

# **BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

of the

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

held in the

## **VILLAGE HALL**

at 7.30 p.m. on

**MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup>. JANUARY 2011**

### **Those Present:**

Chairman: Mr. C. Gardner;  
Vice Chairman:  
Councillors: Mrs. M. Field; Mr. A. Hargreaves;  
Mr. H. Wilkins; M. Hawkins; Mrs. J. Hawkins;  
By invitation:  
Members of the Public: 13  
In attendance: Tony Lack, Parish Clerk

### **Apologies:**

Mrs. Sally Townsend (SNC); Mr. S. Clarke (SNC);  
Mr. D. Dalton; Mrs. P. Masterman; 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**

SNC – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

CNALC – Elections – The role of Parish Councillor.

SNC – District and Parish Elections 5<sup>th</sup>. May 2011 – Candidacy Statements.

Blisworth Activity Groups – Contact names. Mr. Hawkins stated he was most unhappy with the proposed “candidacy statements” and did not find them acceptable with SNC able to edit the statements. The meeting concurred with Mr. Hawkins and the Clerk was instructed to respond accordingly.

SNH – Major Works Briefing Paper – Internal Mods –

Currently on site – Connegar Leys. Proposed Dec/Jan – Greenaway Close

Grass Mowing – The Clerk reported he had spoken to NCC who is awaiting news of budget cuts before arranging 136 agreements for next year’s mowing contract. The general feeling is that cuts will force a reduction in the number of cuts and therefore the grant given to those Parishes who enter into a 136 agreement. A general specification has been requested prior to preparing a formal tender document.

SNC – Planning Issues – The Clerk reported he had spoken to Steven Shuttleworth’s secretary and is waiting for her to come back with possible dates and times for a meeting.

CNALC – Confirmation of booking – Training course S106 – Pat Masterman & Margarete Field.

SNC - Gillian Spencer – Affordable Housing – update.

Pat Masterman – Report on recent traffic survey walkabout with SNC/NCC. In the absence of Mrs. Masterman, Mr. Andrews reported that ten locations were visited around the village and problems discussed with SNC/NCC. Particular attention was given to traffic calming issues, signage and weight limits. The state of the footpaths was pointed out to NCC.

Neighbourhood Watch – A burglary in Pond Bank was reported recently. Other than that there are no major issues this month.

Canal Partnership – Nothing has been done this month due to the inclement weather. Next month will see a tidging of the towpath in readiness for the next event.

#### **Chairman’s Items:**

No additional items to report.

#### **Planning:**

#### **Notice of Decision:**

Appeal Decision: Thackstone Cottage – Appeal allowed.

#### **Applications:**

S/2010/1517/FUL – 7 Chapel Lane – Demolition of existing commercial/light industrial buildings. Erection of 4 x 2 bedroom dwellings with associated parking, bin storage and courtyard gardens.

Objections received from:

Blisworth Heritage Society – copy attached (Appendix A)

Brian Mayland, K R Granagan – copy attached (Appendix B)

Note: Due to the date for submission of comments, the Parish Council authorised the Planning Group to discuss and comment on the application on its behalf. The result of the discussion was to object on the grounds as listed in the attached letter to SNC (Appendix C).

#### **Amended Plans:**

None

#### **Appeals:**

None

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

None

#### **Tree Preservation Orders:**

None

#### **Enforcement Notices:**

None

### Correspondence:

SNC – Council Services Posters  
SNVB - CVS Training Diary 2011  
Northants 50+ Network – Newsletter  
Alzheimer’s Society – “Singing for Brain” poster  
NCC – Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Receipt of Inspector’s Reports  
Village Viewpoint – Magazine  
NRHA – Annual Report  
SNC – Blisworth Transport Meeting –  
Police - Tara Cooksammy – Village Transport Audit Project – request for concerns to be fed back  
NCC – Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire  
SNC – The Queen’s 2012 Diamond Jubilee  
Tony Marsh – Localism in Blisworth.  
CNALC – Royal Wedding – NCC guidelines on hosting a royal wedding street party.  
Royal British Legion – “Great Poppy Party Weekend” brochure.  
Woodward Trust – Guidelines for Children’s Summer Play schemes.  
ACRE – Best Village Competition  
Gypsies & Travellers – National Awareness Training Programme – Corby.

### Finance:

SNC – Precept 2011-12 – The Clerk reported he had responded requesting a precept of £25,000.00 as agreed at the November meeting.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
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<b><u>Payments</u></b>				
Clerk	Salary	398.00		398.00
	Expenses	54.36		54.36
A H Contracts	Dog Bins	178.65	31.27	209.92
J S Landscapes	Grass cutting	50.00		50.00
Paul Chapman	Website	50.00		50.00
NatWest Bank	Bank charges (Dec)	13.01		13.01
	Bank charges (Jan)	14.71		14.71
Alan North	R&A	35.00		35.00
St John Ambulance	R&A Printing			
EON	St. Ltg. Energy account	678.19	118.68	796.87
EON	St. Ltg. Maintenance	215.67	37.74	253.41
Stage Systems	Village Hall Stage			856.92
<hr/> <b>Total</b> <hr/>				

That the above accounts be accepted and approved for payment:

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

**Committee Reports**

None

**Any Other Business:**

The footpath in the High Street – part of the hedge obstructing the footpath has been cut back. The Clerk was instructed to write to the occupiers of 27 & 29 requesting they cut back the rest.

Mr. Wilkins reported that car parking at the Hotel was worse than ever when concerts were held. He also reported the sad death of an electrician following an accident in which he received an electric shock causing him to fall from a ladder.

**Date of Next Meeting: MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup>. FEBRUARY 2011 at 7.30 p.m.**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.51 p.m.

**Open Forum:**

A communal speed watch is programmed for 25<sup>th</sup>. June.

It is rumoured that the NCC/Meridian will cut the no.89 bus. The Clerk would contact NCC and report to the next meeting.

The Heritage Society is to hold a talk on the “Wild & Woolly” . Details to be finalised.

Signed: Chairman:

Responsible Officer:

Date: