

## BLAGDON PARISH COUNCIL

### Draft

**Minutes of the meeting of Blagdon Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013, commencing at 7.30pm at Blagdon Village Club, High Street, Blagdon.**

<b>Minute Ref:</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>198/13</b>	<b>Present:</b> Cllr Phil Smith (Chairman) Cllr Mary Taviner Cllr Mike Adams Cllr Alastair Barr Cllr Richard Bartlett	Cllr Johanna Brown Cllr Dave Gould Cllr Tony Staveacre Cllr Caroline Way
	<b>In attendance:</b> District Cllr Liz Wells, PC Ray Bradley and Peter Ballantyne, Parish Clerk.	
<b>199/13</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Glen Hooper and Cllr Maggie Mooney.	
<b>200/13</b>	<b>New Members</b> The Chairman welcomed Cllrs Alastair Barr and Tony Staveacre to their first meeting of the Council. Cllr Barr and Cllr Staveacre signed their declaration of acceptance of office and agreement to observe the Council Code of Conduct.	
	Cllr Barr and Cllr Staveacre agreed to complete the Register of Members Interest Form and return this to the Clerk within 28 days. The Clerk agreed to submit the completed forms to NSC for inclusion on the website.	<b>AB/TS</b> <b>PB</b>
<b>201/13</b>	<b>Members of the Public</b> There were three members of the public present.  Mr Dave McAuslan said he was present to witness local democracy in action.  Mr Richard Alexander wished to commend the four candidates who had stood for election to the Council and congratulate the three successful candidates.	
<b>202/13</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests</b> <b>Declarations of Interest relating to items on the agenda.</b> There were no declarations of interest.	

**203/13 Dispensations**

There were no applications for dispensations for section 33 (b) to (e).

**204/13 Agreement of Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were agreed as an accurate record and the master signed by the Chairman

**Proposed:**  
Cllr Bartlett

**Seconded:**  
Cllr Taviner

**Vote:**  
Majority in favour  
2 abstentions

**205/13 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk presented his report and advised that he had written to Rob Hembrow regarding a transfer date for the Maintenance Contract. The bank reconciliation had been completed for the period up to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013 which was passed to Cllr Way for checking and signature.

**CW**

The Clerk reported that the transfer of the Public Toilets to the Parish Council from NSC had been completed.

**Old Patio Centre**

Cllr Caroline Way requested an update regarding the work taking place at the Old Patio Centre.

Cllr Mary Taviner declared an interest in this item and left the room.

The Clerk reported that he had spoken with Martin Almond, an Enforcement Officer at NSC. Martin had advised the Clerk that following two visits to the site NSC had written to the owner of the property to advise him that a planning application was required for the work taking place. The owner had been given until 28<sup>th</sup> July 2013 to submit an application.

Cllr Taviner returned to the meeting.

**206/13 Police Report**

PC Ray Bradley presented his report for June and highlighted that the most recent crime pattern of note happened in Blagdon on the last weekend of the month when 4 vehicles were attacked in the Rhodyate area. All 4 had their fuel caps or fuel lines cut and the contents of their fuel tanks stolen. All these vehicles were diesel and the offences occurred overnight.

The Council thanked PC Bradley for his report and PC Bradley left the meeting at this point.

**207/13 District Councillor's Report**

District Cllr Liz Wells reported that she was awaiting the announcement on the new Chief Executive for the Council. Cllr Wells had previously circulated a response from Paul Glen, Senior Engineer, NSC on the road repairs to the High Street and the Clerk advised that he had arranged to meet Jeff Shipway, Area Officer on

11<sup>th</sup> July to follow up the issues on Rhodyate and the Road Report prepared by Cllr Bartlett.

The Clerk agreed to ring Cllr Bartlett with an update following the meeting with the Area Officer.

District Cllr Wells reported on her recent meeting with Tom French, Senior Planning Officer in respect to the planning application for Dunbarin and indicated that she would not be responding to the recent article on this application in the Chew Valley Gazette.

## **208/13 Planning Applications**

### **(i) Dunbarin**

Cllr Phil Smith read out two items of correspondence received in respect to this planning application from local residents Andrew Barker and Andrew Chastney.

The Council discussed this correspondence and the Clerk agreed to raise two questions with Tom French, Senior Planning Officer:

1. Is the current amount of demolition in accordance with the planning consent granted to this application?
2. Was a proper environmental hazard survey conducted in respect to the demolition of the pottery?

**PB**

### **(ii) Faster Planning Service**

Cllr Alastair Barr referred to an article in the Chew Valley Gazette about a faster householder planning service being introduced by Mendip District Council.

Standing Orders were suspended for this item to allow Mr Alexander to participate in the discussion.

**Proposed:**

Cllr Brown

**Seconded:**

Cllr Way

**Vote:**

Unanimous in favour

The Council discussed the article and the Clerk agreed to contact NSC to establish whether a similar service would be introduced in North Somerset.

**PB**

### **(iii)13/P/0781/LB Blagdon Pumping Station**

The Council noted that consent had been granted to this application and that Bristol Water had been advised to consult with the Parish Council regarding traffic management. The Clerk agreed to contact Bristol Water to discuss this.

**PB**

## **Finance**

### **209/13 Payments for Authority**

Cllr Caroline Way questioned the proposed payment to JG Marquees as it had been agreed at the June meeting that expenditure on this item would not exceed £900 in total.

Cllr Mike Adams advised that there had been a late change to the order as the original lights proposed were not available and alternative lighting was required. The Clerk added that in addition to the change in lighting the figures discussed at the June meeting were estimates excluding VAT.

The Clerk advised that he had placed the order on behalf of the Council but was not subsequently consulted regarding the changes to the order.

The Council discussed the importance of keeping within budgets set at Council meetings and the Clerk's role in placing orders on behalf of the Council.

The Council approved the following payments:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>	
JG Marquees – Marquee hire for Midsummer Madness	1,000.44 (v)	
RIPA Ltd – Construction of new Mead footway from the Bath Road to the lower path.	8,854.80 (v)	
Mr P Ballantyne - Mileage – June 2013	43.20	
Mr P Ballantyne - Rent of Office – June 2013	12.00	
Mr P Ballantyne - British Telecom – Landline and broadband	22.89 (v)	
Mr P Ballantyne - Clevedon DIY – black bags	5.00 (v)	
Morrisons – black bags and toilet tissue	4.14 (v)	
Mr P Ballantyne - D & D Office Supplies – stationery	18.96 (v)	
Mr P Ballantyne – Post Office (Six Ways Clevedon) – registered post	6.95	
Parish Councils Airport Association – annual subscription	50.00	
Village Orderly - Salary	99.20	
Village Orderly - Expenses	21.70 (v)	
Blagdon Village Club – room hire in June 2013	30.00	
Wards Solicitors – Public Toilets Transfer	763.00 (v)	
Southern Electric – BT Kiosk	5.30 (v)	
Mrs R Bolton – Maintenance Cemetery Toilets	50.00	
HM Customs & Revenue – PAYE/NI for June/July 2013	353.30	
<b>Proposed:</b> Cllr Smith	<b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Brown	<b>Vote:</b> Unanimous in favour

#### **210/13 Public Access Defibrillator**

The Council noted that the five year warranty on one of the Parish's

- defibrillators had expired in October 2012 and considered what action should be taken to plan for a replacement.  
Cllr Mary Taviner, supported by the Clerk, agreed to commence an appeal to local organisations to raise the funds necessary for a replacement defibrillator. **MT/PB**
- 211/13 Article in Chew Valley Gazette – ‘Controversial plan in AONB’**  
The Council discussed the article and decided to respond to the issues raised concerning the Parish Council in the next Council report featured in the publication.  
**Proposed:** Cllr Smith  
**Seconded:** Cllr Gould  
**Vote:** Majority in favour  
Cllr Phil Smith agreed to draft an appropriate response on behalf of the Council. **PS**
- 212/13 Disabled Parking Space at the top of Station Road**  
The Council discussed options for providing improved pick up and drop off facilities at the top of Station Road. The Clerk agreed to contact NSC for advice on the best way to provide this facility. **PB**
- 213/13 Play Area Report**  
The Council were pleased to note the high usage of the play area during the Mid-Summer Madness Event.
- 214/13 Cllr Surgery**  
Cllrs Johanna Brown and Phil Smith provided feedback on the first Cllr Surgery held in May. It was noted that the issues regarding grit bins and dogs bins raised during the surgery had been addressed and that the Cllrs had received positive feedback from residents on Council’s performance. Complaints regarding noise on the High Street are being addressed.  
The next Cllr Surgery would be held on 27<sup>th</sup> July.  
The Council agreed to set up a further surgery for September and Cllrs Gould and Adams agreed to represent the Council. **DG/MA**
- 215/13 Correspondence**
- (i) Stowey Sutton Action Group**  
The Council discussed the letter from Stowey Sutton Action Group requesting continued support in respect to their objections to the planning application at Stowey Quarry to landfill with asbestos and other hazardous wastes and a financial donation. The Clerk agreed to write to (a) confirm the Parish Council’s continued support to the objections and (b) advise that the council were unable to make a donation. **PB**
- (ii) Wedding Parking**  
The Council agreed to the request from Sarah Watson to use the Mead for parking on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2013. The Clerk agreed to write to Sarah to confirm this agreement and set out the usual restrictions. **PB**

**(iii)Electrical Waste Amnesty**

The Council discussed an email from Andy Prestt, Recycling & Waste Support Officer, NSC regarding the launch of a Don't Waste It campaign and request to run an Electrical Waste Amnesty event in Blagdon in September/October 2013.

The Council agreed to support this campaign and to run the event in either the Village Club or Car Park – with any costs to be met by NSC. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Andy Prestt to set up the event.

**PB**

**The meeting closed at 9.35pm**