

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held in the

VILLAGE HALL

at 7.30 p.m. on

MONDAY 6th. DECEMBER 2010

Those Present:

Chairman: Mr. C. Gardner;
Vice Chairman: Mrs. P. Masterman
Councillors: Mrs. M. Field; Mr. D. Dalton; Mr. A. Hargreaves;
Mr. H. Wilkins;
By invitation: Mr. B. Ingram (NCC); Mrs. Sally Townsend (SNC);
Mr. S. Clarke (SNC);
Members of the Public: 6
In attendance: Tony Lack, Parish Clerk

Apologies:

M. Hawkins; 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

Tony Marsh – Suggestions for Chapel Lane development road name. To be held pending.

Bill Brown – Proposed extinguishment of highway rights at Algate, Church Lane. No objections or comments.

NCC – Bus timetables – circulated.

SNH – Major Works Briefing Paper – Internal Modernisations – Currently on site in Connegar Leys, Courteenhall Road, Buttmead.

SNC – Response to letter re Alan & Jan Andrews resignations. Clerk to advertise vacancy in R&A.

Steve Dunk – The Clerk reported that, due to relocation away from Blisworth, Mr. Dunk has resigned as Parish Councillor.

NCC – Response to Highway Issues letter. Clerk to chase for action regarding the footpath clearance requested.

Rachel Hand – Request for additional Dog Bins. To be held pending for new financial year.

June Hawkins – Apologies and items for discussion – traffic congestion and school traffic.

School Fence – email from Karen Emmott with copy of letter sent to Mr. Massey, Chairman of School Governors. Letter circulated. Response from Mike Hawkins and Alan Hargreaves. Cllr. Clarke reported he had written to Steve Shuttleworth at SNC asking if the fence was indeed in violation of planning and what can be done to rectify the problem. He is awaiting a reply. He had also referred the matter to Cllr. Grant (NCC) who was “horrified”. The NCC can invoke an “Article 4” direction but this will need to be confirmed by the Secretary of State and will not happen. The fence can be painted with specialist paint to subdue the colour. Opinion was still divided as to the suitability and environmental impact of the fence. It was suggested that the Headmistress be invited to a future meeting. Clerk to draft reply to Ms. Emmott.

Neighbourhood Watch – Report received from Alan Andrews – copy attached.

Canal Partnership – Report received from Jan Andrews – copy attached.

Chairman’s Items:

Salt bins need topping up before the forecast returning cold spell.

Overgrown allotments need strimming before re-letting. The Clerk reported he had received a quote from Jason (J S Landscapes) of £150.00 and had asked him to proceed.

Planning:

SNC – Response to letter of complaint regarding planning matters – Letter circulated – Clerk to draft letter of reply and invite Mr. Shuttleworth to a future meeting.

An application for a development at 7 Chapel Lane (currently used as a nursery) is pending – not officially received. It was agreed that the Planning Group would look at the details when received, send a response and report to the next meeting.

Notice of Decision:

S/2010/1039/FUL – Ladyfield – six new dwellings – Permission granted subject to a planning obligation.

S/2009/0961/OUT – Land at Chapel Lane – 27 houses – Outline permission granted subject to a planning obligation.

Applications:

S/2010/1395/TCA – Old Rectory, High Street – Tree works. No observations.

S/2010/1464/FUL – 22 to 24 Northampton Road – Subdivision and extension of existing dwelling to form 2 dwellings. No observations.

Amended Plans:

None

Appeals:

None

Opportunity to attend Planning/Development Control Committee:

None

Tree Preservation Orders:

None

Enforcement Notices:

None

Correspondence:

SNC – Invitation to attend Forum with Parish Councillors – Tuesday 7th. December 2010 – 6pm Towcester (Council Chamber). Mrs. Field and Mrs. Masterman to attend. The Clerk had notified SNC accordingly.

NCC – Northampton Central Area Plan – Pre-Submission Draft Publication.

SNC – Review

NCC – Proposed 40mph Speed Limit – Milton Malsor to Blisworth.

Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework – DPD Examinations.

AON – Charity & Voluntary Organisation Insurance.

Sue Mallock – Roade Parish Council – “What is the Purpose of MNP Group?”.

NCALC – Update and Parish Partnerships booklet.

MNP – Agenda for special meeting on 18th. November to consider nominations for Chairman.

Finance:

Jane Percival – VH&PFA – Request for PC to purchase new stage. Money to be transferred to PC from VH&PFA when available. Approved. Clerk to issue cheque.

Receipts

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
A Lack	Allotment rents	86.60		86.60
Dean	Allotment rents	16.80		16.80
Total		103.40		103.40

Payments

Clerk	Salary	398.00		398.00
	Expenses	57.69	6.32	64.01
A H Contracts	Dog Bins	178.65	31.27	209.92
J S Landscapes	Grass cutting	600.00		600.00
Paul Chapman	Website	40.00		40.00

NatWest Bank	Bank charges (Nov)	12.70		12.70
Anglian Water	Water charges	172.65		172.65
Banner Contracting	Mowing – additional cuts	1200.00	210.00	1410.00
Colin Gardner	Chairman’s allowance	100.00		100.00
Wollaston School	Parish Plan (printing)	110.50	19.34	129.84
Stage Systems	VH Stage	900.00		900.00

Total

That the above accounts be accepted and approved for payment:

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

Committee Reports

None

Any Other Business:

Clerk to chase a response regarding NCC footpath clean-up.

Overhanging trees still a problem on High Street. Clerk to write to those responsible.

RD2 – Bushes and vegetation need cutting back – Clerk to arrange for Jason (J S Landscapes) to do this when he clears the allotments.

The verge on Stoke Road from the last house up to the allotment entrance is collapsing. Clerk to report to NCC.

Gayton Road is full of pots holes. Clerk to report to NCC.

Grass cutting – Clerk to request agency status for next year and obtain tenders.

Elections – Clerk to put a notice in R&A and on the website calling for Councillors.

Date of Next Meeting: MONDAY 10th. JANUARY 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

Open Forum:

The grit bin on Courteenhall Road has still not been replaced. Clerk to chase.

Request made for the give way sign at the Royal Oak be replaced with a stop sign also the give way signs at Elm Tree Corner and the Mill.

The digital switchover is in progress. Clerk to put a notice on the notice board.
Milton Village Hall has been broken into twice recently.

Steve Clarke reported that following the Government announcement to decentralise the planning process, he has asked for details.

Sally Townsend reported that, regarding social housing, applicants must be registered with SNC. She would put an item in R&A, the website and the notice boards. Sally also reported that she is standing down as Chair of Mid Northants Parishes due to a conflict of interests. Rod Sellars is acting Chair until a new Chair is elected.

Signed: Chairman:

Responsible Officer:

Date: