



Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the meeting of Bletsoe Parish Council on Tuesday, 23rd January 2024 at 7.30pm at Bletsoe Village Hall to consider the following items of business.

AGENDA

- 1 **Public Open Session:** This council is committed to community engagement and therefore warmly invites members of the public to contribute during this part of the meeting. Members of the public should note that the council is only allowed to take decisions on topics that are publicised on the agenda. Please note that interruptions during the remainder of the meeting are not permitted.
 - Members of the public (15 minutes)
 - Borough Councillor Martin Towler report
- 2 **Apologies for Absence**
- 3 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**
- 4 **To approve the minutes of the parish council meeting** held on 28th November 2023.
- 5 **Clerk's report on actions**
 - Defibrillator training booked for Saturday 27th January 2024.
 - New dog fouling signs for New Parish Field – signs purchased.
- 6 **Financial Matters**
 - To approve payments and note receipts, balances, and the budget variance report.
 - To set the budget and precept for 2024/25.
- 7 **Land behind Captain's Close (aka Old Parish Field)**

Update: Quotes obtained from planning agents, as agreed at the November 2023 council meeting, for the potential sale of the above land in line with the Bletsoe Neighbourhood Development Plan (BNP Policy 2 – residential development of up to 8 dwellings). No final decision has yet been made as to whether to proceed with the sale at this point.

 - Proposal from Cllr Field-Foster: To create a working group of councillors for the purposes of: Reviewing the planning agent quotes and understanding the options available for the sale of the land, to allow an informed discussion and decision at a future council meeting
- 8 **Bus shelter monies**

Proposal from Cllr Goduti: To consider a beneficiary for the small amount of money in the donation pot in the bus shelter.
- 9 **Play area surfacing**

To consider the installation of safety surfacing under the two swingsets at the play area – issue mentioned in the inspection report.

Update: Martin Towler's Ward Fund has committed £1100. Awaiting the outcome of the application to BBC Rural Grant Fund for £2145. Remaining payment of £1045 would then be required by the parish council.
- 10 **Planning applications**

To consider any applications received since the last meeting, including any received after the agenda has been published:

APPLICATION NO: 24/00010/FUL Full Planning Application PROPOSAL: Erection of 3 dwellings with vehicular access
LOCATION : Land Adjacent To Rectory Cottage 72 The Avenue Bletsoe Bedfordshire

11 Request for support

- To resolve that, under Section 1 Paragraph 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the next item of business due to the personal and familial details involved in discussing the below request from a resident.
- To consider a request from a resident to support an exchange of housing with BPHA.

12 Business for future agendas (No actions can be taken on items not on the agenda)

Date of next meeting: 26th March 2024 – Bletsoe Village Hall