

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF BELBROUGHTON AND FAIRFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2023, 7.00PM AT BELBROUGHTON RECREATION CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. E Davies, Cllr. S Davies, Cllr. Gibbs, Cllr. Knight, Cllr. Mabbett, Cllr. Nock, Cllr. Standing and Cllr. Wilkes

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk – Ruth Mullett  
There was 3 members of the public in attendance.

**457/23 – APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Allington, Cllr. Hardeman, Cllr. Morris and Cllr. Pawley and reasons for absence approved by all Councillors.

**Chairman adjourned the meeting for an ‘open surgery’ to enable residents to discuss any issues with their councillors and identify matters of concern relating to the agenda, this does not form part of the formal meeting.**

The meeting re-opened.

**458/23 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Gibbs declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on agenda item 8.1, Fairfield Villa due to the proximity to Fairfield Recreation Ground.

Cllr. Wilkes declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on agenda item 8.1, Fairfield Villa due to a Housing Needs Survey conducted on land adjacent to the Recreation Ground. Cllr. Wilkes

Cllr. S Davies declared Non-Registerable Interest on agenda item 8.1, due to volunteering on match day.

**459/23 – DISPENSATIONS**

It was **RESOLVED** to grant Cllr. Gibbs and Cllr. S Davies a dispensation.

**460/23 – MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 with the redaction of the statement from Cllr. Wilkes in 452/23.

**461/23 – TO RECEIVE CLERK’S REPORT AND URGENT DECISIONS**

**Reports for parish magazine** – it was agreed for Clerk to submit an article on inconsiderate parking and speeding vehicles and to remind residents of Belbroughton there are Councillor vacancies.

**SLCC Practitioners Conference** – it was agreed for Clerk to attend the SLCC Practitioners Conference held on 31<sup>st</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

**Fairfield Recreation Group Working Party** – it was agreed for Cllr. S. Davies to join the working group.

**Proposed new compliant website** – Clerk had met virtually to discuss a new website and quotation received. Clerk to obtain another similar quotation and bring to Finance Committee.

#### **462/23 – TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

**Cllr. Gibbs** – chasing the noticeboard at Fairfield Recreation Ground. Clerk to ask whether Maintenance would be able to install.

**Cllr. Mabbett** – pleased to confirm that the hedge on Bournheath Road has now been cut.

Confirmed that Fairfield Community Association had received national recognition and had been awarded the 2023 Neighbourhood Watch Network National Volunteer Recognition Award for the Category Community Health and Wellbeing. Clerk to write to the Chairman congratulating them.

**Cllr. Nock** – confirmed that in his role as District Councillor Cllr. May and himself had secured funding for the replacement of the bus shelter in Fairfield near Wood Lane.

**Cllr. Knight** – numerous complaints received on speeding through Belbroughton village and requested an agenda item for the next meeting.

**Cllr. Davies** – thanked Cllr. Nock for progressing with the replacement bus shelter.

**Cllr. Wilkes left the meeting at 20.07.**

**463/23 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 7.00pm at Belbroughton Recreation Centre.

#### **464/23 – FAIRFIELD VILLA LEASE NEGOTIATIONS**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to agree that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the duration of the following item on the basis that the information disclosed will be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business transacted.

**Subletting of the Clubhouse** – it was **RESOLVED** that as part of the new lease all liability for subletting of the Clubhouse would be transferred to Fairfield Villa. Any such subletting to be approved by the Clerk through delegated authority. If Clerk felt unable to agree a subletting these would be agreed in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

**To receive Chartered Surveyor Report** – the report was received as read.

**To RESOLVE to agree rental for the new lease** – a new rental was agreed. Chairman to contact Fairfield Villa to inform them of the agreed conditions.

**The meeting closed at 21.20.**

**To be agreed as a true record by Belbroughton and Fairfield Parish Council**

**Signed .....**