

# Birdlip Parish Council



## MINUTES

**Minutes Meeting of Birdlip Parish Council on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at St Mary's Church Birdlip at 7.30pm**

**Present: Councillors:** J Lavington, E McKay, P Ritchie, C Collings, M Crossley O Hale and District Councillor Judd  
Police Inspector Ellson and PCC Nelson

The meeting was opened by the Chairman

**3-24/1. Apologies for Absence** Cllr Partridge

**3-24/2. Declarations of Interest** None

**3-24/3. Public Participation regarding items on this Agenda (3 minutes per person allowed)**

**3-24/4. Minutes**

I. **To approve minutes of meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024** Approved and signed

II. **Action points from previous meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – unless currently itemed on agenda 1-24/17 Banking** Clerk is now the delegate user and online banking is now available. Clerk currently clarifying online viewing only for Councillors. If all Councillors are unable to have a view only access to the online account, Cllr McKay would be nominated to act on behalf of PC as full power signatory. Clerk will draft an online banking policy to be submitted for approval at the May meeting. Savings account in process.

**3-24/5. Questions to Guest Participant Gloucestershire Police & Crime Commissioner Chris Nelson.**

PCC Nelson thanked the Parish Council and asked PI Ellson to answer questions on behalf of the Police.

**1. Barrow Wake**

The Parish Council was grateful for the temporary CCTV that was installed at Barrow Wake last summer. Is there any data to show how effective the cameras were at combating the antisocial behaviour during this period? This Parish Council has an aim to stop the antisocial behaviour at Barrow wake, does Mr Nelson have any ideas how this may be achieved?

**PI Ellson confirmed the temporary cameras had been extremely successful in helping to tackle the ASB at Barrow Wake. Moving forward the police would be fully supportive of any CCTV installation in the Parish.**

**2. Traveller Encampments**

The Police appear to have relied on GCC to serve notice to the travellers who are encamped on the Highway. Please can Mr Nelson explain why these travellers have not been moved on by the Police? Section 61 of the CJPO Act states that senior officers do have authority to direct those in an unauthorised encampment to leave land if they are in an encampment that consists of six or more vehicles; any member of the encampment has "caused damage, disruption or distress"; or their encampment is on (or partly on) a highway. Why have the travellers been allowed to double park their vehicles causing other road users to drive on the verge to pass safely? No immediate action had been taken over one vehicle parked on, and using the highway with no numberplates, can we ask why?

**PI Ellson explained that whilst they will always support the local community, they also have to be mindful of the welfare of all involved. He confirmed that senior officers do have the authority to direct unauthorised encampments to leave land, but would look to the landowner (Glos Highways) in the first instance.**

**PI Ellson agreed the police should have taken swifter action on traffic offenders and gave a commitment to be more proactive in the future.**

**3. Overnight Camping on the Highway and Verges**

How can this Parish Council work towards a zero tolerance of any overnight camping within the Parish? Can signs or a local bylaw be made and would these be enforceable?

**PI Ellson stated the police would fully support any bylaws.**

**4. Birdlip Hill Weight Limit**

It is well known that overweight traffic regularly uses Birdlip Hill. This is having an adverse effect on the condition of the road, our community, and is a very dangerous hazard on a narrow and steep hill. What can the Police do to enforce the weight limit?

**PI Ellson agreed to arrange for police monitoring of Birdlip Hill. Clerk to canvas residents for most active times and days and email PI Ellson with details.**

**The Chairman thanked both PCC Nelson and PI Ellson for the attendance and input.**

**District Cllr Judd thanked PCC Nelson, the Police and all involved for their ongoing commitment to combating the decades old problem of ASB at Barrow Wake.**

**3-24/6. To Receive Report from Parish Clerk** (sent in advance) £30 spend was agreed for refreshments at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

**3-24/7. To Receive District and County Councillor Reports** – Cllr Judd report distributed **Noted**

**3-24/8. Planning**

- i. **24/00704/TCONR** Birdlip Cottage Birdlip Gloucester Gloucestershire GL4 8JH  
T1- Silver Birch: Remove to ground level. <https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=S9ZCWMFIHZN00&activeTab=summary> It was agreed that no comment be made by the PC.
- ii. **Update outstanding planning enforcement action at the Nest Birdlip** – still ongoing, will remain an agenda item until the enforcement process was completed.

