

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA For meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL To be held in the VILLAGE HALL

at 7.30 p.m. on
MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2011

014 Present:

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015 Apologies:

016 Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved by the Council as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

017 Matters Arising and Carry Forward Items

Mike Hawkins – Mr Hawkins has tendered his resignation from his post as Parish Councillor in writing to the Parish Council.

Graveyard Wall – On Thursday 18th September a large section of the graveyard wall collapsed into the graveyard adjacent to 47 Pond Bank. This is not covered by the insurance policy. The Parish Clerk and Charlie Jeffery have requested quotes from local builders for repairs.

Allotments – Concerns have been raised regarding bonfires and water usage at the allotments. It was suggested that all plot holders be written to highlighting these matters and enclosing an up to date copy of the rental agreement.

The Old Newsagents – Charlie Jeffery has approached the occupants to discuss the state of the frontage.

Parish Council Vacancies – No applications have yet been received by the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk has been unable to contact the previous contact.

Round and About – The Parish Clerk has made enquiries regarding the printing of the newsletter.

Open Forum – At the previous meeting it was suggested that the open forum was moved to before the meeting to allow the public time to comment on matters on the agenda.

Minutes of Previous Meetings – It has been suggested by Mr Tony Marsh that the Parish Council may wish to deposit the minutes of Parish Council meetings that date back to 1875, with the Northamptonshire Records Office.

018 Chairman's Items:

Planning Subgroup – An additional member is required for the Planning Subgroup. The meetings will be open to the public and minuted by a volunteer who will feed back

the minutes to the Parish Clerk.

Best Kept Village and Churchyard Conservation Awards – Support is required from both residents and the Parish Council if the village is to enter these competitions.

019 **Correspondence:**

South Northants Homes – Major Works Briefing Paper – Internal Modifications – Currently on site in Courteenhall Road. Proposed works for July/August in Buttmead and Connegar Leys.

Bus Service Changes – Changes to the bus service between Northampton and Brackley were introduced on 5th September 2011. Further details can be found at <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Transport/pubtrans/pages/Timetables.aspx>

Temporary Closure of Blisworth Road, Courteenhall – Blisworth Road will be closed overnight, between 23.30 hrs and 09.00 hrs on 29th October to allow the safe examination of the bridge.

Digital Switchover – Age UK Northamptonshire have been working with various community groups to help to explain the procedure for the switchover and would be grateful for any guidance in helping them to deliver this service. The staff will be very happy to visit any Groups where necessary and can be contacted at The Lifetime Project Office.

Register of Electors – Six new residents have been registered and one name deleted.

Electoral Registration – SNC have sent out a reminder about completing and returning electoral registration forms, reminding people that not only is it needed for voting, but that it is a legal requirement.

Northamptonshire 50+ - Sent information advising that there has been a review of the Home Fire Safety Checks process and whilst the web pages can generate a high risk safety check referral, the free telephone number has been suspended.

Minutes of the Mid-Northamptonshire Parishes Meeting of 21st July – Blisworth was represented by Margarete Field and a copy of the minutes will be appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Aspirational Observational Documentary – An approach has been made by a production company “trying to find groups of individuals that can show that there is still a sense of community spirit in Great Britain, hard working individuals who come together, often after a hard day’s work, and organise events for their community to bring everyone together.”

Rural Services Network Online – Three, weekly e-mail news digests have been received covering all aspects of rural life.

Open Studios Northamptonshire - The largest visual arts event in the county is being launched at a special exhibition opening at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery at the end of this month. Blisworth artists are also participating with their own event taking place at the barn at the Royal Oak.

Heritage Open Days - There is a four-day programme, which runs from Thursday 8 to Sunday 11 September, with open buildings, guided tours, walks, talks, exhibitions, fairs and heritage bus trails. There is a free events brochure available at cultural venues, visitor centres and libraries or download a copy from the council’s website, which also features all the latest news, by visiting www.northampton.gov.uk/heritageopendays or call the conservation team on 01604 837633.

South Northants Leisure Trust - SNLT has been set up as a Charitable company for the benefit of the South Northamptonshire Council area to provide facilities and services for recreational, sporting or leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare and promote community participation in healthy recreation. The trust has now launched a programme of inviting applications from clubs, organisations or Parish Councils for the funding capital projects in the South Northamptonshire area. Application forms will need to demonstrate that match funding has been obtained from other sources and the maximum grant from the Trust for any project is unlikely to exceed £10,000. The application document can be found at

<http://www.southnorthantsleisuretrust.com/grants.html>.

Community Development Fund Grant Scheme – A poster promoting South Northamptonshire Council’s Talented Performer and Coach Education Grant Schemes, which are part of the Community Development Fund (CDF) Grant Scheme. Further details can be obtained from Mrs Pam Wood at pam.wood@southnorthants.gov.uk.

SNVB - An information update for August has been received including details of Northamptonshire Community Foundations grants.

Royal Horticultural Society – A letter from the RHS advocating participation in the Britain in Bloom campaign. For more details www.rhs.org.uk/communities.

South Northants Homes Lifeline Service – a letter and information has been received regarding the Lifeline Service which operates from £4.64 per week. More information can be obtained from Simon Barnes or Deborah Gurr on 01327 357828/357827.

020 Planning:

i Decision Notices:

S/2011/0798/FUL	The Far Post Towcester Road	New vehicular access to provide separate access to property	Refusal
S/2011/0915/TCA	Grafton House 1 Gayton Road	Fell 3 No. pine trees	No Objections

ii Applications:

S/2011/1030/FUL	18 Eastfield	Two storey side and rear extensions. Retrospective
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iii Amended Plans

None

iv Appeals:

None

v Opportunity to attend Planning/Development Control Committee:

None

vi Tree Preservation Orders:

None

vii Enforcement Notices:

None

021 Finance:

Receipts

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Total

Payments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Clerk – A Bartlett	Salary (August)	350.00		350.00
	Expenses	30.46		30.46
AC Jeffery (Contracting)	Allotment Water Pipe	253.20	50.64	303.84
Banner Contracting Ltd	Mowing	350.00	70.00	420.00
JS Landscapes	Mowing	200.00		200.00
Anglian Water	Water for Allotments	146.95	11.79	158.74
N&P Garden Services	Mowing	469.00	93.80	562.80
Total		1799.61	226.23	2025.84

That the above accounts be accepted and approved for payment:

Proposed: *

Seconded: *

Agreed.

022 Committee Reports

**Parish Plan Project Group –
Canal Partnership –
Neighbourhood Watch -**

023 Any Other Business:

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Date of Next Meeting: MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at *.

Open Forum:

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Signed: Chairman:

Responsible Officer:

Date: