



**Minutes of a Meeting of the  
PARISH COUNCIL**  
held on  
Tuesday 12 September 2023 at 8:00pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Hilary Doyle (Chair), Paul Beal, Dave Ellis, Andy Fish, Katherine Giles and Amanda McLean  
Also Present: Ceri Rance, Clerk; Amanda Sculley, Deputy Clerk;

**62 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Collett, Leake, Feazey and Meka and their reasons were supplied to the Clerk. Councillors were also advised that Matthew Furber had resigned from the Council. The poster for electors' opportunity to call an election had been sent to Bracknell Forest Council and put on our notice board and website.

**63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

*[20.02 – The meeting was adjourned]*

**64 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*[20.18 – The meeting was reconvened]*

**65 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 08 AUGUST 2023**

It was proposed by Cllr Doyle, seconded by Cllr McLean and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 08 August 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**66 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 08 AUGUST 2023**

None

**67 COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**67.1 Planning & Transportation Committee – held on 22 August 2023**

It was proposed by Cllr Doyle, seconded by Cllr Fish and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee held on 22 August 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**68 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MINUTES**

68.1 None.

**69 ACCOUNTS 2023-24**

**69.1 Payment Approvals**

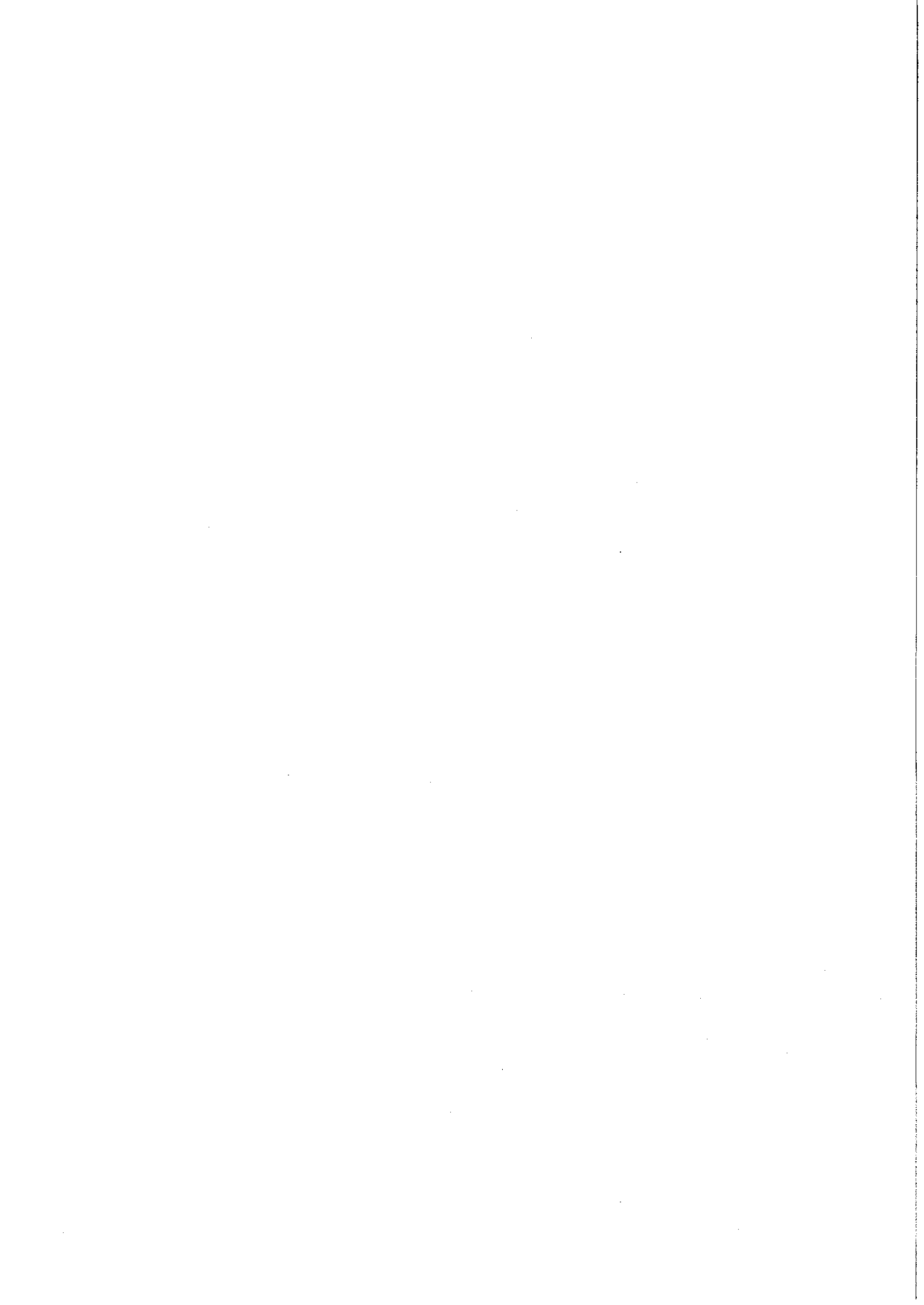
It was proposed by Cllr Doyle, seconded by Cllr Giles and **RESOLVED** to accept the payment list totalling £40,600.26 and these be approved for payment. As neither Cllr Collett nor Cllr Feazey was available, and Cllr Doyle had not yet been set up for online banking, it was agreed that the Admin Assistant Tracey Southgate would authorise the payments.