**3-24/9. A417 Missing Link** To receive report from the Chairman

The Chairman attended the January A417 meeting of Parish Councils. Details of current progress on the project and road closures has been circulated. The Chairman was asked to attend a design review meeting on the Air Balloon Way which subsequently was postponed to a future date. The next A417 meeting of Parish Councils will be in April.

The Chairman wished to thank resident Harvey Mattinson who continues to attend WCH meetings on behalf of the PC. The chairman has asked for a separate meeting on access arrangements for ACY46. This was supported by Councillors.

**3-24/10. Bus Shelter & defibrillator:** To note bus shelter, defibrillator, benches & village signs have been inspected. **Noted**

**3-24/11. Antisocial Behaviour** Barrow Wake and Birdlip Village receive report on Safer Streets Grant from the Chairman.

The Chairman had attended meetings on behalf of the Parish Council. A possible £20,000 grant could be made available to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour at Barrow Wake and within the Parish. The Chairman had subsequently spoke to a Councillor for the Parish of Weston Subedge. Their Parish Council

had received a grant to install CCTV within their village. They confirmed the CCTV installation had proved extremely effective for crime prevention, resulting in a decrease in crime by over 90%.

The Chairman had also spoken with CCTV contractor and it was clear that a source of electricity would be needed at Barrow Wake before CCTV could be installed.

The Chairman proposed to seek funding for CCTV within the village which would be extended at a later date to include Barrow Wake. Cameras would most likely be positioned at the Bus shelter and school areas of the village. It was unanimously agreed the Chairman put this suggestion forward at his next meeting.

The Parish Council to ask parishioners for initial views on a potential scheme.

- 3-24/12. Parish Council Website History Page** To seek agreement from the Parish Council to allow Clerk to update PC website "History Page" with details of the Birdlip History Society meetings and findings. **Agreed**
- 3-24/13. Replacement Village Noticeboards** To consider updated quotes received.  
It was unanimously agreed to accept the updated quote from Delta Cheltenham for purchase of two new Noticeboards at a total cost of £1,480 (no vat).
- 3-24/14. Parish Council Chairman honours board - Ongoing**
- 3-24/15. PATA Payroll Services** To approve services for 2024, completed contact form to be signed by Vice Chairman Cllr McKay
- 3-24/16. Finance**
- i. **To note Following payments have been issued** noted  
**HMRC tax January 24** £33.20  
**Clerks Salary January 24 (inc backpay)** £442.20 and Expenses £35.75 (includes stationary £9.75)  
**HMRC tax February 24** £2.00  
**Clerks Salary February 24** £303.20 and Expenses £85.99 (includes Microsoft subscription)
  - ii. **Agree and give authority to issue online payments for the following:** All agreed
  - iii. **Annual Meeting Room Hire at St Marys** £250.00 agreed Clerk to make online payment.
  - iv. **Clerks Salary March 24** £363.05 and Expenses £46.09 (includes purchase of stamps and envelopes)
  - v. **HMRC tax March** £17.20
  - vi. **Community Heartbeat Trust** £151.20 Defibrillator annual maintenance
  - vii. **PATA Payroll Services 2024** £124.20
- 3-24/17. Items for the next agenda including requests from the public** Bank Reconciliation and end of year accounts. Neighbourhood Development Plan/residents survey deferred to May 2024
- 3-24/18. Date of next meeting**  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 7pm at St Mary's Church, Birdlip.  
To be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm
- The Chairman thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 20.40

Signed.....

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