**Baltonsborough Parish Council**

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 **Minutes of the Virtual Zoom Parish Council meeting held on**

**Thursday 5th November 2020 commencing at 7pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs A Wotton (Chair), SEveritt (Vice chair), M Dykes, P Jordain, F Maddock,

M Phillips, R Clapp.

**In Attendance:** Mrs Caron Potts (Clerk), one member of the public for reports

**Public Question Time –** no questions

**Other reports**

**01458 Connect (FTTH Broadband)**

Richard Culley presented plans for a new fibre to the premises scheme which would look to significantly improve broadband speeds funded through the Government backed Gigabit Voucher Scheme.

**Social Media coordinator**

Gemma Williams advised the council of how she would be willing to volunteer to assist the village with improving its social media presence.

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AGENDA

Meeting commenced at 7.33pm

A901 Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given.

Apologies received and accepted for Cllr A Blackburn.

**A902 Declarations of Interest**. Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Council’s Code of Conduct. None declared.

**A903 Exclusion of the Press and Public -** Not applicable.

**A904 Minutes of October Parish Council Meeting**

To confirm and sign (when safe to do so) as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1st October 2020. Agreed unanimously.

**A905 Planning**

1. New Application

2020/2169/HSE Conversion of attic space to include the addition of roof lights & dormer window & new roof to conservatory. Location: 1 Neville Park Baltonsborough. Application agreed unanimously. **Action Clerk** - advise planning department.

1. Decisions

2020/1844/AGE - Excavation works and construction of a silage clamp area for the storage of winter forage for the dairy herd. Briars Farm Back Lane Baltonsborough. Permitted development, prior approval not required.

**A906 Resolutions**

1. SCC Climate Emergency Fund update

Cllr Phillips was commended for the considerable work she had put into the funding application. RESOLVED – Proceed and submit application.

2. New wall mounted rubbish bin quote £157.04

RESOLVED – **Action Clerk** to place order for bin

3. Solar Street update and resolution

RESOVED - The Council believes the Solar Street project appears to represent good value and will agree to having our name on publicity material to inform the village about the scheme. It endorses the project with no contractual obligation.

4. Speed watch – request to purchase 4 signs £150

Concerns were raised over the effectiveness of the signs. Unanimously not resolved.

5. Agricultural vehicle speeds

Specific concerns discussed about the corner by Woodlands Cottage, which is very narrow and mostly blind, what could be done in conjunction with Highways to improve it. RESOLVED – **Action Clerk and Chair** to communicate the issues to Highways and request a site visit.

6. Section 106 Flowers and Hayes update – Cllr Blackburn not present. **Action Clerk** to carry forward to next meeting.

7. 01458 connect leaflet

RESOLVED – agreed to pay leaflet printing cost estimated to be £50, this might increase with satellite hamlets now being included. **Action Clerk** to inform Richard Culley. **Action Cllrs** to distribute leaflets.

8. Multiuser path links update

Cllr Phillips reported that this was not relevant to Baltonsborough.

9. Website update and social media

RESOLVED to accept Gemma Williams offer of help. Agreed that a holistic approach to the village website and social media was needed. Action Clerk to arrange a meeting to start the process with GW, AW, SE, CP, and Amanda Clow-Wright.

10. Dead/dying ash trees on Muchelney Lane

Clarification required as to their stage of decline. RESOLVED **Action Cllr Clapp** to discuss with the landowner what intervention is required and whether some other trees in the hedgerow could be identified to mature.

11.. Banking authorization, mandates and internet banking

RESOLVED Clerk to be added as a signatory to the account and proceed to move to internet banking. **Action Clerk** to make necessary arrangements.

12. New printer – Epson Eco Tank ET-2756 £269 cost to be shared with Barton St David PC

RESOLVED approve payment at next meeting.

13. Meeting dates for next year - RESOLVED

7 January 4 February 4 March 1 April

6 May 3 June 1 July August no meeting

2 September 7 October 4 November 2 December

**A907 Actions from minutes not already covered/carried forward**

**Clerk**

Confirmed our Public Liability insurance is £12 million

**Cllr Wotton & Dykes -** New village signs have been put up.

**Cllr Maddock**

1. Advise FAWNs to proceed asap – work scheduled for 7th November.
2. Research alternative suppliers for future work – GB sport and leisure approached, they don’t offer an annual service fee but quoted for the zip wire repair and were the same price. They advised that a zip wire service is required annually.

Cllr Maddock also noted that repairs are likely to be needed to areas of ground cover**. Action Clerk** note for budget.

**FINANCE**

**A908 Accounts for payment -**To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure

1. Clerks salary for October - £298.25
2. £50 donation to the Poppy Appeal

Approved unanimously. **Action Clerk** to arrange payments

**A909 Income Received**

Interest received for Reserve Account August- Mendip lottery £12.00, Interest £0.11

Approved unanimously.

**A910 Bank reconciliation as of 18th September 2020 and budget/cashflow**

To agree the bank reconciliation figures: Reserve account - £13241.95, Current account £13371.36. Approved unanimously.

**A911 Items for next meeting**

Initial budget and precept review

**Next meeting** – 7pm Thursday 3rd December 2020 venue TBC – assume virtual

**Meeting finished at 8.48pm**

**Actions arising from this meeting**

**Clerk**

1. Advise planning department of decision.
2. Place order for rubbish bin.
3. Communicate the issues to Highways and request a site visit for Burnetts Lane/Martin Street corner.
4. Section 106 Flowers and Hayes update to carry forward to next meeting.
5. Advice R Culley to proceed and print 01458 connect leaflets.
6. Arrange bank payments
7. Include playpark repairs in 2021 budget.

**Cllr Wotton**

1. Liaise with Clerk to communicate the issues to Highways and request a site visit

**Cllr Clapp**

1. Discuss hedgerow on Muchelney Lane with the landowner.

**All Cllrs**

1. Distribution of 01458 connect leaflets.