

**Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Bearley Parish Council held in Bearley Village Hall at 7.00pm
Monday 2nd December 2024**

Present: Councillor Nick Edden (NE), Councillor Ray Greening (RG), Councillor and Chair Richard Le Page (RLP).
Apologies: Councillor Marion Mitchell (MM)
Parish Clerk: Duncan Mathison (DM)
Public: Guy Esnouf (GE) and Pete Delve (PD) - who were both co-opted as councillors under item 4.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apology received from Councillor Marion Mitchell.

2. Declarations of Interest

RLP declared an interest for any discussions regarding Bearley Village Hall - although none expected.

NE declared an interest for any discussion regarding detail of sites under item 8.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

For Ordinary Meeting 18th November 2024. Two items noted for addition so minutes will be re-presented for confirmation at next meeting.

4. Revision of Co-option Procedure

Procedure as reviewed at Ordinary Meeting March 2024 indicated that co-opted councillors would not sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office until the meeting after co-option. Wording has been changed to allow immediate signing and therefore immediate start for new councillors. Proposed RLP, seconded NE, all in favour.

5. Co-option of New Councillors

GE had previously submitted an application form and spoke at the previous meeting. PD spoke regarding skills, experience, and reasons for wanting to be a Parish Councillor. A vote by paper ballot was held resulting in both GE and PD being co-opted as councillors and signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

6. Public Forum

No members of public present.

7. Multi-play Equipment

Discussion regarding whether to try to repair this equipment or whether to go straight to looking for funding to replace. Also briefly discussed potential costs of putting in an under 5s play area nearby. This latter item being relevant as needed to be factored into the discussion regarding the order in which to progress. Decision made to start on replacing the multi-play equipment before starting on the provision of an under 5s area. RG to get quotes for replacement of multi-play equipment. GE to look at possible sources of funding.

8. South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) Preferred Options

There were discussions regarding the current details known, the expected process and timescales, and the best ways to communicate with and involve local residents. It was noted that the preferred options would be discussed by the Joint Cabinet Committee (of Stratford District Council and Warwick District Council) on 12th December. It was also noted that there would be briefing sessions for Parish Councillors held in the third week of December.

Decisions made at this meeting were:

To set up a committee to focus on this issue, reporting to the Parish Council, and made up of at least two Parish Councillors and a number (to be decided) of local residents.

Scope of the committee to be decided following the briefing sessions held by Stratford District Council.

Communication regarding this issue to be by RLP until decided otherwise.

To hold first meeting of committee soon after the next Parish Council meeting (20.01.25) with the meeting date to be set and publicized before then.

Volunteers for this committee to be sought immediately in the New Year.

Proposed RG, seconded GE, all in favour.

9. Planning Matters

9.1 Reference 24/02916/VARY. Discussion regarding this resulting in agreement to object on the basis of overlooking. Proposed RLP, seconded RG, all in favour.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.17 pm.

Signed:

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