

Clerk to the Council/RFO: J Hodgkiss
Chairman: Cllr C Clode

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 7:15pm on **Monday 13th November 2023** in Lythwood Room, Bayston Hill Memorial Hall.

Present: T Clarke (TC), C Lewis (CL), T Osenton (TO), R Ruscoe (RR), C Shaw (CS), P Stevens (PS), M Underwood (MU), J Whittall (JW),

In attendance: Julie Hodgkiss – Clerk (JH), 3 members of the public

In the absence of the Chair, PS proposed that Cllr Osenton take the chair for this meeting, this was seconded by MU and agreed by all members present. Cllr Osenton subsequently took the chair.

FC72.23/24 CO-OPTION OF CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL

RESOLVED: PS proposed that Mr Alan Price become a co-opted member of Bayston Hill Parish Council, this was seconded by JW and agreed by all members present. Cllr Price duly signed the Acceptance of Office form along with the Clerk.

FC73.23/24 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Clode – annual leave, Cllr Teckoe – work commitments, Cllr Fairclough – ill health

FC74.23/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

FC75.23/24 PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

A member of the public spoke in favour of FC83.23/24. A request was made that any contact with parties involved in the Glebelands development be declared – Clerk to write to the MOP. In addition, it was advised that attention be paid to any applications that may be made over the Xmas period.

FC76.23/24 MINUTES

RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve the minutes of the Full Council held on 9th October 2023, seconded by CL and agreed by all members present.

FC77.23/24 CHAIR'S REPORT

Cllr Clodes report had been distributed to members, there were no questions.

FC78.23/24 SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
Cllr Clarke presented his pre-circulated report.

FC79.23/24 CLERKS REPORT
The Clerk presented her pre-circulated report.

FC80.23/24 PAYMENTS
RESOLVED: MU proposed to approve all payments, as per the attached schedule, including October 2023 salary payments, seconded by TO and agreed by all members present.

FC81.23/24 BUDGET DISCUSSION
The Clerk introduced the initial draft budget for 2024/25.
An update was given on:
Under/overspend – None
Income – on track for a slightly higher figure than predicted.
Items with a potential change in spend – streetlights still unknown.
Reserves – to remain the same
CIL monies – projects already identified at the strategy meeting in July.
RESOLVED: CS proposed that the level of funding again be allocated to
Lyth Hill Country Park
Bayston Hill Library
Bayston Hill Bowling Club
Seconded by JW and agreed by all members present

FC82.23/24 RE-APPOINT AUDITOR
RESOLVED: RR proposed to re-appoint JDH Auditors, seconded by CS and agreed by all members present.

FC83.23/24 GLEBELANDS
RESOLVED: MU proposed “that Bayston Hill Parish Council formally write to the Diocese of Lichfield and ask if they would consider selling the Glebelands to the Council and what the asking value would be. With this information available the Council would assess the impact of the required loan on future precepts and canvas the Residents of Bayston Hill before a final decision to purchase was agreed.”, seconded by CL and agreed by all members present.

FC84.23/24 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
RESOLVED: JW proposed to exclude the public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, so as to discuss the following confidential matters, seconded by TO and agreed by all members present.

FC85.23/24 STAFF PAY AWARDS
Noted

FC86.23/24 LONGMEADOW TOILET BLOCK

Deferred to receive further quote.

FC87.23/24 ARCHITECT FOR PAVILION PROJECT

RESOLVED: CS proposed to approve the quote from Creative Planning to take the Pavilion/Sports complex refurbishment project through RIBA stages 1-3, seconded by MU. In favour 6 – CS, MU, JW, CL, TO, RR. Against 2 – TC, PS. Abstention – AP (new member had not had prior site of quotes due to restriction). Vote carried.