

BLACKTHORN PARISH COUNCIL
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To Members of the Council:	You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of Blackthorn Parish Council on Thursday 6 April 2017 at 7.30pm at Blackthorn Village Hall - the business to be transacted is listed in the Agenda below: <i>Signed: J. Lamont</i> Chairman to the Parish Council.	
Members of the public are welcome to attend during 7.30pm and 7.45pm when they can ask questions or express their views.		
Agenda:		
Item No	Topic	Action
1	To accept apologise for absence:	
2	To receive declarations of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest¹	
3	To confirm the Minutes of:	
	▪ The Meeting of Blackthorn Parish Council held on 2 February 2017 at 7.30pm. ▪ The Extraordinary Meeting of Blackthorn Parish Council held on 2 March 2017 at 7.30pm.	
4	Matters for Report (See Appendix 1):	
	Discussion Time (One Hour: projects to be rotated into the slot throughout the year): full reports would be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting of Blackthorn.	
5	Project Reports: (See Appendix 2):	
	5.1: Emergency and Community Planning:	Working Group
	5.2: Drainage: Update on work being carried out by O.C.C. Highways. ▪ Diversion of pumps along the ditches of the A41 into the River Ray: Consider/approve draft letter to Network Rail: Chairman Cllr. JL to revisit information provided by Clerk.	JL
	5.3: Allotments: ▪ Issuing of new 'Tenancy Agreement' and rent reminder: Update. ▪ Vacant Allotment: Update.	Clerk/RFO
	5.4: Play Area: ▪ Parking Area: ➢ Update on provision of parking spaces: Consider/approve:- ➢ Quote to provide grass creted area and fencing including update regarding pile driven post. ➢ Tarmac Area: Consider/approve quote for roll-in reinforcement mesh as alternative to grass creted area for the grass area and the kerbside area for temporary parking. ➢ Housing Association: Update. ▪ Nuisance/Rubbish Issues: Update on purchase of park 'rules' notice sign: ▪ Annual Inspection Report: ▪ Bark: Update	JL RR
	5.5: Grass Cutting: ▪ O.C.C. – Communities - Grass Cutting in Blackthorn –formal legal agreement made under S101 of the Local Government Act 1972: Consider/approve amendments and signing agreement.	JL
6	Superfast Broadband: ▪ Internet Café: Update. ▪ Finance: To consider request to use balance of funds from C.D.C. grant to fund at least 12 months BT costs for the upgraded connection to allow the SFFB and Parish Council to deliver the Internet Cafe commitment to the community and Cherwell.	
7	Finance (See Appendix 3):	
	7.1: To accept the list of accounts paid prior to the meeting and receipts received and to approve payment of invoices. Consider/approve use of New Homes Bonus 2016/17.	
	7.2: Bank Reconciliation to date: To be approved.	RFO
	7.3: Budget Comparison to Date: PC to consider and approve.	RFO
	7.4: Quotes: Consider/approve. ▪ Traffic Calming Gates: Quotes for painting: Update.	Clerk/RFO
	7.5: V.A.T: ▪ Spreadsheet: Consider/approve. ▪ Website: To confirm receipt of VAT invoice. ▪ Openreach BT – Location – FTTC for Blackthorn – Qualified for VAT refund: PC to	BPC Clerk/RFO

	consider/approve if this should be refunded to HMRC.	
	7.6: End of Year Accounts 31 March 2017: BDO LLP – Notice of the annual review of accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017.	BPC
	7.7: Scottish Widows Bank Plc. – Changes to Scottish Widows Bank Charity Deposit 7 Day Notice and Club and Association 7 Day Notice Non-Personal Savings account conditions: To consider/approve acceptance of changes to account.	BPC
8	Planning Matters (See Appendix 4):	
	8.1: New Applications:	
	Application No: 17/00449/F – Applicant's Name: Mrs Clare Chennells.	BPC
	8.2: Decision Notices:	BPC
	None at time of printing.	
	8.3: Withdrawal Notices:	BPC
	None at time of printing.	
	8.4: Planning Issues:	
	None.	
9	Correspondence/Emails/Issues Raised through 'Facebook' page: (See Appendix 5): (B.P.C.233): Comments to be considered and any action approved.	
10	Matters for Further Information or Discussion at the Next Meeting:	
11	Website/Parish Magazine: Items to be approved for publishing. - Update on PC Website: - Parish Council contact details: Notice board: Update. - Publication of financial documents in line with Transparency Code: Update.	JL
12	Village Issues: - Parking on Pavements: Update. - Overgrown hedges encroaching pavement: Update.	
13	Neighbourhood Watch: To approve contact: Clerk to advise PC Tony Alderman.	BPC
14	Matters for Further Information or Discussion at the Next Meeting:	
15	Date of Next Meeting : 18 May 2017 Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7pm and Annual Parish Meeting of Blackthorn at 7.30pm in Blackthorn Village Hall: Date amended since last meeting.	Clerk

ⁱ Notes on declaration of interest

The Code requires that, at a meeting, where a member or co-opted member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (of which they are aware) in any matter being considered, they disclose that interest to the meeting. It is essential that members and co-opted members do this clearly, in order that the disclosure may be recorded, which will protect the member in the event of a subsequent allegation.

The requirement to disclose such interests is applicable from 1 July 2012, whether or not the interests have been notified to the Monitoring Officer. The Council will include an appropriate item on agendas for all meetings, to facilitate this. Parish Clerks are also encouraged to include such an item on the agenda for all meetings of their council and any committees.

Although not explicitly required by the legislation or by the code, it is recommended that in the interests of transparency and for the benefit of all in attendance at the meeting (including members of the public) the nature as well as the existence of the interest is disclosed.

A member or co-opted member who has disclosed a pecuniary interest at a meeting must not participate (or participate further) in any discussion of the matter; and must not participate in any vote or further vote taken; and must withdraw from the room.

However, the requirement in paragraph 0 above not to participate does not apply in the event of a dispensation having been granted