

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held in the

VILLAGE HALL

at 7.30 p.m. on

MONDAY 4th. JANUARY 2010

Those Present:

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| Chairman: | Mr. C. Gardner |
| Vice Chairman: | Mr. S. Dunk; |
| Councillors: | Mrs. M. Field; Mr. A. Andrews; Mr. A. Hargreaves; Mr. D. Dalton; Mrs. P. Masterman. Mr. H. Wilkins; Mr. M. Hawkins; |
| By invitation: | Mrs. Sally Townsend (SNC); Mr. B. Ingram (NCC); |
| Members of the Public: | 5 |
| In attendance: | Tony Lack, Parish Clerk |

Apologies:

Mrs. J. Andrews; Mrs. J. Hawkins; Mr. S. Clarke (SNC).

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.

Matters Arising and Carry Forward Items

Affordable Housing – Gillian Spencer to attend a future meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch – Calls for window alarms. Alan to make a bulk purchase if the interest is there. Crime figures, particularly burglaries, have increased for Blisworth. Cold callers still a problem. Several accidents with the fence at the Canal and Taylor's wall demolished. The crack in the Stoke Road is now an inch wide.

Canal Partnership – The next meeting is scheduled for 14th. April. BWB have published plans for the benches at the Mill. Funding has been applied for from Bovril for way markers across the tunnel footpath.

Parish Plan- Deliveries to households has started and responses coming in.

SNC – Register of Electors received.

South Northants Housing – Major Works Briefing Paper.

Email – NCC – Helen Howard – Grit Bin and Lines. Several areas were mentioned as being a gritting priority including Church Lane and the Railway Bridge in Station Road.

Milton Malsor PC – SNC Economic Development Strategy – Consultation Response. Clerk to use as a template for the Blisworth response.

Chairman's Items:

The fence in Westbrook Alley has been removed by the householder. Clerk to write.

Street light out by the garages at the top of Buttmead.

Correspondence:

NCALC – “Update” Newsletter.
Northants 50+ Network – Newsletter.
NHS – “Health and Wellbeing in Northampton”.
ACRE – Village Viewpoint Newsletter.
NCC – Small Works.
SNC – War Memorial Playing Fields.
SNC – New Compost Bin offer.
WNJPU – Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.
NCC – Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire.
Wildlife Trust – Training Workshops.
Tim Boswell – Newsletter.
NRHA – Annual Report

Planning:

Notice of Decision:

Thackstone Cottage – Conversion of outbuilding to form annexed accommodation – REFUSED
Stoneliagh, 6 High Street – Extension to rear and alterations to front – GRANTED
Stoneliagh, 6 High Street - Tree works - GRANTED

Applications:

S/2009/1208/EXT – Southern Wood, Stoke Road – Single room annex to form living accommodation. No observations.

Amended Plans:

S/2009/1123/FUL – Chapel Cottage, 11 Chapel Lane – Two storey extension to rear, first floor extension over garage and access widening – widening of access. Previous comments and objection to remain.

Appeals:

none

Opportunity to attend Planning/Development Control Committee:

none

Tree Preservation Orders:

none

Enforcement Notices:

none

Finance:

Allianz – Bench and Picnic Table added to schedule at no cost.
SNC – Precept 2010/11 - £25,000.00 – see minutes of December 2009.
Grant Application – Eastfield safety fencing and safety surfacing. Wrong forms!!

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Details</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>VAT</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| SNC | Pollarding grant | 724.00 | | 724.00 |

Total

Payments

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|------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Clerk | Salary | 398.00 | | 398.00 |
| | Expenses | 21.20 | | 21.20 |
| St. John's Ambulance | Printing R&A | 56.00 | 8.40 | 64.40 |
| Glasdon | Bench & Picnic Table | 772.05 | 115.80 | |
| | | | | 887.85 |
| EON | Street Lighting | 215.67 | 32.35 | 248.02 |
| | Maintenance | | | |
| Mid Northants Parishes | Membership Fee | 20.00 | | 20.00 |

Total

That the above accounts be accepted and approved for payment:

Proposed: **Mr. Hawkins**
Seconded: **Mrs. Field**
Agreed.

Committee Reports

none

Any Other Business:

Salt bin required for High Street/ Little Lane.

Replacement grit bin required for Greenside (opposite the Surgery).

Date of Next Meeting: MONDAY 1st. FEBRUARY 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37p.m.

Open Forum:

Mrs. Townsend reported incorrect data in R&A. SNC Cabinet to discuss rural transport on 11th. January.

Stoke Road – signs required “Skid Warning” due to wet surface.

Sun Moon and Stars – Mrs. Burgoyne reported that SNC will now discuss and make a decision at the February meeting. She said it is taking a long time due to the importance of the matter. She requested a further letter of support from the Parish Council. The Chairman agreed to include this item on the next meeting's agenda.

Signed: Chairman:

Responsible Officer:

Date: