

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held in the

VILLAGE HALL

at 7.30 p.m. on

MONDAY 6th. SEPTEMBER 2010

Those Present:

Chairman:	Mr. C. Gardner;
Vice Chairman:	Mrs. P. Masterman
Councillors:	Mrs. M. Field; Mr. A. Andrews; Mr. D. Dalton; M. Hawkins; Mr. A. Hargreaves; Mrs. J. Andrews;
By invitation:	Mr. S. Clarke (SNC); Paul Chapman;
Members of the Public:	6
In attendance:	Tony Lack, Parish Clerk

Apologies:

Mr. H. Wilkins; Mr. S. Dunk; Mrs. Sally Townsend (SNC);
Mr. B. Ingram (NCC). Mrs. J. Hawkins;

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

SNC – Register of Electors – Monthly update.

Blisworth Baptist Church – Letter withdrawing application for grant.

SNH – Major Works Briefing Paper – Internal Mods to properties in Connegar Leys, Greenaway Close & Little Lane currently ongoing. Internal Mods to properties in Buttmead, Chapel Lane & Courteenhall Road due to start in Aug/Sept. Cllr. Clarke asked for any problems to be reported to him.

Website – Paul Chapman requested information and decisions on the format of the website. This was agreed after discussion and Mr. Chapman stated he would now proceed and the website would be on-line in the next few days.

Eastfield Play Park – New equipment installed.

Neighbourhood Watch – Criminal damage has occurred at the Football Club and a car in Stoke Road has had number plates stolen. Lorries are still using the High Street at peak times. Smart Water is still available but has to be ordered in batches of ten.

Canal Partnership – Numerous reports from the public saying how much they enjoyed the event and congratulating the organisers. More than ten thousand visited the festival over the weekend. Details are being finalised for the proposed Pocket Park. BW will be lowering the hedge again at the Car Park and tidying the Towpath.

Parish Plan – The Plan is moving forward and it is anticipated that the Plan document will be published early next year. The “What you said” day is programmed for Sunday 17th. October at the Village Hall from 11am to 5pm. Tea and sandwiches will be provided. Agendas for future Parish Council meetings will be put on the new notice board.

Chairman’s Items:

The Buttmead sign needs painting – On list for the Enhancement Gang.

The footpath in the area of 10 Buttmead is in such poor condition that wheelchairs and pushchairs are having great difficulty. Clerk to report to NCC.

Planning:

Amanda (SNC) – Notification of a meeting regarding the Luff Development Site at Milton Malsor – 14th. September at Milton Village Hall 10am/12noon. Mr. & Mrs. Andrews to attend.

Notice of Decision:

S/2010/0759/ADV – Royal Oak – New signage – Granted.

S/2010/0913/LBC– 3 Courteenhall Road – Replacement door – Granted.

S/2010/0824/FUL – 23 Home Close – Replacement front porch – Granted.

S/2010/0733/FUL – 27 Grafton Villa, Northampton Road – Variation to allow outbuilding to be used as a holiday let – Granted.

S/2010/0477/FUL – Detached dwelling at Canal Cottage, High Street – Refused.

S/2010/0808/LBC – Royal Oak – New swing sign etc. Granted

S/2010/0828/EXT – 15 Greenside – 2 detached dwellings (extension of time). Granted.

Applications:

Notice of Withdrawn Application – S/2010/0929/FUL - Elgin 1 Greenside – Replace conservatory with single storey extension to rear.

S/2010/0979/OUT – Land at rear of Cliff Hill Farm – Single storey dwelling (outline).

Copy letter of objection from Wilbraham Associates on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Wells, 2a Northampton Road. Object on the grounds of previous objection and in support of Mr. & Mrs. Wells.

S/2010/1039/FUL – Ladyfield – Six new affordable dwellings comprising four 2 bed flats, one two bed house & one 3 bed house. Report from Planning Group outlining objections and concerns. Mr. Hargreaves outlined the recommendations for an objection on behalf of the Planning Group. The principle concerns were the visibility splay at the access considered to be inadequate and dangerous with the volume of speeding traffic backed up by the latest survey and the design of the flats considered to be contrary to the needs survey which called for single person accommodation, the current design is for 4/5 person.

Mr. Hawkins stated that two bedroom flats would be acceptable giving tenants the ability to accommodate guests. In his opinion the design does cater for the needs but the letting policy

is the real problem which should prioritise Blisworth applicants. Mr. Hargreaves said a site meeting is required to discuss the issues and should include representatives from NCC Highways. The applications needs a better design and better access. A meeting is currently arranged with SNC on Tuesday 7th. Sept. To discuss both Ladyfield and Chapel Lane (currently still ongoing with SNC awaiting information/results of appeals from the developer).

On behalf of the Planning Group he proposed the Parish Council object as per the above recommendation. This was seconded by Mrs. Masterman.

Vote: 7 for; 1 abstention; 0 against. Motion carried.

S/2010/0944/FUL – 18 Eastfield – Two storey rear and side extension. Mr. & Mrs. Andrews declared an interest (immediate neighbours at rear). No observations but attention to be drawn to the concerns from 21 Home Close.

Amended Plans:

none

Appeals:

None

Opportunity to attend Planning/Development Control Committee:

None

Tree Preservation Orders:

None

Enforcement Notices:

None

Correspondence:

NHS – Invitation to AGM.

NCC – Electric Blanket Testing Week.

SNVB – Newsletter.

NCC – Emergency Planning Conference.

NCC – Mineral & Waste Development Framework – Core Strategy Development Plan Document.

Longhurst Group – Annual Publication

No Need for Nuclear – Information leaflet.

Alzheimer’s Society – Information leaflet.

Village Viewpoint – Magazine.

SNC – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places -

Finance:

Review of Allotment rents – current rents are £3.00 per 5 pole plot with a 25% reduction for Senior Citizens. Allotment rents due on 1st October. Rents to remain at current level.

Receipts

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Northants ACRE	Grant for Parish Plan	485.52	485.52
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Total

Payments

Clerk	Salary	398.00		398.00
	Expenses	44.73		44.73
A H Contracts	Dog Bins	79.40	13.90	93.30
Image Everything Ltd.	Noticeboard	471.95	82.60	554.55
Sam Linnell	Install noticeboard	30.00		30.00
Anglian Water	Water charges	133.07		133.07
Sutcliffe Play	Supply Play Equipment	1642.60	287.46	1930.06
Sutcliffe Play	Install Play Equipment	1000.00	175.00	1175.00

Total

That the above accounts be accepted and approved for payment:

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

Committee Reports

none

Any Other Business:

Mrs. Field recommended the new website should include a link to the Mid Parishes website. The kerbs around the bus stop in front of the Church are in need of attention. Clerk to report to NCC.

Mr. Hawkins asked for an item to be included in the next Round & About informing of the elections for Parish Council and District Council in May 2011 and calling for residents to consider standing for both.

Sun Moon & Stars – awaiting the results of the tribunal.

The fence in Westbrook Ally is still to be repaired despite the owner saying it would be complete by September. Clerk to write.

The walk along Stoke Road to the Canal Tunnel is dangerous. There is no footpath and the road is eroding. Walkers are in peril.

Mr. Andrews requested the Parish Council arrange a meeting with NCC regarding their refusal to install double yellow lines on the bend in Courteenhall Road. The concerns regarding the village mowing should be discussed at the next meeting and to consider reverting to an agency agreement and employing a contractor as before.

Date of Next Meeting: MONDAY 4th. OCTOBER 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.22 p.m.

Open Forum:

Mr. Marsh asked if the Parish Plan Document would be made public, if so could he have a copy and a digital copy. Mrs. Masterman agreed to put this to the Group and let him know. Dog bins are required along the towpath. Mrs. Andrews to report to the Canal Partnership. Mr. Linnell (via the Clerk) requested a seat be installed halfway up Chapel Lane for the convenience of the elderly residents who walk up to the Post Office/Bus Stop. Mrs. McKenzie reported the trees overhanging footpaths need trimming back.

Signed: Chairman:

Responsible Officer:

Date: