



AGENDA

19th September 2024

A Meeting of Blunham Parish Council will take place on Thursday 26/09/24 at 7pm at the Village Hall. All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend. 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
01:09/24	Apologies for Absence	To note apologies.	7.00pm
02:09/24	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.	7.00pm
03:09/24	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 July 2024. Matters arising from the minutes (for information only)	7.05pm
04:09/24	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 Chair. Members of the public are respectfully reminded that this is the only part of the meeting that they can participate in.	7.05pm
05:09/24	Unitary Councillors Report		7.20pm
06:09/24	Highways	See information sheet. To receive Highways Committee report & any other Highways matters that need Full Council consideration. a) To consider ideas for traffic safety measures on The Hill.	7.25pm
07:09/24	Maintenance	See information sheet. To receive Maintenance Committee report & any maintenance matters that need Full Council consideration including a) To consider quotations for work on yew trees in Churchyard. b) To consider quotation for pruning on cemetery avenue trees. c) To consider if additional work at The Pound is required following email from the Gardening Club.	7.30pm
08:09/24	Communications	See information sheet. To receive Communications Committee report & any other communications matters that need Full Council consideration. a) To consider quotation received for the installation and decommissioning of the Christmas lights display.	7.40pm
09:09/24	Community Safety	See information sheet. To receive Community Safety Reps report & any other community safety matters that need Full Council consideration.	8.15pm
10:09/24	BSSC/Play Area Update	See information sheet. To receive BSSC/Play Area report and any matters that need Full Council consideration. a) To receive update on ROSPA inspection report actions.	8.20pm
11:09/24	Planning	Planning applications to be considered, plus any other planning matters that need Full Council consideration a) CB/24/02102/FULL – Erection of two detached dwellings and associated cart sheds – Land South of 196 Grange Road, Blunham, MK44 3NT Link to documents on CBC website: https://plantech.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/PLANTECH/DCWebPages/acolnetcgi.gov?ACTION=UNWRAP&RIPNAME=Root.PqeResultDetail&TheSystemkey=638427	

		b) CB/TCA/24/00402 – Works to tree within a Conservation Area: 14 Lime Trees (L1-L14) to repollard to keep good health of the tree. Last done February 2021. Requirement to repollard this February 2025. Then again February 2027/2028 dependent upon growth. Permission for the bottom of the tree to be trimmed four times per year. – Blunham Old Meeting Baptist Church, High Street, Blunham. c) CB/24/02530/FULL – Loft conversion with two front dormers including insertion of rooflights to rear – 23 Carolean Avenue, Blunham, MK44 3FN Link to documents on CBC website: https://plantech.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/PLANTECH/DCWebPages/colnetcgi.gov?ACTION=UNWRAP&RIPNAME=Root.PqeResultDetail&TheSystemkey=638857 Planning Decisions d) CB/24/00800/FULL – Demolition of an existing gable end wall and associated internal partitions. Erection of a single storey extension – John Donne Lower School, High Street, Blunham MK44 3NL - Granted e) CB/24/01650/VOC – Variation of condition numbers 1 of planning permission CB/18/04789/OUT (Outline Application: residential development together with new access and associated landscaping). Development of 26 dwellings together with associated accesses, parking, landscaping, layout, scale and appearance – To substitute a revised planning layout showing the amended Affordable Housing Tenure, amendment to plan numbers– Land Between 19 & 73 The Hill, Blunham MK44 3NG – Application Withdrawn.	
12:09/24	Neighbourhood Plan	a) To receive update on Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire b) To note minutes of recent Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meetings. c) To note additional cost of delivery for questionnaire flyer.	8.40pm
13:09/24	Community Fund Application	a) Request received from Church for sponsorship/donation towards Christmas Tree Festival.	8.45pm
15:09/24	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.	8.50pm
16:09/24	Finance Statement	See information sheet. a) To approve payments due & receive financial statement of accounts. b) Half Yearly Finance report - to receive report to 16/09/24. To consider and agree amendments to budget and reserves if required. c) Pre-budget planning – to discuss budget priorities for 2025/2026. d) Remembrance Sunday – to consider donation and wreath purchase. e) To note that Cllr Thacker completed a bank reconciliation check on 25th July 2024. f) To consider funding for Church CCTV, grant previously agreed in July 2021, payment to be made with September payments. g) AGAR 2023/2024 – to acknowledge receipt of Notice of Conclusion of Audit received from Mazars and note comments. h) Councillor emails – to consider the roll out of .gov.uk councillor emails following advice from external auditor. i) To acknowledge receipt of final instalment of 2024/2025 precept from CBC in the sum of £27,855.00. j) To consider request received to refund one cremation plot and transfer another.	8.55pm
17:09/24	Correspondence	See information sheet a) To consider email regarding flooding issues in Blunham.	9.25pm
18:09/24	Next Meeting Date	To agree next meeting date Thursday 28 th November 2024	9.30pm

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