Items to add to the asset register: None.

**69.2 Projected Spend**

The projected spend spreadsheet was **NOTED**.

- 69.3 CIL Tracker  
The tracker spreadsheet was **NOTED**. The Clerk advised there had been no changes since the last meeting.
- 69.4 Budget 54/20 – Binfield Environment Group  
It was proposed by Cllr Giles, seconded by Cllr Doyle and **RESOLVED** to add £750 (unspent donations from Burrington Estates, the Binfield 10K and other donations) to the Binfield Environment Group budget for BEG to spend on environmental projects.
- 69.5 Investment Update  
The investment update was **NOTED**. Due to the high level of funds, it was **AGREED** to consider the update of the Binfield Strategy for the new Council term and then to consider any appropriate projects. The Clerk would circulate prospective meeting dates in September and October.
- 70 **REPORTS FOR DECISION**
- 70.1 Farley Wood Community Centre Working Party  
Bracknell Forest Council had approached the Clerk about the management of the Farley Wood Community Centre. It is currently run by a community association but many of their officers have resigned, and it is proving difficult to find replacements as residents are reluctant to become trustees. Volunteering for the association has been promoted via the notice board, website and the Beacon article. It was **AGREED** to set up a working party to consider the community centre and its future. Cllrs Fish, Giles and McLean joined the group leaving space for other Councillors not at the meeting, to join.
- 70.2 Beacon Lighting for 80th Anniversary of D-Day  
The 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings will be celebrated with a Beacon Lighting Event on 6 June 2024. It was proposed by Cllr Doyle, seconded by Cllr McLean and **RESOLVED** that £1,000 be allocated for the event and included in the budget discussions for 2024-25.
- 70.3 Jealott's Hill Community Landshare  
It was appreciated that Claire Wallen from the Landshare scheme had attended the meeting and spoken to Councillors during Public Participation. Cllr Doyle agreed to speak further to Claire to understand the needs and opportunities for the future of the Landshare and bring information back to a later meeting.
- 70.4 Request for a Plaque for the Diamond  
A request had been received to install a plaque at the Diamond to make residents aware of why it was made and who was involved in its production. This was agreed in principle, but further information would be requested from Alan Foster and others involved. It was proposed by Cllr Doyle, seconded by Cllr Ellis and **RESOLVED** that £150 be used from the Village Projects Reserve to produce and install the plaque.
- 70.5 Community Kitchen Re-fit  
Councillors discussed the quotations received but requested further information with regards to references.  
It was **AGREED** that Cllrs Beal, Ellis and McLean would meet together with the Clerk to examine the quotes and bring a recommendation back to the October Council meeting.
- 71 **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**
- 71.1 Clerk's Report  
The report was **NOTED** and the following comments made.



#### 71.1.1 Anti-Social Behaviour

Reports of low level anti-social behaviour had been increasing since Covid restrictions had been lifted and the behaviour of local youths was becoming a concern. Councillors **AGREED** that youth engagement and services should form part of the strategy and provision for the council. These matters would be considered during the upcoming strategy discussions.

#### 71.1.2 Speedwatch

Councillors were advised that David White had resigned from this organisation after many years of service. His work and service to this group was much appreciated by the Council.

#### 71.1.3 Blue Mountain SANG

Many comments had been received about the care and handling of this open space. The area is still not managed by Bracknell Forest Council but by the developers so it is difficult to effect any change. The Green Party Bracknell Forest Councillors would be advised about the issues.

#### 71.1.4 Oakmede Shops

Melanie Wills of Sorbon Estates has advised that they are trying to get new tenants for the empty Co-Op but the lease is still with Co-Op Southern until 2030. There has now been agreement to split the shop back into the three units and a list of prospective tenants has been sent to Co-Op Southern to encourage sub-letting but there has been no progress. Ms Wills is chasing up progress each month as she is aware that the closed shops look unwelcoming when people enter the car park and that the fewer shops reduces footfall to those that remain. She asks that any complaints from residents are directed to Co-Op Southern. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write to Co-Op Southern to express disappointment and concern about the retail outlets staying closed for so long and to ask about their plans for the units.

### 72 **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### 72.1 Team Development

Cllr Beal suggested that a time of reflection about the effectiveness of each meeting should be held at the end. Following this was a discussion about how the new set of Councillors could get to know each other to work more effectively. These ideas would be followed up and considered for appropriate action.

Meeting Closed 10:16pm

