

BAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023

Present:

Cllr. Peter Davies - Chairman

Cllr. Alan Rees - Vice-Chair

Cllr. Marie Whiteman - Clerk

Cllr. Adrian Potter

Cllr. Peter Moran

Cllr. John Milner

Cllr. Dave Walton

Cllr. Paul Hodgkinson – CDC Councillor

**1. Apologies:**

Cllr. Joe Harris – GCC Councillor

**2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15<sup>TH</sup> May 2023**

The minutes of the AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> May were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Peter Moran and seconded by Cllr. Adrian Potter.

**3. Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. John Milner and seconded by Cllr. Peter Moran

**4. Matters arising**

Village Green – still no progress. Cllr. Hodgkinson will speak to the Legal Dept. at GCC.

**5 Matters Arising – None**

**6. Report from Cllr. Hodgkinson**

Cllr. Hodgkinson updated the meeting on the following:

- The Whiteway between North Cerney turning and the Airfield is due to be resurfaced.
- Please report any pothole issues on the Website.
- CDC Leisure has a new provider; it is now being run by Freedom Leisure. If you are a regular user of the Leisure Centre please let me Cllr Hodgkinson know your views, positive or negative.
- An illegal rave took place at the Quarry two weeks ago; a lot of complaints were received. The music went on all night. The Police were called. It affected the residents in Bagendon and Dalingworth. No one at our meeting was disturbed.

- Lorry Park – the decision has been delayed as the Inspector is on sick leave until the middle of September.
- Rendcomb Airfield has not been adhering to the original planning consent. They were due to apply for planning permission but pulled the application at the last minute. They are going to submit another one.
- A435 – Improvements to the A435 at Charlton Kings are on course. Tarmacking is taking place at the moment.
- CDC car parking charges – the increase in parking charges has not had a negative effect on the income.
- A resident complained to Cllr. Hodgkinson about the bin lorries driving over the grass verges. He was advised to report the issue directly to CDC.

## 7. Cllr. Harris sent his apologies

## 8. Responsible Finance Officer report

The first tranche of 75% of our annual precept has been received. We have also received the agreed compensation for the loss of precept related to the merging of the north side of Baunton Lane into Stratton. We will receive this compensation for four years in total.

The Councillors unanimously agreed to pay the Church £1000 to maintain the churchyard. It will be reviewed annually.

The summary Receipts and Payments account for the period ending the 30<sup>th</sup> June can be viewed on the Parish Council's website. [www.baunton.org](http://www.baunton.org)

## 9. Pot holes

A discussion took place on the pot holes in the village. We were appreciative of the ones that were repaired but unsure why some were left. Apparently they didn't meet the criteria.

**Action: Cllr. Milner will check the required standard for repairing pot holes and Cllr. Potter will check our Insurance to see if we are covered to repair them ourselves.**

## 10. Planning

- Truck stop – Planning appeal – The appeal hearing closed on 8<sup>th</sup> May. It is now in the hands of the Inspector. Decision is delayed.
- No. 23/00876 Bunton Water Treatment works – building to house infiltration works – Approved
- Millside – reduce height of Silver Birch, Conifers and Horse Chestnut – Approved

**11. Parish Plan Action sheet**

**Flooding**

Note from John Whittaker who keeps an eye on the river for the Parish.

Whilst there was a considerable amount of steady rain in July the soil moisture deficit from the very dry May and June was able to absorb the water rather than causing the river to rise too much. It came up about 2cm over the period bringing the river gauge to a reading of 20. This compares to a peak of 69 on the 17th Jan as noted in my email for the last meeting.

The only issue I am aware of is the flooding that occurs across Manor Farm's drive. This I believe is due to the slow drainage from the road gully as it occurs whatever the river level. Perhaps the gully and pipework could be checked / jetted through?

**Action: The Clerk to report the problem to GCC**

**Long Term Energy Needs and the Parish Plan**

It was agreed that this item will be taken off the Action Plan until the PCC have made a decision about making the Church self-sufficient in energy.

**12 Correspondence – None**

**13. Any Other Business - None**

**14. Date of the next meeting**

**Monday 13th November @ 6.30p.m.**