

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held in the

VILLAGE HALL

at 7.30 p.m. on

MONDAY 4th. APRIL 2011

Those Present:

Chairman: Mr. C. Gardner;
Vice Chairman: Mrs. P. Masterman;
Councillors: Mrs. M. Field; Mr. A. Hargreaves; Mr. D. Dalton;
Mrs. D. Burgoyne; Mr. A C Jeffery; Mrs. K Gray
By invitation: Mrs. Sally Townsend (SNC); Mr. S. Clarke (SNC);
Members of the Public: 5
In attendance: Tony Lack, Parish Clerk

Apologies:

Mr. & Mrs. Hawkins; Mr. Wilkins; 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

Blisworth Design Statement – previously circulated – Email from SNC – Village Design Statement Consultation. Mr. Hargreaves commented that the Rural Settlements Policy needs to tie in with the VDS. Mrs. Gray stated she had looked at several VDS's on the internet and, in her opinion, more work was needed to strengthen the document. It was agreed to hold this item over for discussion at the next meeting and possibly hold a separate meeting. It was agreed that thanks should go to the Author of the document for the hard work already done.

Elections – Posters and Notices received. Letter from Jean Morgan (SNC)

SNH – Major Works Briefing Paper – Internal mods currently on-site in Connegar Leys.

School Crossing Patrol – Letters of complaint regarding the proposed cut received from Mrs. Bywater and Mr. & Mrs. Christie. Mrs. Percival (from the floor) stated that the School Governors would be discussing this issue at the next meeting. There is a possibility that FOB's can fund the insurance which seems to be the sticking point. Mr. Clarke said that only Highways can fund the SCP and the PC should lobby for its retention. Parents will hold up the traffic themselves if no crossing patrol is in place and alternatives should be looked at including the introduction of a zebra crossing.

Urban Highway Grass Mowing 2011 – 136 Agreement. Details received. It was agreed to arrange a one-off cut as soon as possible and tender the work for the forthcoming season.

Neighbourhood Watch – Several incidents reported this month including burglaries and an ABH. The batteries for the speed sign have been stolen. Community Speed Watch has been cancelled due to budget cuts. The proposed pole to hold the sign/camera, to be funded by the PC, has been cancelled. The pot holes in Stoke Road have been repaired with top soil!! Trading Standards are to make Connegar Leys and Greenaway Close “No Cold Calling” zones.

Canal Partnership – Plans for the festival weekend are proceeding well. Trees have been planted along the embankment and 60 tons of aggregate due to be delivered on 7th May for the Pocket Park project. John Folliat Vaughan has donated primroses etc for naturalising in the embankment.

Parish Plan – Currently with the printers. Delivery to all residents when received back.

Core Strategy Consultation & Conservation Strategy – both responses submitted.

Advert for new Clerk – The Clerk reported that adverts had been posted. One application received to date.

Chairman’s Items:

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Gray and Mr. Jeffery to the Parish Council. Drainage works at JBJ may need planning approval and/or a change of use. Mrs. Townsend/Mr. Clarke to check.

Planning:

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Notice of Decision:

None

Applications:

S/2011/0136/FUL – Mill Wharf Gayton Road – Variation of condition 2 on S/2008/1653/P to allow the retention of a temp. Mobile unit as a site/security office for an additional one year. No observations.

S/2011/0334/FUL – 89 Stoke Road – Replacement dwelling. Support – looks better than existing.

S/2011/0360/FUL – 30 Buttmead – Single storey rear extension. No observations.

Amended Plans:

None

Appeals:

None

Opportunity to attend Planning/Development Control Committee:

None

Tree Preservation Orders:

None

Enforcement Notices:

None

Correspondence:

SNC – Parish Council Newsletter – copies circulated.

Danny Moody (NCALC) – HRRC Guidance on Employment Status of Parish/Town Clerks.
 SNC – Important changes to SNC’s sandbag policy.
 NCC – Service (Bus) 86/87 – Emergency service timetable.
 NCC – Bridge inspection – Courteenhall Road – Road closed overnight on 23rd. April from 23.30 until 09.00 on 24th. April. Bunny Ingram has informed NCC of possible problems regarding the diversion route.
 NCC – Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Location details.
 Northamptonshire ACRE – Newsletter to be sent via email in future.
 NCALC – “Update” magazine – circulated. New issue of “The Good Councillor’s Guide – extra copies ordered (11 number).
 SNVB – Newsletter.
 NCALC – Training Guide 2011.

Finance:

NCALC – Accounts and Audit Regulations – newly published.
 IAC – Provision of Internal Audit Services
 BDO – Notification of Annual Audit – to be submitted before 27th. May 2011.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total				
<u>Payments</u>				
Clerk	Salary	398.00		398.00
	Expenses	14.00		14.00
Alan North	R&A	35.00		35.00
St. John Ambulance	R&A Printing (2 issues)	112.00	22.40	134.40
Paul Chapman	Website	30.00		30.00
Cubs & Scouts	Grant for Scout Hut	2000.00		2000.00
NCALC	Annual Subs	337.85		337.85
Pat Masterman	Parish Plan	71.15		71.15
Total				

That the above accounts be accepted and approved for payment:

Proposed: Mr. Dalton
Seconded: Mrs. Gray
Agreed.

Committee Reports

None

Any Other Business:

Sun Moon & Stars – building deteriorating with two more windows boarded up. SNC to be urged to sell. Mr. Clarke was asked if any interest has been shown but could not comment as this was commercially confidential.

Grants for tree planting – add to next month’s agenda.

Sign on Northampton Road (wooden gate) still not repaired. Reported many times to highways.

Highways should be reprimanded for the “pitiful” attempt at pot hole repairs.

Clayson Developments dumping rubbish at Sun Moon & Stars car park again. Mrs. Townsend/Mr. Clarke to report to the enforcement officer at SNC.

Footpath deterioration on Northampton Road still causing concern – A request to NCC (Trevor Grey) for a site meeting to be sent.

Date of Next Meeting & AGM: MONDAY 16th. MAY 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.52 p.m.

Open Forum:

A comment was made regarding the grant given to the Cubs & Scouts towards the new hut. Why was help given to them when the Bellringers were refused a grant towards the new bells?

Jane Percival to put comment in her Chron & Echo article regarding the replacement Clerk.

Comment made regarding the unsightly appearance of the old Paper Shop frontage in the High Street. Mr. Clarke to ask the SNC Conservation Team to visit and report.

Road markings and lines fading and in need of refurbishment. Letter to Helen Howard at NCC.

Crossing Patrol – Who will be responsible for switching the warning lights on and off?

The switching off of the speed camera on the A43 at the Blisworth/Tiffield turn will create a dangerous situation bearing in mind the fatality that prompted its installation.

Thanks given to all Parish Councillors for their hard work and support to the village during the last four years. Good luck to all those standing for re-election.

Signed: Chairman:

Responsible Officer:

Date: