



## MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 10:00am**

**Parish Office, Old School Building, Main Street**

**Present:** Cllrs P Hyde (Chair) R Ringham (Vice Chair) Y Greenfield, J Johnson and L King

**In attendance:** J Sherrin (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public representing BJ Village Society

### MINUTES

**22/313**            **Apologies for absence** - None

**22/314**            **Declaration of interests for items on the agenda** - None

**22/315**            **Minutes of the previous meeting April 25<sup>th</sup> 2022** - Unanimously approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

*Item 22/317 was brought forward. Minuted below. Member of BJVS then left the meeting.*

**22/316**            **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** – Report received and noted.

**22/317**            **Car Park at Crifftin / Lee Road** – A number of concerns had been raised with the Parish Council by allotment holders and residents following the erection of fence posts and a gate on the boundary of the land at the junction of Lee Road and Crifftin Road. Further reports had also been received recently that the newly installed gate had been closed at night. Agreed unanimously that the land is a crucial village amenity, providing parking and access to the allotments and riverside, and has been identified to be within the scope of the wider village plan. Independent legal advice therefore be sought to consider ownership of the land by the Parish Council - or another public body - to keep the amenity open and available for public use. Proposal to be put to July Full Council. Network Rail and Cllr M Adams / NCC to be contacted to reiterate the importance of continued public access.

**22/318**            **OSB Outhouses** - Review Brass Band Storage. Part of room hire agreement included use of outbuildings for storage. Now the band is no longer hiring the Main Hall this requires review. Clerk to organise meeting with Cllr J Johnson and BJ Brass.

**22/317**            **Noticeboard at OSB** – Request made by member of BJ Village Society to erect temporary public noticeboard in front of old class room at the Old School Building. Proposed that the board will be 5'10" x 3' and used for community notices only. Councillors advised that it may need to be removed / moved when works start on

the OSB site. BJVS to take responsibility for content on the board and advise Parish Council of final design and materials choice. Proposal unanimously approved, subject to appropriate design and materials choice.

**22/319 Jubilee Clock** – Fundraising has gone extremely well and is on-going, with further promises of funds from local businesses. Clarity requested from Village Society of final figure raised. Updated quote has been requested from the restoration company by the Clerk.

Proposal to be put to Full Council to fund the outstanding balance, following clarification of final sum raised and receipt of an up-to-date quote, up to a limit of £1.5k.

**22/320 Facilities Review** – Report received. Priorities reviewed. Clerk to update report and recirculate. Clerk and Grounds & Amenities Manager to follow up identified tasks.

**21/321 Contractors / Social Value Obligations** – Noted OSB utilities surveys have been received from Balfour Beatty, along with statement that no further support initially offered will now be provided. Reply to be composed on behalf of Parish Council stating appreciation for what has been done and requesting that the cemetery tarmac work is completed. Clerk to identify which surveys are still required and to chase VIA regarding their quotation. 3 quotes to be sought to demolish old classroom, including the concrete base. Proposal to be made to Full Council to demolish old classroom. Quotes for full structural survey to be sought.

**21/322 Information update** – Noted increases in energy prices and high inflation rates likely to have an effect on future running costs.

**21/323 Date of next meeting** – To be confirmed.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Finance & General Purpose Committee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_