

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Bitton Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 7.30pm at the Community and Youth Building, Rear of Redfield Edge School.

PRESENT: Councillors: P Collins, L Efthymiou, J Friend, G Hardman,
S Hawking, St Nash, Su Nash, V McNab, S Rickerby,
K Scudamore, A Thomas, N Watson, E Williams

Officer : Mrs K Fry – Clerk

The Chair outlined the procedures for exit from the building in the event of an emergency.

37/23. CO-OPTION ONTO THE NORTH COMMON WARD

RESOLVED that Councillor Erica Williams and Councillor Kelly Cole be co-opted on to the North Common Ward. The Clerk arranged for the Declarations of Office to be signed and the Register of Members Interest. The Chair welcomed them both onto the Council.

38/23. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

39/23. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 22 May 2023 were presented.

RESOLVED that the minutes be received as presented.

40/23. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Councillor Pete Collins reported that the quotes for the ceiling repairs at the Community Building were in hand.

The Clerk reported that she had made contact with Nicola Bennett from St Mary's Church to inform her that the CIL application was not being considered at this time. She reported that a further application may be submitted at a later date.

The Clerk reported that the phone lines are still live until the end of June 2023. Both phones can be used until South Gloucestershire Council cut it off.

41/23. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS AS APPROPRIATE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Steve Skidmore from Oldland Parish Council attended the meeting to discuss the aspiration to create a community base at Cherry Gardens School that would enable the primary school to share its space with the community as well as be additional space for the school. This is just in the initial stages of discussions and Steve Skidmore is keen to keep Bitton Parish Council in the picture in the hope that we can work in joint partnership on this project. A meeting has been arranged at Cherry Gardens School on 12 July 2023 at 2.30pm with the head and various service providers.

RESOLVED Councillors Sue Nash and Erica Williams to join the Clerk at the meeting.

Councillor Erica Williams reported that she had been contacted by residents with concerns over the weight of HGV lorries going over the bridge on Bath Road by Bitton Motor Company. She reported that this was flagged in 2017 before the development was built and that it is of sound structure.

42/23. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that the judging took place for the Creative Arts Competition. We had some amazing entries. Certificates and prizes will be arranged, and the Clerk's Assistant will take these back in to schools.

The bin outside of the Community Building has now been installed. Whilst inspecting with Dave Jones we discovered the bin at Coombes Way was damaged. This has now been replaced.

The repairs at the playpark at Redfield Hill have been completed. This is now open to the public.

The Clerk reported that we had lost our baby sensory group on a Friday at the Community Building but have gained a Yoga Class on a Monday and Thursday night.

The Clerk notified the Council of her holiday dates.

43/23. YOUTH ACTIVITIES TENDER

Correspondence had previously been circulated to Councillors from South Gloucestershire Council and Creative Youth Network inviting us to be part of the Youth Activities Tender.

RESOLVED to inform Creative Youth Network that we wish to remain part of the delivery from 1 April 2024.

44/23. SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk previously circulated the South Gloucestershire Council Code of Conduct for consideration.

RESOLVED to adopt the Code of Conduct to run alongside the Bitton Parish Council's own.

45/23. LAMP POST

Talks are still taking place as to the ownership of the Lamp Post outside of the Community Building. The cost to place this on a separate meter has doubled to £697.22.

RESOLVED to not carry out the works until the ownership has been agreed. Councillor Erica Williams to take this forward.

46/23. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment and authorisation.

RESOLVED that the accounts listed be settled and the schedule signed by the Chair with the addition of the following:-

Chubb Security – Alarm Maintenance	£770.53
Chubb Security – Fire Extinguisher	£181.98

The meeting ended at 20.13pm

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Chair