

Birdlip Parish Council



MINUTES

Minutes Meeting of Birdlip Parish Council on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at St Mary's Church Birdlip at 6.30pm
Present: Councillors: J Lavington, E McKay, D Collings, D Partridge, M Crossley and O Hale, and District Councillor Judd

The meeting was opened by the Chairman

11/1. Apologies for Absence Cllr P Ritchie

11/2. Declarations of Interest Cllr Partridge - Planning Item 11/8

11/3. Public Participation regarding items on this Agenda (3 minutes per person allowed)

Cllr Partridge advise there would be an open meeting on 21st November at 6pm in Duntisbourne Village Hall to discuss the current vacancy for a new Vicar in the Parish.

11/4. Minutes

I. To approve minutes of meetings held on 16th August 2023 – Approved and signed

II. Action points from previous meeting 16th August 2023 – All have been itemed on agenda

11/5. To Receive Report from Parish Clerk

The clerk had previously circulated report.

Walkway by Ivy Lodge Barns/Stroud Road. Thanks to persistence from Councillor Crossley, have received notification the work will be schedule soon.

Fingerpost sign –Clerk has emailed Gloucestershire Highways again in the hope we can look into moving this forward.

Local resident Matthew Jones had agreed to act as legal representative for the Parish Council on the sale of the bus shelter on A417 to National Highways. No current update on progress of sale. Matt's fee of £750, to be paid by National Highways, would be donated back to the Parish Council to be used for donations within the community. The Parish Council would like to express their sincere thanks to Matt.

11/6. To Receive District and County Councillor Reports – Cllr Judd report distributed

11/7. To Consider proposal for Birdlip Garden Co-operative (sent in advance)

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to the proposal in principle.

The Chairman to review and amended the proposal to reflect Parish Councils comments. This would be distributed to Councillors for final approval. It was noted that all necessary training of volunteers and compliance of H&S legislation would be put in place for PLI needs.

Councillor Collings would act as the Parish Council representative.

11/8. Planning Ref 23/03438/TPO - REQUEST TO PRUNE BACK 30% Copper beech tree towards rear of Beverley Cottage Birdlip Gloucester Gloucestershire GL4 8JH **SUPPORTED**

11/9. A417 Missing Link To receive report from the Chairman

Planned closures had been postponed until early 2024.

A very successful village update and talk by Kier and the Oxfordshire and Cotswolds Archaeology Society had taken place. Similar events are planned for the future.

11/10. Winter Maintenance - Grit bin replacements

The Clerk had obtained three quotes for replacement grit bins. Councillors agreed to the purchase as per the Clerks recommendations.

11/11. Bus Shelters & defibrillators: To note bus shelters, defibrillator, benches & village signs have been inspected

11/12. Antisocial Behaviour Barrow Wake and Birdlip Village receive report from Clerk and Councillor Judd.

Cllr Judd had met with PC Harry Macpherson and given a statement to support his application for a Public Space Protection Order for Barrow Wake. Future hopes for the permanent use of CCTV in the area.

11/13. Budget Update on Expenditure - (sent in advance) Noted

11/14. Finance

I. **To note Following payments have been made**

Clerks Salary Payments September £284.20 and Expenses £26.00

Payment of invoices for training to GAPTC £200 & £70

II. **To issue cheques**

Clerk October Salary £327.45 and Expenses £39.20

HMRC PAYE Tax £27.80

Invoices for Training GAPTC £135

III. **To note second Precept payment received** £1688.00

IV. **Bank Reconciliation** reviewed by Cllr McKay

11/15. Presentation – Neighbourhood Development Plan – Cllr Crossley

The Chairman and Councillors thanked Cllr Crossley for his hard work and thorough investigation into Neighbourhood Development plans. It was agreed a survey of Parish residents, to gain opinions, would be designed and distributed in spring of 2024.

11/16. Items for the next agenda including requests from the public Budget and Precept, Replacement Village Noticeboards and Parish Council Chairman honours board. To consider quotes received and Clerks recommendations.

11/17. Date of next meeting Wednesday 17th January 2024 7pm at St Mary's Church, Birdlip

The Chairman thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 19.55

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