

BAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH MEETING

MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2020 @ 4.00 P.M.

IN THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDELENE, BAUNTON

Present:

Cllr. Elaine Drayton – Chairman
Cllr. Alan Rees - Vice-Chair
Cllr. Marie Whiteman - Clerk
Cllr. Adrian Potter
Cllr. Peter Moran
Cllr. John Milner

Cllr. Nigel Robbins – County Councillor
Cllr. Jenny Forde – Ward Councillor

- 1. Apologies:** None
- 2. Minutes of the meeting on 11th November 2019**

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

3. Matters Arising

There is still work to be done on the telephone tree and an email to be sent to remind level 2 residents of their role in the Emergency Plan.

Action: Cllr. Milner and Cllr. Whiteman

There has been no feedback about having the Polling Station for Baunton at the Golf Club instead of the Portacabin in the village. The clerk will find out from Cotswold District Council what the turnout was. When the church has been reordered the Polling Station will be held there.

Action: Cllr. Whiteman

4. Responsible Finance Officer's report

Cllr Potter reported that there had been no change since the last meeting.

It was agreed at the meeting that another £500 would be paid to maintain the Churchyard, bringing the total for the financial year to £1000 as previously agreed.

£200 to the Church for heating and lighting for Parish meetings.

£200 to the Advice Bureau

A request has been received from a resident for a litter bin to be installed in the village. The clerk had investigated costs etc. After a discussion it was unanimously agreed that we didn't want a litter bin in the village and we would all become more vigilant and pick up litter when we can.

Litter can be put in the dog poo bin.

It was also brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the seat in the Bus shelter needs replacing or repairing. The Clerk will investigate cost and material. Cllrs Milner and Whiteman to visit the bus shelter!

Action: Cllr. Whiteman and Cllr. Milner

A copy of the accounts is available to view on the Baunton Website www.baunton.org

5. Cllr. Jenny Forde

Cllr. Forde updated the meeting on the Budget setting meeting that was taking place at CDC on 26th February.

A revenue budget for 2020/21 of £12.3 million with a capital programme of investment of £60 million over the next three years was being recommended.

Key elements of the budget include:

An update to the Local Plan to ensure it is 'green to the core', meeting housing needs and responding to the challenge of climate emergency;

Funding to improve the new waste and recycling services;

Capital allocations to improve parking and develop social rented housing;

Investment in the economic development of the district to support business growth and boost job opportunities;

Development of a strategy to improve health and wellbeing in all our communities;

Ensuring the most vulnerable people in the District do not have to pay council tax – this has been done in consultation with Citizen's Advice;

Council Tax and car park charges are being increased.

Cllr. Forde also updated the meeting on the new waste and recycling service and encouraged everyone to read the information that had been sent to every home and to also watch videos online if possible. The new recycling scheme starts at the end of March. The green waste will only be collected once a fortnight.

6. Cllr. Nigel Robbins

See below, under Parish Action Plan – Church meeting place project

7. Pot Holes

The state of the road through Baunton was discussed. It was agreed that the clerk would get in touch with GCC Highways and ask for the pot holes to be filled in and for the gulley's to be cleaned out.

Action; Cllr. Whiteman

8. Planning

19/01625/FUL – Green Sleeves, Baunton Lane erection of dwelling in garden –
Amendment - awaiting decision

20/00482/FUL – Field House, Baunton, erection of a two storey rear extension, new front porch, 3 roof lights, new dormer window, French windows, on west elevation - The Council discussed this application and had no objections.

9. Parish Action Plan

Church meeting place project – update from Cllr. Milner

All permissions have now been received from the Diocese and the Council.

Unfortunately the diocese will not agree to have the kitchen in the Vestry.

Cllr. Milner and Cllr Robbins discussed the application for a grant from GCC. Cllr. Robbins asked for the application form to be revised and to request the money for the heating. Cllr. Milner will liaise with Charles Perkins to action this.

Other items discussed were the chairs, which are to take the place of the pews. It is hoped that residents of the village will sponsor the chairs;

Protection of the Mural;

A money tree for fund raising.

Fund raising needs to get under way as soon as possible now that Diocese and CDC approval has been granted.

Flooding/Riparian group

Despite the continual rain John Whittaker reported no issue at the moment apart from the gulleys which need cleaning.

A417/419 Action Group

Nothing to report.

10. Forthcoming events – Lunch at the Golf club on 8th March 2020

11. Date of next meeting - The Annual General meeting and the ordinary meeting will take place on Monday 11th May 2020.