

**Minutes of the annual meeting of Bavington Parish Council held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 commencing at 7pm in Great Bavington URC meeting room**

**Those present:** P Acton (Chairman), L Robson, R Taylor, P Ramsden, C Hogg, C Miller (Clerk), one member of the public

**2024/17 Apologies for Absence**

J Spearman

**2024/18 Disclosure of interests by members regarding agenda items**

There were no Declaration of Members Interests.

**2024/19 Election of Chairman**

P Acton proposed and seconded and duly elected Chairman.

**2024/20 Election of Vice Chairman**

R Taylor proposed and seconded and duly elected Vice Chairman.

**2024/21 Minutes of previous meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024**

**RESOLVED:**

Members agreed the minutes of the previous meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 were a true record.

**2024/22 Trees on unnamed road to Great Bavington**

County Council had made no progress with tree maintenance.

**2024/23 To receive update on Ray Wind Farm Fund**

B4RN had submitted a large request for funding towards broadband scheme.

**2024/24 To receive update on B4RN/B4NTR Broadband matters**

Barrasford side progressing well, Kirkwhelpington build to progress this month. Public meetings to be held in Cambo and Kirkwhelpington during May.

**2024/25 Finance**

**2024/25/01 To approve payments**

- NALC – annual subscription - £56.07
- Clear Insurance Management Ltd – annual insurance premium – £360.66
- M Ackroyd – internal audit - £77.50

**RESOLVED:**

Members approved the payments.

**2024/26 Planning**

**2024/26/01 Planning Applications received**

- 24/00611/FUL: Upgrade of existing junction incorporating a bellmouth adequate for site vans and pickups turning right onto the public road, and tarmac strip to NCC specification to prevent damage to public road – existing entrance to South end of parish – no objections.
- 24/00681/FUL: Steel Rigg Cottage, Capheaton – small scale firewood/animal shelter, 8m x 5m and located within small field – no objections.

**2024/26/02 Approval of Planning Application received**

No approval of planning applications had been received.

**2024/26/03 Planning Application Withdrawn**

- 23/02701/FUL: Longheugh Forest Road Entrance - Upgrade to existing junction incorporating bellmouth adequate for articulated timber lorries turning right onto public road and tarmac strip to NCC specification to prevent damage to public road Location

**2024/26/04 Divet Hill Liaison Committee**

Liaison Committee meeting to be held next week. Blasting measurements indicate they are well within the permitted guidelines. As the quarry progresses and opens up, the blast consequences will lessen. A lot of effort is being put into minimising the effects of blasting. Due to resident concerns, the age of some buildings built in the 1600s would be brought up, with respect to the effect of blasting.

**2024/27 To consider issues with path to Church**

Concern expressed over access to church, due to slippiness of path during certain times of the year. Proposal to make a track within the wall, but this would not address slippiness opposite the Manse. Substantial expense would be involved, church numbers were declining, and to make the path accessible there would need to be lighting. Pre-planning application had been submitted to County Council. Public meeting to be held July 2024.

**2024/28 To consider issues with cattle grids from village to B6342**

It was believed cattle grids/drainage and road resurfacing into Great Bavington would be actioned by the County Council.

**2024/29 Audit of Accounts y/e 31/3/24**

**2024/29/01 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor**

1.To show the split between the net amount paid and vat when reporting any payments to the Council.

**RESOLVED:**

Recommendation would be followed.

2.To make reference in the Minutes the power used when making any future donations.

**RESOLVED:**

Recommendation would be followed.

3.To consider a Grants Policy if the need arises.

**RESOLVED:**

It was resolved recommendation would not be followed.

4.To monitor the level of Reserves in light of the Council's reasonably healthy balances.

**RESOLVED:**

The Council currently monitors its reserves and has kept the precept at the same level for many years.

**2024/29/02 To approve the Governance Statement**

**RESOLVED:**

Members approved the Governance Statement.

**2024/29/03 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2023/2024**

**RESOLVED:**

Members approved the draft annual accounts for 2023/2024.

**2024/29/04 To approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances**

**RESOLVED:**

Members approved the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances

**2024/29/05 To approve the Exemption Certificate**

**RESOLVED:**

Members approved the Exemption Certificate.

**2024/29/06 To approve public right of inspection dates 5<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> July**

**RESOLVED:**

Members approve the public right of inspection dates 5<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> July.

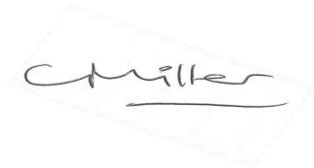
**2024/30 Any other Urgent Business/Items for Next Meeting**

Local Transport Plan Requests 2024-2026 would be considered at August Parish Council meeting.

**2024/31 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Bavington Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 commencing 7pm in Great Bavington URC meeting room.

The meeting closed at 805pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Miller', is written over a light blue rectangular stamp. The stamp contains some illegible text and a grid pattern.

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

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