

# FLORDON PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St Michael's Church and Community Centre at 8pm on Tuesday 17 January 2023

**Present:** Cllrs T Webster (Chair), A Barnes, J Dyer, J Lockhart, J McDonald, S Phillips

**In Attendance:** G Roderick-Jones (Clerk), District Cllr N Legg, District Cllr G Francis, District Cllr I Spratt

**Tree Warden's Report:** none

**Public Comment:** none

### District Councillors' Reports:

**District Cllr Legg** informed the council that

- Newly acquired Horizon House – they are looking into a new heating system, which will delay the move.
- The SNDC portion of the Council Tax will probably remain the same.
- There is now a consultation on the Local Plan (Village Clusters).
- The Bracon Ash solar farm will now have access on Long Lane.
- There is nothing new to report on Tas Valley Mushrooms.

**District Cllr Francis** told the council that

- police presence has increased, with five officers now in the area.
- The District Council will need staff to attend the office on a rota, to allow for reduced parking and facilities.

**District Cllr Spratt** discussed the following:

- National Grid are well aware of the onshore vs offshore debate and people's concerns about this. Graham Stewart MP has said that there "remains an open and fair planning process". The second consultation will take place April-June 2023.
- Battery storage facility, planned to cater for future wind power developments, has been approved.
- A Public Space Protection Order is to be applied for because of increased vehicle-based antisocial behaviour.
- No sign yet of the report on Mrs London's development – delayed because of unresolved issues around Nutrient Neutrality.

**1 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D Harrison

**2 Declarations of Interest:** none

**3 Minutes of Meeting of 15 November 2022** approved

**4 Matters Arising:** none

**5 Finances**

a	NOTED latest bank balances as at 10 January 2023	
	Community Account	£5,027.59
	Savings Account	£9,009.36

Total £12,731.85

- b NOTED: members' grants received 25 November (£900) and 23 December (£400)
- c Precept demand for 2023-24:  
The council voted to retain the same level as precept as the present year, resulting in the following:
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|------------------------|----------|
| Existing precept       | £5049.00 |
| New precept            | £5049.00 |
| Existing Band D charge | £49.02   |
| New Band D charge      | £49.02   |
- (proposed by Cllr Webster and seconded by Cllr McDonald)
- d APPROVED payments:
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|-----------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Gareth Roderick-Jones | salary 2022-23 | £1,386.85 |
| HMRC                  | PAYE           | £346.71   |
- (proposed by Cllr Webster and seconded by Cllr McDonald)
- e NOTED: there are updated government salary scales for clerks – for the next agenda.

## 6 Planning Issues

- a 2020/1920 Mrs London's development (update – see above)
- b late planning applications - none

7 **Parish Partnership Scheme:** Progress on the village gateway depends on the results of the Parish Partnership application – this will be announced in March – next agenda.

8 **Tas Valley Mushrooms:** no news – see above

9 **RoSPA Play Equipment Report update:** Cllr Lockhart is carrying out repairs, but major decisions depend on Mrs London's development – next agenda.

10 **Highways Issues:** for the next agenda

11 **Replacement Bench:** clerk will contact Marmax for a VAT invoice for a standard bench in dark brown reclaimed material with delivery information and will pass info around councillors.

12 **Community Engagement:** clerk will update the website front page and will look into forthcoming NALC training for new councillors.

13 **Correspondence:** as circulated to councillors and noted above

14 **Items for the next agenda:** elections

15 **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 8.00pm