

## Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council on 14 December 2022 at 7.30 pm		
	<u>Present</u> Cllr Ford, Cllr Walsh, Cllr Robbins Members of the Public: R Martin	<u>Action</u>
63/23	Apologies for Absence: 54.1 Cllr S Coul, Cllr Jones, Cllr Tridgell, Cllr Howe, Cllr Leverton	
64/23	Declaration of Personal, Prejudicial and Pecuniary Interest 55.1 None	
65/23	To Accept Minutes of Last Meetings 65.1 Minutes for Council meeting on 2 November have been circulated to Councillors. All agreed – they were accepted and signed. 65.2 No matters arising 65.3 Correspondence list accepted by Council	
66/23	Open Forum 66.1 County Councillor – none 66.2 District Councillor – none 66.3 R Martin came to ask speak to council about a new project but decided to wait until later date. He noted that the phone box was to house a 2 <sup>nd</sup> defibrillator – this was after public consultation- he asked how many times the defib had been used. Planning- 20 The Gassons – cannot be built in sandstone. Methodist Chapel – interruption of privacy to Chapel House. WODC Consultation on budget – cannot disagree with questions due to way it has been written – no standards officer at WODC – everyone needs the opportunity to disagree.	
67/23	Planning & Cemetery 67.1.1 22/02555/HHD 20 the Gassons a Cottsway property– approved. Council will write to planning and highlight the discrepancies within the application especially concerning the materials to be used. 67.1.2 22/03232/FUL & 22/03233/LBC Methodist Chapel – letter will be written regarding windows and design 67.1.3 WODC planning dept have reported to use that they will contact a resident in Broughton Poggs re their fencing. 67.2 OALC Planning Training – Cllrs Robbins and Howe attended. Cllr Robbins reported in his opinion the Planning Policy did not need updating inline with WODC but he will meet with Cllr Howe and Jones to discuss. The main point from the meeting was that in future there will not be many applications that we object to that will be refused. The Government are pushing for houses to be built. This increases the urgency to have the CLP in place so the village has the chance to earmark ground where new speculative housing would be acceptable.	Clerk  Clerk  Robbins Howe Jones
68/23	Village Matters 68.1 CLP – Cllr Walsh reported there was a meeting with Teresa Smallbone and the problem with moving forward is the landscape of the village had changed so some items the CLP were going to work on are now irrelevant or have been done. We now need to take advantage of the expertise in the village and the Council will contact all organisations including CWW and 5 Aills to get them involved and ask them for one item that they feel important to the village going forward. This will then be used to kickstart the CLP. They will be asked to report back after their next meetings in February and in the Spring we can start again. Who is asking – Cllr Walsh	

Signed:

Date:

	<p>informed that herself, Cllr Tridgell and Cllr Ford will collect the data and will work with Teresa and the committee.</p> <p>R Martin – Apologised and stated he knows he is not allowed to comment but this is ridiculous and not working according to the rules of the CLP. CLP cannot be run by the PC as they and the Clerk knows. He has offered several times to run with it and suggested that he be in place for 3 months and if the PC were unhappy he would take it no further. It has been stalled for nearly 4 years and with the planning being such an important issue going forward, as the PC have just admitted, then it needs to be acted on now. He would gather a committee together and start the plan now. Why will his offer not be taken up.</p> <p>Cllr Walsh added that he could not do it as he was a one-man band and would not involve anyone else. That was not the point of it, it should involve a committee and he would do what he wants.</p> <p>Cllr Ford interrupted the exchange and added that the suggestion was just to kick start it with some fresh input and the committee would be re-assessed. They are trying to find a way to move it one after it has been stood still for so long. Cllr Ford, Walsh and Tridgell need an urgent meeting</p> <p>R Martin commented that he would move it on as soon as his offer was accepted.</p> <p>68.2 Telephone Box – Clerk has contacted SSE several times – still waiting to hear back. Cllr Robbins stated ref defibrillator use it is not how many times it has been needed but one use to save a life is worthwhile.</p> <p>68.3 R Higham has raised a question with Cllr Ford concerning some roads in Filkins not being named – not a Council remit but Clerk will look at Electoral Roll and see how they classify them. We do not want a road name on every road.</p> <p>68.4 Village Shop AGM- Village shop representative Cllr Walsh was unable to attend.</p>	<p>Walsh Tridgell Ford</p> <p>Clerk</p>
69/23	<p>Finance</p> <p>69.1 Payments for November/December 2022 were resolved and approved. List was signed by Cllr Ford &amp; Robbins. Payments will be authorised after the meeting.</p> <p>69.2 Account balances to end of September Parish Council £14299.31 Current, £36782.18 deposit. Village Centre £35790.54 current, £1389.46 COIF</p> <p>69.3 Final draft of precept was circulated before the meeting. Main increase is due to the increase in electricity it is proposed the precept will rise to £20,500 for 2023/24. The tax base from WODC for 2023/24 is £218.53 which means an increase of £9.32 per Band D house. RFO will write Precept report for website and will submit return.</p> <p>69.4 Clerk would like to complete some online training being the ILCA and FILCA Certificates @£144 each – these are 10hrs studying per session. Also OALC Training Audit procedures £30, and Clerk’s More Knowledge £110 on 17<sup>th</sup> January. The expense of the certificates and training day will be split with Alvescot.</p> <p>Arnold Baker have also brought out a new edition £132 – it was agreed this would be purchased and the expense split with Alvescot.</p> <p>69.5 Grant – Vc Refurbishment – We have received £7,400 towards the works but WODC will not pay the full grant on the invoice we cannot claim VAT back on. RFO has had a long conversation with them as their form is a yes and no answer to reclaiming VAT. However, we cannot reclaim on works paid through donations. This means we are approx. £500 short. They are consulting with WODC’s accountant and will report back.</p>	
70/23	<p>Chairmans Q&amp;A Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns raised on precepts increasing range between 2% and 11% some increase to £30 per band d house. Those who have not increased are due to their villages having had new housing developments.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning- Kingston Bagpuize – 2011 had 2100 houses now 3300 30% increase. Aston 25% increase. Landowners are now putting in speculative housing applications. Sibford Ferris has 165 new houses and has formed an action group to deal with planning. Review of 2030 plan will lead to more speculative housing proposals.</li> <li>• Recruiting new councillors – Yarnton Parish Council large %age of councillors are stepping down and there are many vacancies throughout the WODC area. OALC is holding training for people who may be interested in becoming a Councillor so they know what is required of them.</li> </ul>	
71/23	Next Meeting will be held on 8 <sup>th</sup> February in the village hall committee room there is no January meeting due to the close proximity to Christmas. Following meetings 08/03, 12/04, 10/05.	