO Becky Ruston gave her report. Since the last meeting there had been three burglaries, one in Stakenbridge Lane where a garage door had been forced open, another garage door in Churchill Lane had been forced open, however, the alarm sounded which alerted residents. There had been a burglary at Wannerton where two people had posed as undercover Police Officers, they managed to gain access to a property and took two handbags. There had been one incident of vehicle crime in Mill Lane where a vehicle was scratched. In Deansford Lane a number of solar panels were stolen. There had been no attenders at the crime prevention roadshow on the 10th March 2019.

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

5. Dispensations: No requests for a dispensation received by the Clerk. Previously granted dispensations still in place.

6. Minutes: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th February 2019 were approved.

7. District and County Council Matters: Cllr Williams gave his report. The District Council are pleased to announce a deal has now been signed with Telereal Trillium which will see Crown House demolished in the next 18 months at no cost to the taxpayer. Works at Green Street Depot are under way with a revised completion date of 12th July 2019. The District Council elections on the 2nd May 2019 will be 'all out' elections, previously elections have been for a third of the number of seats. There will be four District Councillors not seeking re-election, Cllr John Campion, Cllr Nick Harris, Cllr Jeff Baker and Cllr Williams himself. The report from District/County Councillor Marcus Hart had been circulated prior to the meeting.

8. Lengthsman & Environmental Maintenance Reports: a) Lengthsman: Invoice and timesheets not received from the Contractor. b) Litter and grass cutting: Large bags of dog faeces are being left by the bin in Belbroughton Road again and the 1100 containers on the Sports Pavilion car park are being used for waste other than that generated by the Parish Council's Contractor. c) Tendering of grass cutting contract: On recommendation from Cllrs Long and Lorton, it was resolved that the contract be awarded to Oakleaf. d) Other environmental maintenance issues: the benches, cleaning of signs and bus shelters still need to be sorted out.

9. Highways, Traffic, Car Park and Parking Matters: Cllr Lorton advised that the 20mph flashing lights outside the School on Birmingham Road were not working, he has reported this direct to Worcestershire County Council and also reported that the bollard outside the School had been knocked over, this has now been repaired. Members noted the reply from PC Derya Mustafa regarding Cllr Shade's query at the previous meeting concerning the Police being able to accept photographs as evidence for parking offences such as obstruction.

10. Treescape: Deferred to next meeting. Cllr Mrs Fowler reported a tree needing attention on the Birmingham Road, on the left-hand side heading out of the village towards Kidderminster. A report to County Highways will be made.

11. SmartWater: Cllr Mellor thanked Cllr Long who had delivered SmartWater kits in the Sculthorpe area with a local resident. More kits have been issued for distribution in Birmingham Road. Not many kits are now left for distribution.

Cllr Williams left the meeting at 20.12 p.m.

12. Planning and Development Control:

a) Planning Applications Received

19/9002/NMA 78 Belbroughton Road Blakedown

Non-Material Amendment to alter front porch (18/0784/FULL). For information only.

19/0103/FULL 4 WATERWORKS COTTAGES STOURBRIDGE ROAD ISMERE

Demolition of existing ground floor extensions and forming new 2 storey extension to include porch, garage, utility and breakfast room. No objection.

b) Planning Applications Received or other Planning Matters raised since the Agenda Closed

19/0161/FULL BLACK AND WHITE COTTAGE BIRMINGHAM ROAD

Detached garage. No objection.

c) Planning Decisions Received

19/0001/FULL AVOCA STAKENBRIDGE CHURCHILL

Two storey side extension. Approved.

e) Planning Enforcement

No updates received.

13. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts.

a) Members noted bank balances at the 12th March 2019

b) Members approved payments as per the schedule

c) Members ratified the payment made on the 11th March 2019 to Wyre Forest District Council in the sum of £10 for the Parish Quiz entry fee.

14. Clerk's Report: Clerk's report on ongoing items noted.

15. Correspondence for Information: Members noted the correspondence report circulated with the agenda.

16. Councillor's Reports and Items for future agendas: Cllr Mrs Fowler advised that the Churchill and Blakedown team had won the Parish Quiz for the third year running.

17. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 17th April 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion, Blakedown Sports Centre, Birmingham Road, Blakedown.

The meeting closed at 20.41 p.m.

Dated this 17th April 2019

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Chairman to Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council