



Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the meeting of Bletsoe Parish Council on Tuesday, 23rd July 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
- 2 **Apologies for Absence**
- 3 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**
- 4 **To approve the minutes of the “extra” ordinary parish council meeting held on 20th June 2024.**
- 5 **Clerk’s report on actions**
 - Play area surfacing: Resurfacing work completed.
 - Land behind Captain’s Close (BNP Policy 2 – residential development of up to 8 dwellings): Working Group of councillors met in May 2024 to review the quotes and advice from planning agents. A further on-site meeting with an agent took place to aid understanding of the process and to ensure there are no obvious blockers if the council decided to proceed with a sale. Advice is currently being reviewed with no final decision currently made whether to proceed.
 - Annual accounts have been submitted to the external auditor, Mazars.
- 6 **Financial Matters**

To approve payments and note receipts, balances, and the budget variance report.
- 7 **Standing Orders**

To review and adopt the most-current set of Standing Orders.
- 8 **Cooption Policy**

To review and adopt a Cooption Policy.
- 9 **Cooption**

To consider coopting to fill the one vacancy for parish councillor.
- 10 **Full Fibre Broadband**

Proposal from Cllr Binks: To share an update related to obtaining improved broadband in Bletsoe.
- 11 **New Parish Field - grounds maintenance**

Ongoing review of the approach for cutting the New Parish Field (behind the village hall) and the use of volunteers and paid contractors.
- 12 **Old Parish Field**
 - To consider any actions related to maintenance following the anticipated decision of the tenant not to renew the agreement for grazing on the Old Parish Field.
 - To consider whether to advertise for a new tenant for grazing on the Old Parish Field, in anticipation of the current tenant not renewing

13 Planning applications

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

APPLICATION NO: 24/01239/COU Change of Use Application

PROPOSAL: Change of use to allow car auctions (sui generis use).

LOCATION : Coombelands Park Thurleigh Road Milton Ernest Bedfordshire MK44 1ZY

- For noting only: To receive any updates from the borough council on the below application, to which the parish council previously objected.

BBC Response: Application Refused. Officer's report available on the BBC planning website.

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

14 Business for future agendas – for noting only (no actions can be taken on items not on the agenda)

Date of next meeting: 24th September 2024 – Bletsoe Village Hall