

GREAT BOWDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Council held at the Community Pavilion Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7:15pm

Present:

Adam Shepherd (Chairman), Paul Claxton, Peter Mitchell, Jonathan Almond (from 7:40pm),
Anne French, Andrea Shatford (Parish Clerk)

In attendance:

7 members of the public

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03/19/20	Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received from Barry Champion and Sarah Hill and accepted.	
03/19/21	Public questions and comments on items on the agenda 1. Possible Mulberry Homes Easement 2. Dog Poo on Leicester Lane – happy the bin at canal being regularly serviced. Still of opinion one would be beneficial at the end of A48 footpath. Costs to be obtained and item to go on next agenda 3. Trees on Leicester Lane – Council reported they had no information so member of public to follow up 4. Barwood – agreed to discuss under planning 5. A request was made to propose an action on Langton Road parish land where work has taken place 6. Berry Close	PC
03/19/22	Declarations of interests/ pecuniary interests regarding matters on the agenda - none	
03/19/23	Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 th January 2019 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairman	
03/19/24	No District Councillors were present but an update submitted by Barry Champion was read out to the meeting and following which it was agreed a response would be sent in reply by the Council thanking him for the update	AS

03/19/25	Updates were received and discussed on previous meeting agenda items and resolutions formed where required: 1. A resolution was passed to form a policy and charges document for new allotments ready for when they become available and that they would be vegetable only – no animals. 7 Allotments, all different shapes and sizes and one raised bed for disabled use. 7 parking spaces. Paths and reinforced grass matting being laid to reach the 4 composing areas and 2 water points – plan dated July 2018. It was also agreed the Council's solicitors would act on legal matters for transfer of land and the Council would write to the developers advising them of the solicitors' details 2. It was agreed and resolved Peter Mitchell would respond to the HDC Built Facilities Strategy Survey 3. Trees on Nether Green, it was reported no quotation had been received as yet and Cllr Almond would chase a response 4. Church Green Leaves – no longer relevant, item to be removed from next agenda 5. Tennis Club and Recreation Ground – it was reported pallets have been obtained for composting leaves on both sites 6. CCTV – Cllr Shepherd reported he has been unable to get any further with this. It was agreed Cllr Almond approach a further company for a quote and for the Clerk to seek input from other Councils using the 'round robin' LRALC weekly newsletter circulated to all parishes in Leicestershire. 7. Claim on Madeleine Close – Cllr Shepherd reported he had heard no more since last meeting. It was agreed to maintain stance of fighting it in court as/when/if any more correspondence is received on the matter. 8. Section 106 Application re-submission (regarding toilet block) – Cllr Claxton reported no date has yet been received from HDC for making applications. He also reported on work carried out to date and that he would apply to Bowden Charity. Cllr Claxton also submitted quotes to the meeting for electrical work from At Home Electrical and Alden Electric and it was agreed the quotation from At Home Electric for £870.00 should be accepted. The Village Trust have gifted the Council £2,312.38 plus a loan of £750 in order to progress all work. It was further agreed ICP Cleaners are to maintain the toilet block at £15 per week but a person (yet to be agreed) needs to be appointed to open and close the block each day. 9. GDPR – It was resolved Cllr Mitchell's policy be adopted. Cllr Claxton wished it to be recorded he was against as NALC have their own policy which he would have preferred to adopt. Cllr Mitchell to forward details to webmaster for placing on website 10. Parish Council Meeting Date – It was agreed and a resolution passed that future meetings would take place on the second Tuesday of each month. 11. Request received from Western Power to run an electric cable from Church Hall to outside 34 The Green, straight across green (20 – 30 metre stretch of land) – ref their email dated 21/02/2019. Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Claxton reported there is a national standard in place for work of this type. Cllr Shepherd wanted clarification if they are to be new lines or work to existing lines 12. Sustainability of GBPC – it was agreed further support needed to be given to encourage new nominations although three existing Cllrs did express an interest in standing for re-election. The Council expressed a wish to write to retiring Councillors thanking them for their work and contribution. 13. Community Pavilion – a meeting had been held prior to the Parish Council meeting and Cllr Shepherd reported there wasn't anything to report other than the car park would be re-opening at 7am on 23rd March having had a new layer added to its surface. 14. Toilet Block Repairs Up-date – Roof repairs have been completed as agreed at a cost of £6,039 by R Gomez. The cost of replacing the WC exclusive of fitting was agreed at £750 + VAT. Two quotes were received for the balance of ancillary minor works to include lighting, ceilings and plumbing - was approved at a cost of £3,850 - less £750 which Village Trust have lent. Quotes for decoration would be sought. Agreed Cllr Claxton would write to Village Trust to thank them. It was further agreed should the Council receive grant money, the Council would give the Village Trust £750 back. All were in agreement. 15. Storage for village panto props – agreed item to now be removed from Agenda 16. Fence post at residence adjacent to Pavilion (Mr Hartwell) – agreed Cllr Almond to	PC PM JA JA/ABS AS PC PM/Web-master AS Various PC
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	17. Dogs on Leads Policy – it was reported the officer responsible for advising on this matter is on sick leave and not likely to be back soon. It was therefore resolved that this item be deferred until more information is available to enable a vote on how to proceed.	JA
	18. Mulberry Homes – update regarding easement. It was reported a letter had been sent to the developers giving terms and conditions and referring to national standards. The offer was turned down in preference for going down the road. A concerned resident had written to the Council stating work was about to start. Cllr Claxton agreed to make enquiries to see if they have the necessary permissions to do so and if not will request they stop work.	AS
	19. Dog poo on Leicester Lane and canal path – discussed at start of meeting.	PC
03/19/26	Cllr Claxton presented his financial report which was agreed and accepted .	PC
03/19/27	Planning - Leicester Lane Development (31 houses) Ref 19/00099/full. Cllr Claxton objected on behalf of Parish Council as it was outside NP. Cllr Mitchell stated he would be putting an objection in too.	
03/19/28	Any other business – • Appointment of auditor. It was agreed and resolved John Butlin should again be asked to act as The Parish Council's internal auditor. • Cllr French reported that land to the right of number 9 Langton road which is common land has had trees taken down which hasn't been the work of the Parish Council. Cllr Almond agreed to visit and investigate and report back to next meeting. It was agreed item should be added to next agenda for discussion and update • It was reported all residents of Berry close are writing to the Highways Department asking for full road and pathway resurfacing because of the appalling state of them. Letter was handed to Cllr Shepherd. • A resident asked if the new house numbers 11, 12 and 13 are Berry Close or Bowden Chase. Cllr Shepherd agreed he would email developer to find out. • Cllr Mitchell asked for action to be taken regarding the land in Main Street currently being planted and cared for by a resident in the village but according to the NP it should be an open space. The resident is fully aware the land does not belong to him and has no intention of taking ownership, but it was suggested and agreed the Parish Council should write to ask him to remove the planting. • Agenda items for next meeting – Bus service for the aged Millen Wood/Nature Reserve • Entrance to recreation ground	JA
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03/19/29	Date of next meeting agreed as Tuesday 14 th May, 2019 at 7:15pm	
03/19/30	Meeting closed at 9:55pm	

Councillors: Adam Shepherd (Chairman), Jon Almond, Paul Claxton, Anne French, Peter Mitchell

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District Councillors: Phil Knowles, Sarah Hill, Barry Champion