

# Birdlip Parish Council



## MINUTES

Minutes Meeting of Birdlip Parish Council on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at St Mary's Church Birdlip at 7pm

Present: Councillors: J Lavington, E McKay, P Ritchie, D Partridge, M Crossley and O Hale, and District Councillor Judd

The meeting was opened by the Chairman

- 1-24/1. Apologies for Absence** Cllr Collings
- 1-24/2. Declarations of Interest** None
- 1-24/3. Public Participation regarding items on this Agenda (3 minutes per person allowed)** None
- 1-24/4. Minutes**
- I. **To approve minutes of meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023** Approved
  - II. **To approve minutes of Extraordinary meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023** Approved
  - III. **Action points from previous meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – unless currently itemed on agenda**  
**11.10 Grit bin replacements** - Grit bins purchased. Asset register updated to reflect this. One now in situ, volunteers required to empty and replace those located nearer the school.  
**11.15 Neighbourhood Development Plan** survey of residents – now deferred to March meeting.
- 1-24/5. To Receive Report from Parish Clerk** (sent in advance) It was agreed that the Parish Council budget for training would be put towards the Clerks cilCA training.
- 1-24/6. To Receive District and County Councillor Reports –**  
Cllr Judd's report distributed included new planning charges, fines for fly tipping and Grants to PCC's. The planning enforcement regarding the removal of the mobile home at the Nest is still ongoing.
- 1-24/7. Update Birdlip Garden Co-operative**  
The constitution was updated and circulated by the Chairman. Clerk completed the application to cultivate the verges along the Cirencester Road this was agreed, signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council and will be submitted with payment of £85.00. Harvey Mattinson with the help of the Chairman has applied for a grant from the National Highways Social Value Fund. The application is to cover the purchase of essential tools. The Parish Council agreed an annual subsidy of £100 would be issued to Birdlip Garden Cooperative under power S72. This would be subject to annual budget approval.
- 1-24/8. A417 Missing Link** To receive report from the Chairman - No further update at present.
- 1-24/9. Bus Shelter & defibrillator:** To note the bus shelter, defibrillator, benches & village signs have been inspected. The compulsory purchase of the Bus shelter on the A417 has now completed and the Asset register updated to reflect this. An invoice for the agreed percentage split to Cowley Council has been received and payment of £2,643.87 was agreed S127.
- 1-24/10. Antisocial Behaviour** Barrow Wake and Birdlip Village receive report from Clerk and Councillor Judd  
A meeting with the Safer Streets Campaign will be attended by the Chairman. This will be to discuss the possibility of a grant being made to the Parish Council to be used to combat the anti-social behavior. Chairman will report back at the February meeting. It was noted that some travelers were currently residing at Barrow Wake and the Police and GCC were aware.
- 1-24/11. Note dates of Parish Council meetings 24-25** Noted

**1-24/12. Agree GAPTC as independent auditor for 23/24** Agreed

**1-24/13. Discuss and Agree Charity Donations in accordance with the Policy** Applications distributed to councillors in advance. Thanks to the donation received from Matt Jones the following grants were agreed.

Applicant	Amount requested	Grant suggested	Grant Agreed
Brimpsfield with Birdlip PCC	£300	£250	£250
Birdlip Rainbows	£90	£90	£90
Birdlip and Brimpsfield Playgroup	£250	£250	£250
Birdlip History Group	£100	£100	£100
Total		£690.00	£690.00

**1-24/14. Replacement Village Noticeboards** To consider quotes received and Clerks recommendations for purchase/budgeting. The quote for aluminium boards was agreeable. Clerk to contact supplier to gain further information regarding permanent Sign writing and available colours.

**1-24/15. Parish Council Chairman honours board** To consider quotes received and Clerks recommendations for purchase/budgeting. It was agreed the Clerk would look into local companies that could manufacturer a board similar to the existing one. The possibility for sponsorship of the board was suggested.

**1-24/16. Budget Update on Expenditure** - Circulated before meeting - noted

**1-24/17. I. To Agree Budget 2024-25** Agreed at £11,520.00

**1-24/18. To Agree Precept 2024-25** Agreed at £7,080.00

**1-24/19. New NLC payrates 23-24** – Increase agreed

**1-24/20. Finance**

I. **Banking** It was agreed that the Clerk would become a delegate user for the Parish Council and apply for online banking. It was agreed that the Parish Council should open a deposit account for monies held in the event of a contested election.

II. **To note Following payments have been issued**

**Clerks Salary November** £286.00 and Expenses £35.54 (includes domain renewal £9.54)

**Clerks Salary December** £286.20 and Expenses £26.00

**Payment of invoice for Grit Bin to Slingby** £291.33

**Payment of invoice for Grit Bins to Aldea Group** £274.00

III. **To issue cheque Invoices for Training GAPTC Total** £60.00

IV. **To issue cheque to Cowley PC share of sale of Bus Shelter** £2,643.87

V. **To issue cheque for application to GCC for licence to cultivate verges** £85.00

VI. **To note payment received** £7,750 from Kier Highways Ltd £7,000 for sale of Bus Shelter and £750 donation from Matt Jones donated legal services.

**1-24/21. Items for the next agenda including requests from the public** Neighbourhood Development Plan/residents survey deferred to March 2024.

**1-24/22. Date of next meeting** Wednesday 21st February 2024 7pm at St Mary's Church, Birdlip.

The Chairman thanked those in attendance and closed the meeting at 20.03

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