

# **BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

of the

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

held in the

## **VILLAGE HALL**

at 7.30 p.m. on

**MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup>. JUNE 2010**

### **Those Present:**

Chairman:	Mr. C. Gardner
Vice Chairman:	Mrs. P. Masterman
Councillors:	Mrs. M. Field; Mr. A. Andrews; Mrs. J. Andrews; Mr. D. Dalton; M. Hawkins; Mrs. J. Hawkins; Mr. A. Hargreaves;
By invitation:	Mr. S. Clarke (SNC); Mrs. Sally Townsend (SNC);
Members of the Public:	10
In attendance:	Tony Lack, Parish Clerk

### **Apologies:**

Mr. H. Wilkins; Mr. S. Dunk; Mr. B. Ingram (NCC);

### **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**

***Website*** – Response from Danny Moody (NCALC) – Parish-Council.com – All agreed it looked good but the advertising could be a problem – Mrs. Andrews to pass more information to the Clerk regarding “free” websites. Cllr Mrs. Townsend outlined the Mid Northants Parishes new website which would contain a link to Parish Councils. It was hoped a decision could be made next month.

***Replacement Clerk*** – Letter from Paul Chapman applying for the post. Clerk to acknowledge saying the letter would be kept on file for future reference. Mr. Hawkins stated the Parish Council should register with CNALC and get advice on application forms. It was agreed that the post would be advertised and a short list prepared for interview.

***SNH – Major works briefing paper*** – nothing for Blisworth.

***Letter from Tony Marsh*** – Sun, Moon & Stars – Suggestion for a wall plaque. Clerk to pursue with SNC. Mr. Hawkins asked for an update on the latest position regarding the sale of the property. Mrs. Townsend replied that SNC Cabinet had made the decision to place the property on the open market but would have to wait until the tribunal have decided on the value. Mrs. Field asked if a completion date for the restoration works be included in the sale

contract. It was stated that this is normally included in the contract between the owner and the builder.

**Letter from Beryl Andrews** – New Parish Notice Board. Clerk to get three quotes. It was agreed that the new board would be for Parish Council notices only and not for other organisations.

**SNC – Register of Electors** – Monthly Alterations.

**Neighbourhood Watch** – Mr. Andrews reported that all is very quiet at the moment. The recent traffic survey on Stoke Road (reported to the recent Parish Meeting) showed speeding is still a major issue. This was underlined by the Community Speedwatch Camera Team's results which showed over 600 vehicles speeding in a recent survey, the highest in the County. The Camera Team, positioned in Mrs. Field's driveway, identified speeds in excess of 60 mph. Volunteers are sadly not forthcoming for training on the use of the cameras despite a number of promises. The County has 4 cameras to cover 60 villages! The Vehicle Activated Sign in Stoke Road is now operational and 30 mph roundels are to be painted on the Towcester Road. The Viridor lorries tipping waste in Courteenhall Road were reported to NCC and SNC who stated they were powerless as it was on private land. The Environment Agency would be contacted for them to get involved. Graffiti is still evident on the A45 Bridge after almost 2 years. The Highways Agency said it was a priority 4 months ago. Clerk to write to the HA to urge action.

**Canal Partnership** – A successful event recently raised money for the festival to be held later in the year. The pocket park initiative is progressing.

**Parish Plan** – Mrs. Masterman handed round analysed details of the "Housing" section of the questionnaire and highlighted the main points. It was agreed that a Planning Group be set up to scrutinise planning applications to ensure they met the needs of the Village. Mr. Hargreaves, Mrs. Field, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Masterman agreed to form the group.

**Jonathan Morley** – Cemetery Wall. The Clerk reported he had located a supply of suitable laurel bushes but until the rubbish was cleared planting could not be done. Mr. Hawkins stated that SNC were very helpful in taking the bagged rubbish away following the last clearance and Sally Townsend agreed to talk to the officers concerned at environmental health. A working party would be arranged to carry out the work.

**Allotment Water Supplies (brought forward from Parish Meeting)** – Mrs. Percival stated that the Stoke Road Allotments operated a co-operative in which members paid a £20.00 fee and the cost of water was divided between members. It was agreed that a new supply point be installed and the cost of water monitored. If the cost escalated beyond the amount generated by the rentals the Parish Council would consider the matter again.

**Chapel Lane Development** – Cllr. Clarke stated this was going back to committee as it was still awaiting a signed agreement regarding Section 106 issues. Mr. Hawkins stated he felt very strongly that no benefit has been gained for the village. Section 106 Agreements gives villages the opportunity to obtain resources and improvements and, despite making representations in person at the Planning Committee, the Parish Council has missed out. Cllr. Clarke stated that any 106 agreements must be wholly related to the development and part of

the development scheme. Regarding the upgrade to the footpath this was passed by the NCC Highways as being adequate.

### **Chairman's Items:**

Bus drivers are no longer willing to make courtesy stops making it difficult for elderly residents. A request was made to the Meeting for additional bus stops at the top of Buttmead and outside 83 Connegar Leys. An approach was made to Co. Cllr. Ingram who had said it would be too expensive in the current financial climate. Clerk to write formally to NCC making the request.

