

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held in the

VILLAGE HALL

at 7.30 p.m. on

MONDAY 5th. JULY 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; Mr. H. Wilkins;
By invitation:	Mr. S. Clarke (SNC);
Members of the Public:	7
In attendance:	Tony Lack, Parish Clerk

Apologies:

Mr. S. Dunk; Tara Cooksammy (Police);
Mrs. Sally Townsend (SNC); 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 – Several websites offer a “free” service. The initial setup cost would be approx. £25.00. Clerk to arrange a meeting with Paul Chapman to discuss the issues.

Eastfield Play Park – Additional equipment. The Clerk presented a report outlining costs from several companies for roundabout type equipment. After discussion it was agreed to obtain a firm quotation from Sutcliffe Play for a “Pole Spin” and “Dish Roundabout”. If the cost was around the budgeted figure of £5000.00 the Clerk was instructed to place an order. It was agreed to leave the surrounding area as grass and that no safety surface would be included at this stage.

Noticeboard – The Clerk presented costs for a variety of noticeboards. After discussion it was agreed to place an order for a 1m square “Metroplan” noticeboard suitable for external use, wall mounted and complete with polycarbonate lockable cover.

Westbrook Alley Fence – Reply from Mr. Tresham – Repairs to the fence are in hand and are hoped to be completed before the end of July.

A43 Rail Bridge – Graffiti – Reply from Highways Agency – Maintenance team to investigate. Graffiti is removed on a yearly basis at the end of the summer unless of an offensive nature.

Grass Cutting – Several complaints received regarding the poor standard of the recent village cut. The Clerk reported he had spoken to the Contractor who had returned to re-cut areas missed. The Clerk gave an update of the current budget for mowing.

Jonathan Morley – Cemetery Wall. Rubbish now cleared and quotations awaited for supply and planting of hedge. Mr. Morley is insisting on a fence but his Mother, who owns the property, has told the Contractor, J S Landscapes, that she would prefer a hedge. A quotation from J S Landscapes for the provision and planting of the hedge in the sum of £400.00 was accepted and the Clerk instructed to place an order for a Laurel hedge. Due to the nature of the ground which contains a lot of stone the cost would be subject to variation and daywork rates would apply.

Neighbourhood Watch – A quiet month. The transport depot at Milton Malsor and the expected retrospective planning application is being closely monitored. Community Speedwatch is being carried out in the village with over 520 checks proving to be over the limit (24 from village residents). The Police camera van has been active in Courteenhall road on several occasions with over 30 prosecutions from each visit. Mrs. Hawkins stated that Great Houghton Parish Council have paid for all residents to be issued with Smartwater and asked if it was feasible for Blisworth. The cost for each household, with over 700 being required, would be £18.00 therefore it was agreed not to pursue this. Local Access signs are needed on the A43 at the Blisworth turn and at Mere Way. The Clerk was asked to check with NCC (Helen Howard) if this could be arranged.

Canal Partnership – Work is due to start on the installation of the lock beams Saturday next. A grant has been received and banked for the Pocket Park project.

Parish Plan – ACRE has given a “bite size grant” to cover responses to the questionnaire and the forthcoming Open Day.

NCC – Parking Review – Copy of email from Sally Townsend to nsl services supporting the Parish Council’s objections.

Chairman’s Items:

A number of “near misses” have been reported at the Royal Oak junction. A mini roundabout might help and the Clerk was requested to make initial inquiries with NCC.

Correspondence:

NCC – Reuse Shops – Opening times.

NCALC – List of documents and polices – 80% complete. Draft copy for comment.

SNVB – Funding Alert – Community Wildlife programme – information leaflet.

SNC – Parish Council Newsletter.

Northants 50+ Network – Event diary and newsletter.

Alzheimer’s Society – New venture – poster and leaflet.

EON – Mercury Lanterns within the Parish – about to become obsolete.

SNC – The Draft Brackley Masterplan – Consultation draft.

NCC – Minerals and Waste Development Examination -0 Locations for Minerals and Waste Development DPD Examination.

SNVB – LinkUp – Newsletter.

Planning:

Chapel Lane Development – Letter sent to SNC asking for an update and clarification on 106 agreement. No reply as yet. Email from Mike Hawkins expressing his concerns at the lack of adequate infrastructure and safety improvements to existing roads and footpaths. The Planning Group produced a draft letter and supporting photographs for the Clerk to send officially to SNC detailing the concerns and requirements of the Parish Council. Mr. Hawkins thanked Mrs. Townsend and Mr. Clarke for getting involved and helping with the matter.

