

# Birdlip Parish Council



## MINUTES

**Minutes Meeting of Birdlip Parish Council on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at St Mary's Church Birdlip at 7.30pm**  
**Present: Councillors:** J Lavington, E McKay, P Ritchie, D Partridge, D Collings and M Crossley

**The meeting was opened by the Chairman**

- 7/1. Apologies for Absence** District Councillor Judd
- 7/2. Co-option of Councillor to Parish Council** Oliver Hale was successfully Co-opted to the Parish Council. Signing of Acceptance of Office was witnessed and Declaration of Interests to be completed and returned to the Clerk.
- 7/3. Declarations of Interest** None
- 7/4. Public Participation regarding items on this Agenda (3 minutes per person allowed)** None
- 7/5. Minutes**
- I. To approve minutes of meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023** Approved and signed
- II. Action points from previous meeting 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 – Min 6/10.** Clerk to order replacement Defibrillator battery. **Ordered and replaced.**
- Min 6/14 II. Clerk to Register Parish Council with Information Commissioner Office. **It was agreed the Clerk would be the Data Protection Officer for Birdlip Parish Council.**
- 7/6. To Receive Report from Parish Clerk**
- Cllr Crossley's Register of Interest forms have been sent to and received by Cotswold District Council.
- Birdlip Parish Council is now registered with and a declaration has been made on behalf of the Parish Council with the Pensions regulator.
- Ongoing problems with the footpath and wall opposite the Roya George, the broken signs by the school and the verge fingerpost sign – still awaiting update from Glos Highways Manger Dan Tiffney but someone has visited and put cones over the rotted posts down by the school.
- Parish Councils additional Objection comments regarding Jays Timber application have been submitted on the planning portal.
- Outstanding Planning enforcement at the Nest Birdlip. Cllr Judd has email planning enforcement again on this matter and asked if another officer can pick up the case as the current officer is now on maternity leave.
- Training – Cllr Crossley had registered for the first part of Being a better Councillor and Planning in Plain English. New dates for Councillors that have not yet received training will be announced in September.
- 7/7. To Receive District and County Councillor Reports** Distributed via email.
- 7/8. A417 Missing Link** To receive report from the Chairman and discuss draft detail design for B4070

Chairman asked if a Councillor could take the lead on responding to NH on PROW questions. It was suggested that a resident of the village who walks and knows the area would be better placed. Clerk will approach Harvey Matterson.

Following the Chairmans visit to the A417 archeological dig, it was suggested that the Parish Council approach Kier group to ask if they would be willing to hold a public talk on their findings. Clerk to approach.

The following observations were made and will be sent to National Highways and Kier ahead of a virtual meeting to be arranged.

Slide 18 - No comment

Slide 19 – Need to discuss and clarify:

- a) Drainage as prone to flooding, width and visibility of underpass at Barrow Wake.
- b) Weight limit restrictions for vehicles.

Slide 20 - No comment

Slide 21 – Need to discuss and clarify:

- a) Where the 30mph starts (PC would request that this is North of new uncontrolled crossing as per DCO consultation).
- b) Possible displacement of antisocial behaviour from Barrow Wake to redundant stretch of road leading to new Air Balloon Way and Farm access – possible single track to stop parking.
- c) Design of gate/access to Air Balloon Way for horse riders, cyclists and pedestrians tbc.
- d) Clarification on provision of and access to empty litter and dog bins on Air Balloon Way.
- e) Request for new “road table” in location of uncontrolled crossing to reduce speed of vehicles.

Proposed Design Changes (New Slides) – DC32 should read “the crossing point just **NORTH** of Birdlip.

#### **7/9. Adoption of Data Protection Policy**

Council **Resolved** to adopt Data Protection Policy.

#### **7/10. Bus Shelters & defibrillators:**

To note that the bus shelters, defibrillator and kiosk, benches and village gateway signs have been inspected. There is no further update on the Compulsory Purchase of A417 Bus Shelter. Cllr Collings will organise a litter pick in September when signs will be cleaned.

#### **7/11. Antisocial Behaviour** Barrow Wake and Birdlip Village receive report from Clerk and Councillor Judd

The Clerk reported, Operation Hilltop is now covered by CCTV cameras and signage letting people know that CCTV is in place. There are 5 cameras within the area and over 15 signs have gone up. Sadly most of the signage has been removed but will and are being replaced. If anyone notices signs that have been pulled down, please advise and they will be replaced.

A press release was issued advising fly tipping and ABS in the area is being monitored 24 hours a day, using the PID 360 Detertech cameras, these cameras include armoured housing, intruder detection, masking detection, verbal and audio alerts when the device is triggered, illumination on each face and multiple communication systems built into the PID 360 to ensure any triggers are recorded. Unfortunately, Gloucestershire Live, and other news media outlets decided to use the word “Dogging” on the release. In an effort to combat the negativity Cllr Judd has written to all of the editors asking that they refrain from using this type of language as the working group are trying to change to narrative within the area.

The Police have asked if the community of Birdlip and the Parish Council would consider holding some kind of family community event at the view point. The police would be happy to be in attendance.

#### **7/12. Winter Maintenance** To discuss provision of and storage of grit and grit bins. To discuss provision of snow plough operator.

Jean Tippet and Elaine Lavington to continue as Snow Wardens  
Clerk will approach residents regarding possibility of recruiting a Snow Warden  
Clerk to ask Saw Mill if they will continue to hold spare grit bags for distribution  
Parish Council has budget for two new grit bins to replace broken ones. These will be black and gold and will replace the yellow bins on the verge by bus shelter (to be relocated outside old post office) and footpath opposite the Royal George to be moved and replace damaged ones near the School. Clerk will obtain quotes.

**7/13. Noticeboards**

Clerk to obtain quotes for wood and/or aluminum noticeboards. Cllr Partridge to approach supplier of St Mary's Church Noticeboard. It was agreed that the Parish Council would also display copies of Minutes and Agenda on the Church Noticeboard.

**7/14. Finance**

**7/15. To note cheque issued to PATA Payroll Services £88.80** Noted as agreed minute 23.05.10.14

**7/16. To note cheques issued to Clerk for May Salaries £355.25 and Expenses £54.00 Inc Parish Meeting refreshments**

**7/17. To note cheques issued to Clerk for June Salaries £284.20 and Expenses £26.00** Noted

**7/18. Items for the next agenda including requests from the public**

Meeting start times. Parish Council Chairman honours board in Village Hall.

**7/19. Date of next meeting** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at St Mary's Church, Birdlip

**7/20.** The Chairman thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 20.42

Signed..... Date.....

