

BILLINGSLEY, DEUXHILL, GLAZELEY AND MIDDLETON SCRIVEN PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary Council Meeting of Billingsley, Deuxhill, Glazeley and Middleton Scriven Parish Council Wednesday 5th March 2025

Present: Cllr. Jones – Chair, Cllr. Fidlin, Cllr. Richardson, Cllr. Summerby-Bent.

In attendance: Paul Mulligan – Clerk

Meeting Opened 19.00

MINUTES

1.	Public participation A period of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments. One member of the public was present.
2.	To receive apologies for absence Apologies should be submitted to the Parish Clerk in advance of the meeting. Cllr Tindall sent his apologies.
3.	Declaration of Members' Interests To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and pecuniary interests from members relevant to items under discussion at the meeting. None declared
4.	Confirmation of previous minutes To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8 th January 2025 It was proposed by Cllr. Summerby-Bent and seconded by Cllr. Fidlin. Resolved to unanimously confirm and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th January 2025 as correct.
5.	Matters arising from minutes not Included in this agenda and correspondence. The resurfacing of Bynd Lane was discussed. It was noted that the work has been partially finished to a good standard. It was agreed that Cllr. Summerby-Bent will register the issue regarding the unfinished section on Fix My Street.
6.	Unitary Councillor Update To receive a written report from Councillor Tindall. A brief report received and noted.

7.

Financial

7.1 Expenditure January to February 2025

20-Jan	PAYE	57.60
20-Jan	Clerks Salary	230.13
10-Feb	PAYE	89.40
10-Feb	Clerks Salary and back pay	357.50
23-Feb	Hall Fees	140.00

There were no matters arising.

It was proposed by Cllr. Richardson and seconded Cllr. Summerby-Bent.

Resolved to unanimously confirm and approve the above expenditure.

It was noted that Cllr. Richardson had inspected the accounts before the meeting and had found them to be satisfactory.

7.2 Budget 2025-26 and reserves.

To review draft and finalise.

Following discussion, final adjustments to the budget were agreed upon.

It was proposed by Cllr. Richardson and seconded Cllr. Summerby-Bent.

Resolved to unanimously approve the budget for 2025-26.

8.

Parish Maintenance

Consideration of work specifications for aspects of Parish maintenance.

The specification, prepared by Cllr. Jones, for the maintenance around the War Memorial was discussed. Following some minor adjustments, the specification was adopted. It was agreed that Members will seek quotes and pass them onto the clerk.

9.

Signs for Deuxhill

To review installation.

Members have received positive feedback since the signs had been replaced. It was confirmed that the positioning of the signs had been determined by the highway boundaries. It was agreed to finalise the accounts with the contractor.

10.

Telephone Box renovation.

Update on works.

The work is currently underway, with the first box completed to a high standard.

11.

Cape of Good Hope Update.

Review of current planning application.

Cllr. Jones reported that he had been in discussion with the owner of the building. He confirmed that the owner was currently seeking a buyer but if this is not possible, the owner will organise for the demolition of the building. The owner has applied for a licence for the demolition which must be completed by 15th April 2025. Cllr. Jones will follow up his discussion and report back to Members at the next meeting.

12.

War Memorial

Update on future action.

The Clerk has sent photographs of the Memorial to D G Stonemasons in Craven Arms and is awaiting a reply.

13.	<p>Speed Limits on B4363. Update on enquiry to County Highways. The Clerk is awaiting a reply from the Council Highways Department.</p>
14.	<p>Deuxhill disturbance from off-road motorbikes and quad bikes. Discussion took place regarding the use of the farmland in Deuxhill for the purpose of motocross activities. It was understood that planning permission had been granted in 1994 for a motocross practice ground on a field in Deuxhill. However, activity involving motorcycles and quad bikes had taken place over a number of weeks in a different location in Deuxhill. This has been causing significant noise disturbance across the community. Cllr. Jones had been informed that the field was being used because the official motocross track was not accessible due to the recent wet weather. Cllr Jones has also been informed, by a representative of the landowner, that the situation will be resolved in the near future. It was agreed that Members will monitor the situation and discuss any possible action at the next meeting.</p>
15.	<p>Election in May The Clerk distributed nomination papers and the key dates of the election process were discussed.</p>
16.	<p>Items noted for next meeting. Roads, AED.</p>
17.	<p>Confirm the dates of next meeting. Wednesday 7th May 2025 – Annual meeting and Parish Meeting.</p>

Meeting closed 20.25