

CHURCHILL AND BLAKEDOWN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th February 2022 at Blakedown Sports Pavilion which commenced at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

Chairman B Hession, Vice Chairman Cllr P Mellor, J Lorton, R Shade, Mrs. C Wood, Mrs B Hayward and Mrs S Fowler.

In attendance: Alison Cartwright – Clerk to the Parish Council, District Councillor I Hardiman, West Mercia PC and seven Members of the Public.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr N Rowlinson, District Cllr Mrs L Jones and District/County Councillor M Hart.

3. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Shade declared an interest in agenda items 14 and 15, for which a dispensation is in place to take part in any discussions.

4. Community Policing: Report circulated prior to the meeting. The PCSO presented a leaflet for WFDCC self-defense sessions to be advertised on the Parish Council website and social media.

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

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

6. Casual Vacancy: Clerk advised the vacancy has been advertised on social media and the March edition of the Broadcast.

7. Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

8. District and County Council Matters: District and County Reports from Cllr I Hardiman and Cllr M Hart respectively were circulated to Members prior to the meeting (copies of both reports are on the Parish Council website or available from the Clerk).

9. Police Priority Contract: Members approved West Mercia Police Community Charter Parish Contact Contract for the quarter period ended 30th June 2022.

- Members instructed the Clerk to ask Police for guidance to progress to the next stage of the program.
- 10. Community Speed Watch Program:** Have received seven volunteers to date.
- 11. Flora and Fauna presentation proposal:** Members agreed to postpone M Lilley's proposal until such time Worcestershire County Council could advise highways policy for the parish verges and hedgerows.
- 12. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Report:** Members discussed timetables and facilities for the Parish celebratory options. The Historical Society proposed afternoon tea at the Signal Box and will continue to liaise with Cllr Fowler. Members agreed for Cllr Fowler to advertise on social media for volunteers and present further proposals at the parish council meeting in March 2022.
- 13. Churchill Planters:** Members agreed to table planter options for the March 2022 agenda.
- 14. Station Yard Car Park:** The Worcestershire County Council consultation summary was circulated to Members prior to the meeting (copies of the report is on the Worcestershire County Council website or available from the Clerk).
- 15. The Avenue:** The report prepared by Cllr Wood was circulated to Members prior to the meeting (copies of the report are available from the Clerk).
- Maintenance postponed whilst awaiting Station Yard planning application. Planning will determine whether Worcestershire County Council will adopt the Avenue for pedestrian access.
- 16. Grass Cutting:** Members appointed Cllr Fowler to finalise grass maps and instructed the Clerk to advertise on the PC website and social media for tenders on the 2022/23 contract.
- 17. Appointment of Working Parties and Representatives to Outside Bodies:** Members were elected to the following Committees, Working Parties and Outside Bodies. Terms of reference for each Committee/Working Party to be agreed at first meeting.
- a) Finance Working Party:** Chairman, Cllr Mrs Wood, Cllr Shade and Cllr Mellor.
- b) Staffing Working Party:** Chairman, Cllr Mrs Wood, Cllr Hayward and Cllr Fowler.
- c) Localism Working Party:** Cllr Shade and Cllr Lorton.
- d) Wyre Forest Area CALC:** Chairman, Cllr Mrs Wood and Cllr Lorton.
- e) Churchill and Blakedown Sports Centre Working Party:** Chairman and Cllr Lorton.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Cllr Fowler to provide update on Facebook consultation.

22. Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas:

circulated with the agenda.

21. Correspondence for Information: Members noted the correspondence reports

20. Clerk's Report: Members noted the Clerk's report circulated with the agenda.

c) Members ratified the payments as per the schedule.

b) Members approved payments as per the schedule.

a) Members noted Bank Balances as of 9th February 2022.

19. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts:

None.

d) Local Plan

22/0093/CLP 10 Birmingham Road, Blakedown, DY10 3JE. Noted.

22/0096/HOU 4 Birmingham Road, Blakedown. No objection.

c) Planning Decisions Received

22/0094/HOU Ismere Grange, Beechtree Lane, Ismere. No objection.

b) Additional Planning Applications or other Planning Matters

22/0096/HOU 4 Birmingham Road, Blakedown. No objection.

22/0094/HOU Ismere Grange, Beechtree Lane, Ismere. No objection.

a) Planning Applications Received

18. Planning and Development Control:

f) **Emily Lytton Trust:** Chairman.

g) **PACT Representative and Police Liaison:** Cllr Mellor.

h) **Footpaths Officer with Worcestershire County Council:** Cllr Lorton.

i) **Planning Working Party:** Chairman, Cllr Mellor, Cllr Wood and Cllr Fowler.

Community speed watch program - Cllr Mrs B Hayward to provide an update on the progress of the community program.

British Legion: Cllr Fowler to present a report on behalf of the British Legion.

Grass Cutting: Members to review of tenders.

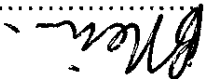
Churchill planters: Cllr Hayward to report proposed planters and locations for Churchill.

Station Yard car park – Pending planning application.

Birmingham Road bench: Councillors to delegate a member to report on replacement proposals and costs.

23. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th March 2022 commencing at 7.00 p.m. for next PC meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.40 pm

Signed.....


(Chairman to Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council)

Dated.....15th March 2022.....



Notes of Public Question Time

Seven members of the public were in attendance and raised the following concerns:

Public Members 1 2 and 3 of Michael Johnson & Co. challenged the proposals for

Blakedown shoppers car park:

- One hour free parking is considered not enough for local business owners.
- Concern regarding the proposed contract with SMART ANPR parking was raised. The Chairman invited a member of the Public to submit alternate parking services to the Clerk.
- Proprietor challenged the access rights to his property along the Avenue.
- Proprietor said the proposed bollards to the car park would require planning permission and he would object on the grounds of access.
- Conveyancing concerns to forward to WFDC.

Public Member 4:

- Resident from Birmingham Road asked for clarification regarding the pollarding of trees along the Avenue.