

Blackthorn Parish Council M1/16

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Blackthorn				
Held In:	Blackthorn Village Hall		On:	Wednesday 4 February 2016 at 7.30p.m.
Present:	Parish Council Chairman Cllr. Mrs J. Lamont (JL), Cllrs. Mrs A Stevenson (AS), Mr. R. Burden (RB) D. Procopiou (DP), Mr L. Beckett and Mr R. Rue (RR),			
In Attendance:	Guests: - Jonathan Porter (Planning Director for Archstone promoters of the site) and Elaine Connolly, Planning Manager for Bellway Homes; - Mrs Fiona Hodges and - District Cllr. D. Hughes.			
Item No	Topic		Action owner	Due Date
16.01	Apologies: Received from the Clerk/RFO due to illness. It was RESOLVED that the Chairman Cllr. JL would act as Clerk and minute the meeting.			
16.02	Public: None.			
16.03	To receive declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests': - None. - Register of Members' Interests: Review: Members present declared no updates.			
16.04	Minutes: The minutes of the Blackthorn Parish Council Meeting held on 9 December 2015 at 7.30pm were approved and signed as a correct record.			
16.05	Guests: Planning: - C.D.C. B. Duxbury: No response to date (<i>see below 16.08</i>). - Land at Church Leys Farm, Ambrosden: Jonathan Porter (Planning Director for Archstone promoters of the site) and Elaine Connolly, Planning Manager for Bellway Homes: Proposals for the site were discussed; - The PC raised concerns regarding Blackthorn Road/B4011 junction; to be passed on to the Highway Engineer. - Arrangements would be made to hold a Public Consultation event in Blackthorn. - There is the opportunity for the development which is within the Parish to make a contribution towards identified community projects. The Parish to give this some further thought and advise.			
16.06	Matters for Report (Appendix 2): Budget 2016/17: Requirement to be submitted upon receipt of paperwork from C.D.C.			
16.07	Vacancy/Co-option: - It was noted that in the case of a casual vacancy occurring in the last six months before the ordinary elections, the council is required to give notice of the casual vacancy but an election is not held. The council may co-opt if it wishes, leaving any unfilled vacancies to be filled at the ordinary elections. Following discussions with Mrs Hodges it was RESOLVED: - Not to co-opt any member now as Blackthorn Parish Council is due for election May 2016 and there would be open nominations available.			
16.08	Vice-Chairman: Election: C/fwd to next meeting.			
16.09	Parish Council Elections: Timetable Noted: C.D.C. – Democratic and Elections Team - elections timetable, and would draw your attention in particular to the deadline for the submission of nominations papers – 4.00pm, Thursday, 07 April, 2016 (details regarding the nominations process will be discussed at length at the briefing). The count will take place during the afternoon of Friday, 06 May (Spiceball Leisure Centre). Maximum cost that Blackthorn Parish Council will be charged for providing the election will be £802.68. In the event that your Parish election is uncontested the fee will be reduced to £39.00.			
16.10	District Councillor: Reported to the council and agreed to make arrangements for Mr Duxbury to attend the parish council meeting scheduled for April 2016.			

	Business:		
16.11	Finance (See Appendix 3):		
	10.1: Invoices paid prior to the meeting: None.		
	Invoices for payment: It was RESOLVED that the attached list of invoices (Appendix 3) were approved for payment:		
	Clerk's Pay/Exp November/December 2015 – and any increase in accordance with the pay award 2014-16 - £323.94 – Cheque No: 101135		
	P. Morrissey – January/February 2016 - £20.00 – Cheque No: 101136.	AS	
	Website: To consider/approve annual costs to be transferred for payment through the PC by either 'Standing Order' or 'Direct Debit': C/fwd.	Cllr. LB	
16.12	Date of the Next Meeting:		
	- Provisional arrangements were made to hold a meeting on 3 March 2016 to cover deferred matters on the agenda and to sign off documents required by audit by 31 March. 7 April 2016 at 7.30pm in Blackthorn Village Hall.	Clerk	
All other matters on the agenda were deferred until the proposed March meeting. There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm. Draft Minutes subject to Confirmation Minutes approved at the meeting held on 17.3.16 – M2/16 – 16/16			