### **Correspondence:**

***NCC – Parking Review*** – Statutory Consultation for Proposals in Blisworth. Parking restrictions proposed for High Street (Royal Oak area) and Stoke Road (Surgery area). It was agreed to object to the proposals. In relation to Stoke Road, there was no alternative parking available for residents attending the surgery. If parking was prohibited the traffic would travel faster than at present. The Parish Council have made a request for 20 mph restrictions recently and would lobby for this to be implemented. Regarding the High Street it was felt that double yellow lines would only be effective if put on both sides of the road. Residents have no alternative parking facilities.

***NCC – Changes to the household waste recycling centres*** – Notification and leaflets.

***NCALC*** – Update and Events Bulletin.

***SNC – Wind Turbines Supplementary Planning Document*** – Details on website.

***Northants 50+ Network*** – Notification of Roadshow Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup>. June at Lings Forum, Northampton.

***2 x Emails from Peter Deeley, Chairman of Boddington Parish Council + Email from Sally Townsend*** – High Speed Trains. The Mid Northants Partnership agrees in principal to the need for high speed links but question the positions. It was agreed to support the MNP.

***SNC - Armed Forces Day*** – “Fly a Flag for our Armed Forces”. 21<sup>st</sup>. June 2010.

***SNC – Town Twinning*** – “Westerwald”.

***WNJSPC*** – Petition to keep the WNJSPC.

***SNC – Declaration of Result of Poll*** – Election of Member of Parliament for South Northamptonshire – Andrea Leadsom elected.

***NCC – Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework*** – Changes made at submission Stage.

***Steve Clarke*** – Abolition Of Regional Strategies.

***Margarete Field*** – Common at the Cross. Land ownership issues not clear.

### **Planning:**

**Notice of Decision:**

18 Eastfield – Two storey side & rear extension & single storey front extension – REFUSED.

**Applications:**

S/2010/0477/FUL – Canal Cottage, High Street – Detached dwelling. Mr. Hawkins stated that he supported the proposal. The Builder’s previous work in the village was of a very high standard and anything would be better than the existing. A proposal was made by Mrs. Andrews that the PC Object to the application, seconded by Mrs. Masterman. For: 5, Against: 0, Abstentions: 3 – Motion carried. It was agreed to OBJECT on the grounds that the site was still overcrowded. The proposed parking and vehicle turning area has not been revised adequately and the reasons for refusal still applied.

S/2010/0481/FUL – 89 Stoke Road – Replacement dwelling. No observations.

S/2010/0525/TPO – 17 Station Road – Removal of one willow and two cedars. No observations.

**Amended Plans:**

none

**Appeals:**

none

**Opportunity to attend Planning/Development Control Committee:**

none

**Tree Preservation Orders:**

The Bays, Gayton Road – Monkey puzzle tree. No observations.

**Enforcement Notices:**

none

**Finance:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Football Club	Water charges	296.82		296.82
Robin Leadbitter	Field Rent	300.00		300.00
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<b>Total</b>				

**Payments**

Clerk	Salary	398.00		398.00
	Expenses	31.42		31.42
JS Landscapes	Mowing of Eastfield	100.00		100.00
	Mowing of Graveyard	100.00		100.00
				100.00
A H Contracts	Dog Bins	79.40	13.90	93.30
Anglian Water	Water Charges	23.43		23.43

Responsible Officer:

Chairman:

NatWest Bank	Monthly Charges (May)	11.00	11.00
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**Total**

That the above accounts be accepted and approved for payment:

**Proposed:**           **Mr. Dalton**  
**Seconded:**       **Mr. Hargreaves**  
**Agreed.**

### Committee Reports

none

### Any Other Business:

Mrs. Hawkins reported problems with overhanging vegetation in the High Street and agreed to talk to the owners. High numbers of HGVs are travelling along Stoke Road coming from and going to the business site at Taylor's Farm.

Mrs. Andrews reported that, in response to Mrs. Hawkins question at the previous meeting, dogs are allowed on the Canal Towpath without leads unless in specified areas identified by notices.

Mr. Hawkins proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Burgoyne for all her hard work in relation to the Sun, Moon and Stars project. Agreed.

Mrs. Masterman reported problems of parking on the High Street due to the renovation work at Stoneleigh. Mrs. Percival stated that the crossing warden gets parked vehicles moved when they become a nuisance and it was agreed to leave things in her capable hands.

### Date of Next Meeting: MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup>. JULY 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10 p.m.

### Open Forum:

Tony Marsh stated that there are no "free" websites, there is always a snag. Regarding the proposed development in Chapel Lane, The suggestion was made to the SNC Planners to put the pavement on the other side of the road. This was rejected. In future the PC should "tell" SNC what the village wants regarding planning issues and what should be included in planning schemes.

Jane Percival discussed the possibility of a grant to the Scouts for the proposed new Community Hall. The Clerk would talk with Mrs. O'Conner. Regarding the water at the allotments, with the proliferation of huts and sheds she suggested allotment holders install water butts.

Sally Townsend reported that from today the A508 at Roade will be closed to single lane for about 10 weeks due to road works.

Mrs. McKenzie reported the notice boards around the village are getting very messy and numerous "outside" organisations and businesses are clogging the boards.

Meeting closed at 10.25 p.m.

Signed:           Chairman:

Responsible Officer:

Date:

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Chairman: