

# Birdlip Parish Council



## MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting of Birdlip Parish Council on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at St Mary's Church Birdlip at 7pm

Present: Councillors: J Lavington, E McKay, D Partridge, M Crossley, O Hale and J Twydell.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman

**24-10/1. Apologies for Absence** Councillor Ritchie

**24-10/2. Declarations of Interest** Councillor Partridge declared an interest in item 24-10/9. I.

**24-10/3. Public Participation regarding items on this Agenda (3 minutes per person allowed)**

**24-10/4. Minutes**

I. **To approve minutes of meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024** Agreed and signed by Chairman

II. **Action points from previous meeting 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 not covered as an Agenda Item**

**24/9/8** Clerk has contacted the website maintenance provider who has suggested the cost to change to a .gov.uk web address would be in the region of £90 plus the cost of the new web address. Clerk will continue to investigate new web address cost and report back.

**24-10/5. To Receive Report from Parish Clerk** distributed in advance.

**24-10/6. To Receive District and County Councillor Reports** – Cllr Judd report distributed in advance.

**24-10/7. To consider email from member of the public regarding lack of footpath opposite St Marys Church Birdlip**

The Parish Council believe the road would have been assessed for safety by Gloucestershire Highways as a consultee at the planning stage. It is likely the road is too narrow to accommodate a footpath. National Highways have stated the new A417 missing link road should reduce the rat running traffic through the villages of Birdlip and Brimpsfield helping to make the road safer. Suggest they contact Gloucestershire Highways. Clerk will reply on behalf of the Parish Council.

**24-10/8. To review grant policy attached**

No change to grant policy

**24-10/9. To consider grant applications**

I. Brimpsfield with Birdlip PCC – Churchyard Maintenance. **A £300 grant was agreed subject to budget and 2025 precept being awarded.**

II. Parish Connections – Donation towards costs. **A £300 grant was agreed subject to budget and 2025 precept being awarded.**

III. To agree change of use for grant already issued 2024 to Birdlip playgroup from Screens to IT equipment. **Agreed**

**24-10/10. CCTV Update**

The Chairman had met with the contractor regarding the access to wifi needed for cameras. This has now been resolved. Contractor will contact GCC with the technical specification for the application to use lampposts to house cameras. It was agreed the Clerk would apply and pay any associated fees on behalf of the PC for permission to prune lower limbs of tree with TPO in the old School playground. Would seek advice from contractor for recommendation for additional ANPR camera.

**24-10/11. A417 Missing Link** To receive update from the Chairman

The Chair and Cllr Twydell attend the WCH and Parish Council meeting with National Highways and Keir. Keir reported the recent storms had revealed some issues with the drainage design and would require some redesign.

They had discussed outstanding issues with the B4070 and the new Air Balloon Way.

The old entrance to A417 from B4070 to be considered as a restricted byway. The land owner of the field had contacted the PC, Chairman advised them contact NH and Kier regarding access to his gate, currently ongoing. Concerns had been raised regarding the no through road at the top of Parson Pitch. It was agreed the chairman would contact NH and Kier on behalf of the PC to discuss this also becoming a restricted byway as it falls within the red line boundary.

Next meeting planned for 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

**24-10/12. Bus Shelter & defibrillator:** To note bus shelter, defibrillator, benches & village signs have been inspected **Noted**

**24-10/13. Residents Questionnaire**

The residents questionnaire was agreed. Add link to CDC Local plan for reference. Move lettering to middle of each quadrant on map. Add the word infilling to Q4 E.

Questionnaires will be distributed 2<sup>nd</sup> week in January and collected on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

**24-10/14. Cil Payment** Clerk confirmed a Cil payment of £2,744.88 had been received from CDC.

**24-10/15. Finance**

- I. To note second instalment of precept £1,770.00 has been received. **Noted**
- II. To approve two payments to GAPTC for Councillor training of £45.00 and £45.00 **Agreed**
- III. To note payments made since last meeting and agree reconciled bank balance attached **Noted and agreed**

**24-10/16. Items for the next agenda including requests from the public**

**24-10/17. Date of next meeting** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at St Mary’s Church, Birdlip 7pm

The meeting closed at 20.02

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