

Blunham Parish Council Meeting

21st March 2024

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of Blunham Parish Council will take place on Thursday 28/03/24 at 7pm at the Village Hall after Annual Parish Meeting. All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend for the purposes of transacting the following business. Times are approximate and members of the public are welcome to attend. Clerk to the Council – Jo Graves, Tel: 07563 527415 clerk@blunham-pc.gov.uk

Jo Graves

	Item	Requirement	Time
01:03/24	Apologies for Absence	To note apologies.	7.05pm
02:03/24	Declarations of any new Pecuniary Interests	Any new Pecuniary Interests should be declared. They must then be added to the register within 28 days. Existing pecuniary interests already registered do not need to be declared. Members cannot take part in any discussions or vote on matters in which they have a pecuniary interest.	7.05pm
03:03/24	Minutes of previous meetings & review of matters arising from that meeting & previous agreed actions.	To confirm and adopt the Minutes of the meeting of Blunham Parish Council held on Thursday 25 th January 2024. Matters arising from the minutes (for information only)	7.05pm
04:03/24	Public Session	An opportunity for the public to ask the Council questions & make observations about agenda items. There is 15 mins set aside for this agenda item. All questions & comments should be directed to the Chairman. Members of the public are respectfully reminded that this is the only part of the meeting that they can participate in.	7.10pm
05:03/24	Unitary Councillors Report		7.25pm
06:03/24	Highways	See information sheet. To receive Highways Committee report & any other Highways matters that need Full Council consideration. a) Following advice from CBC regarding an additional speed cushion in Station Road to consider speed cushion reserve.	7.30pm
07:03/24	Maintenance	See information sheet. To receive Maintenance Committee report & any maintenance matters that need Full Council consideration including a) To consider the pause in allowing pre-purchasing of burial and cremation plots at the cemetery. b) To consider quotation for pest control in the Churchyard. c) To consider restoration work for Blunham Festival of Britain sign.	7.35pm
08:03/24	Communications	See information sheet. To receive Communications Committee report & any other communications matters that need Full Council consideration. a) To discuss D-Day 80 arrangements. b) To consider options/costs to deliver councillor recruitment flyer.	7.45pm
09:03/24	Community Safety	See information sheet. To receive Community Safety Reps report & any other community safety matters that need Full Council consideration	7.50pm
10:03/24	BSSC/Play Area Update	See information sheet. To receive BSSC/Play Area report and any matters that need Full Council consideration.	8.00pm
11:03/24	Planning	Planning applications to be considered, plus any other planning matters that need Full Council consideration – none received. a) Planning Decisions CB/23/03982/FULL – Conversion of garage to habitable space, first floor side extension over existing garage, single storey front extension – 12 Old Station Court, Blunham MK44 3PN – Granted CB/24/00267/FULL – Single storey rear extension, partial conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation and new front porch canopy – 7 Centernary Place, Blunham, MK44 3FA - Granted	8.05pm
12:03/24	Neighbourhood Plan	a) To acknowledge notes Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group meetings. b) To nominate a Councillor to join the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group	8.10pm
13:03/24	Reports from Representatives	See information sheet. • To receive any reports from Parish Councillors who represent the Parish Council on other committees. • To receive reports from Councillors who have attended meetings on behalf of the Parish Council.	8.15pm

14:03/24	Finance Statement	See information sheet. a) To approve payments due. b) To note that Cllr Thacker completed a bank reconciliation check on 29th February 2024. c) To receive updated Asset Register, noting amendments during financial year. d) To consider a request from a resident to return a pre-purchased ashes plot. e) To consider opening a savings account, including amount to be invested and bank signatories.	8.20pm
15:03/24	Exempt Business	To resolve to exclude members of the public and press from the meeting under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by reason of the confidential nature of the business on the grounds that this relates to: Agenda item 16:03/24 – this business relates to labour relations issues.	
16:03/24	Staffing Committee	a) Clerk CILCA – to agree Clerk attending online training with Durham ALC and enrolling for CLICA with SLCC. b) To review Clerk's additional hours agreed in November 2023.	8.30pm
17:03/24	Correspondence	See information sheet	8.40pm
18:03/24	Next Meeting Date	To agree next meeting date Thursday 30 th May 2024, which is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.	8.45pm

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