

BLACKTHORN PARISH COUNCIL
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To Members of the Council:	You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of Blackthorn Parish Council on Thursday 4 February 2016 at 7.30pm at Blackthorn Village Hall - the business to be transacted is listed in the Agenda below: (Meeting scheduled for 7 January 2015 postponed). <i>Signed: T. Charlesworth</i> Clerk 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 Register of Members' Interests: Review.	
3	To confirm the Minutes of: The Blackthorn Parish Council Meeting held on 9 December 2015 at 7.30pm and to sign as a correct record.	
4	Guests: Planning: - Bob Duxbury: Update. - Land at Church Leys Farm, Ambrosden: Jonathan Porter (Planning Director for Archstone promoters of the site) and Elaine Connolly, Planning Manager for Bellway Homes.	
5	Matters for Report (See Appendix 1): Budget 2016/17: Requirement submitted to C.D.C.	Clerk/RFO
6	Vacancy/Co-option: Consider/approve application.	
7	Vice-Chairman: Election – To consider/approve.	BPC
8	Parish Council Elections: Timetable.	
	Discussion Time (One Hour: projects to be rotated into the slot throughout the year):	
9	Project Reports: (See Appendix 2):	
	9.1: Emergency and Community Planning:	Working Group
	9.2: Drainage: - Diversion of pumps along the ditches of the A41 into the River Ray: - Consider/approve action. ➤ Blackthorn Brook: Update.	EB/AS Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk
	9.3: Traffic Calming: Update:	RR/EB
	9.4: Allotments: - Issuing of new 'Tenancy Agreement' and rent reminder: Update. - Vacant Allotment: Update.	RB/Clerk
	9.5: Land Adjacent to Village Hall: Update.	JL
	9.6: Play Area:	
10	Superfast Broadband/Internet Cafe: Update.	
11	Finance (See Appendix 3):	
	11.1: To accept the list of accounts paid prior to the meeting and receipts received and to approve payment of invoices.	RFO
	11.2: Bank Access/Signatories: Update on third signatory: 'Appointment of Bankers' form to be signed before change of signatory can be authorised. Update.	AS
	11.3: Bank Reconciliation to date: To be approved.	RFO

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Notes on declaration of interest

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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.

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	11.4: Budget Comparison to Date: PC to consider and approve ▪ Grass Cutting:	RFO
	11.5: Quotes: Consider/approve.	BPC
	11.6: V.A.T: Update. ▪ Spreadsheet: Consider/approve.	BPC
	11.7: End of Year Accounts 31 March 2015: ▪ Date selection 2015/16: No decision.	
	11.8: Publication of financial documents: Update.	JL
	11.9: OALC - IMPORTANT Audit arrangements for smaller councils - if opting out, responses required by 31st January 2016: To consider/approve any action.	BPC
12	Planning Matters (See Appendix 4):	BPC
	12.1: New Applications:	
	▪ Planning Application – Application No: 155/02316/OUT – Applicant's Name: Mr Warren Francis Reid ▪ Description of Station Road by planners: Update.	BPC Clerk
	12.2: Decision Notices: ▪ None at time of printing.	BPC
	12.3: Withdrawal Notices: ▪ None at time of printing.	BPC
	12.4: Planning Issues: ▪ Barton Willmore – Springfield Farm, Ambrosden:	BPC
	▪ Ambrosden PC: Invite to Chairman: Update	JL
	▪ Blackstone Farm: Update.	RR
	▪ David Lock Associates - Town Planning and Urban Design – Land North of Blackthorn Road, Ambrosden: Public Exhibition on 28 January 2016 between 2pm and 8pm at Ambrosden Village Hall, Merton Road. OX25 2LZ – Request information leaflet is put on notice board – Rec/d 20.01.16	BPC
13	Correspondence/Emails: (See Appendix 5): (B.P.C.227): Comments to be considered and any action approved.	
14	Website/Parish Magazine: Items to be approved for publishing. ▪ Update on PC Website:	JL
15	Annual Review of following Documents:	JL
	14.1: Risk Assessment: Consider/approve any updates.	
	14.2: Asset Register: Consider/approve any updates.	BPC
	14.3: Financial Regulations: Consider/approve any updates.	BPC
	14.4: Effectiveness of Internal Audit: Consider/approve any updates.	BPC
16	Clerk: (See Appendix 6) ▪ Clerk's Contract – Auto Enrolment - Pension Scheme: Consider/approve 'Nest' as pension provider.	BPC/Clerk/RFO
17	Neighbourhood Watch: Update.	BPC
18	Bicester Level Crossing on London Road: To discuss the effects of the possibility of the crossing being permanently closed.	
19	Pete's Paddock, Blackthorn: To discuss planning permission regarding 'car boot' sales; use for events and semi-permanent buildings.	
20	Matters for Further Information or Discussion at the Next Meeting:	
21	Date of Next Meeting :	
	7 April 2016 at 7.30pm in Blackthorn Village Hall.	BPC

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