Sun Moon & Stars- The property is being sold after the results of the tribunal are known and the owner paid in full.

Canal Cottage, High Street- No further information.

Notice of Decision:

19 Windmill Avenue – Single storey rear extension – GRANTED.

89 Stoke Road – Replacement dwelling – REFUSED.

17 Station Road – Removal of one willow and two cedars – GRANTED.

Applications:

S/2010/0660/FUL – Ladyfield off Courteenhall Road – Construction of four 2 bed flats, one 2 bed house and one 3 bed house. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Hargreaves and seconded by Mrs. Masterman that the Parish Council OBJECT to the application on the grounds that there is no provision for single person accommodation, double yellow lines would be necessary on Courteenhall Road at the access point and the proposal does not meet the requirements of the housing needs survey. Mr. Hawkins stated that the Parish Council should support the application as there are a number of local couples wanting houses.

For the motion: 9; Against: 1

It was further agreed that a request for a site meeting with SNC Officers be made to discuss in detail the concerns.

NOTE: Jacqueline Brookes, who attended the meeting in November 2009 together with representatives from Bromford Housing, agreed that Ladyfield had not catered for singles and this would be addressed in the future.

Laura Welch was questioned at a previous Parish Council Meeting about the future development of the undeveloped parcel of land (subject of the application above) and stated categorically that the existing entrance to Ladyfield would not allow further development of the site and would therefore not be permitted.

S/2010/0589/FUL – 29 Courteenhall Road – Single storey rear extension. No observations.

S/2010/0759/ADV – Royal Oak, Chapel Lane – New sign to existing post, replace 2 no.

Amenity boards to post, replace 2 no. Amenity boards to low level building, replace fascia sign to barn wall elevation, replace raised letters to front elevation, replace high level gable board with raised gold leaf letters to match front and replace all existing lighting. It was agreed to SUPPORT the application on the grounds that it would enhance the area.

S/2010/0733/FUL – Grafton Villa 27 Northampton Road – Variation of condition 4 ref S/2007/0883/P to allow the outbuilding to be used as a holiday let. No observations.

Amended Plans:

none

Appeals:

Thackstone Cottage, 21 Stoke Road – Conversion of outbuilding to form annexed accommodation including new conservatory.

Opportunity to attend Planning/Development Control Committee:

none

Tree Preservation Orders:

TPO 3/2010 (Blisworth) – The Bays, Gayton Road - Order confirmed without modification.

Enforcement Notices:

none

Finance:

Letter from Sandra O’Conner – 1st. Blisworth Cubs & Scouts – Request for grant towards new Scout/Community Hall. Work is due to start in September 2011 and approx. £45,000.00 has been raised thus far. The total amount needed is in the region of £160,000.00. After discussion it was agreed to pledge the sum of £2000.00.

Receipts

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

Clerk	Salary	398.00		398.00
	Expenses	41.79		41.79
JS Landscapes	Mowing of Eastfield	100.00		100.00
	Mowing of Graveyard	100.00		100.00
	Graveyard Clearance	216.00		216.00
A H Contracts	Dog Bins	99.25	17.37	116.62
EON	Street Lighting	215.67	37.74	253.41
	Maintenance			
Alan North	R&A	35.00		35.00
St. John Ambulance	R&A Printing	56.00	9.80	65.80

Total

That the above accounts be accepted and approved for payment:

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

Committee Reports

none

Any Other Business:

Regarding the letter to NCC requesting new bus stops, Cllr Ingram has promised to support the request but in the current financial climate is doubtful of achieving a result. Mr. Wilkins reported a number of allotment holders were unhappy with the weeds encroaching onto their plots from untended ground at the top end of the allotments. The plots in question are rented by Mr. Snapes and the Clerk agreed to speak/write to him accordingly. Mrs. Masterman requested that Planning Matters be moved forward in the agenda to give more time for discussion. It was agreed to place this above Correspondence at future meetings.

Date of Next Meeting: MONDAY 2nd. AUGUST 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 p.m.

The Chairman gave his apologies for the next meeting due to holiday commitments.

Open Forum:

Mrs. Percival said that the Stoke Road allotments gave a one year notice to allotment holders who failed to keep plots tidy. As a non driver mini roundabouts were dangerous as nobody indicates anymore.

Mrs. McKenzie reported that the elder bushes growing in the verge outside the church are out of control and damaging the wall. The Chairman said this was a matter for NCC but would cut them down when next in the area.

Meeting closed at 9.54 p.m.

Signed: Chairman:

Responsible Officer:

Date:

Responsible Officer:

Chairman: