

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held in the

VILLAGE HALL

at 7.30 p.m. on

MONDAY 6th. JUNE 2011

Those Present:

Chairman:	Mrs. P. Masterman;
Vice Chairman:	Mr. C. Jeffery;
Councillors:	Mrs. M. Field; R. D. Dalton; M. Hawkins; Mrs. J. Hawkins; Mrs. K. Gray; Mr. C. Gardner; Ms. M. McKeown.
By invitation:	Cllr. Mr. S. Clarke (SNC);
Members of the Public:	11
In attendance:	Tony Lack, Parish Clerk Mrs. Alison Bartlett, Parish Clerk designate.

Apologies:

Cllr. Mrs. S. Townsend; Cllr. Mr. B. Ingram (NCC);
Tara Cooksammy (Police); Mrs. D. Burgoyne;

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

Replacement Clerk – Interviews were conducted as follows: Friday 20th. May – Mrs. Alison Bartlett; Monday 23rd. May – Mrs. Tessa Taylor & Mrs. Ann Addison. It was the unanimous decision of the interview panel that Mrs. Bartlett be offered the post subject to references. Reference received from Dr. Steve Morehouse.

School Crossing Patrol – emails sent to Mrs. Irwin, Headmistress; Mr. Massey, Chair of Governors, asking for comments regarding the letter from NCC. Mr. Massey has responded saying that he was sure funding could be found. Emails received from Mrs. Percival, Mr. Daniel and Mrs Wilks underwriting the funding. With the commitments from Cllr. Ingram and the Parish Council, the finance in the sum of £3900.00 per year for three years was in place. After much discussion it was proposed by Mr. Gardner and seconded by Mrs. Field that, subject to formal written commitments being received from the third parties and a formal agreement with the NCC, the Parish Council replies to the NCC committing to fund the project for the three years. Approval given unanimously.

SNH – Major Works Briefing Paper – Internal Mods – Currently on site in Connegar Leys. Proposed works for May/June in Courteenhall Road.

Canal Festival – email received from Paul Chapman regarding the bungee trampoline to be placed in the Eastfield Play Park confirming all necessary PLI and safety certificates will be up to date.

Stoke Road – reply received from Richard Hill, NCC regarding the email sent by the Chairman over issues of concern including the proposed double yellow lines in the area of the Surgery. Email from Jim Whiting – Work on hold. Email from Peter Morris. Mr. Gardner commented that the best option would be a zebra crossing.

SNC – Register of Electors – Update

Blisworth Community Directory – Draft received from Jane Percival. The cost of producing the booklet was not expected to exceed £300.00. Approval given to proceed with printing in time for delivery with the next issue of Round & About. Any minor amendments to be forwarded to Mrs. Percival by the end of the week. Mr. Hawkins congratulated and thanked Mrs. Percival for the hard work put into the project.

Neighbourhood Watch – Mr. Andrews reported an apparent breakdown in communications with the Police. Three break-ins at JBJ recently had not been forwarded to him. Mr. Andrews further reported that he would be stepping down as Chairman of the Traffic Action Group due to increased frustration when dealing with NCC Highways. It was agreed that the Parish Council write to NCC condemning their apparent negativity. The ongoing saga of Luff Developments at Milton Malsor regarding the proposed routing of HGV's needs to be watched carefully. An open meeting for Neighbourhood Watch is proposed for July 18th. It was agreed the Parish Council would pay for the hire of the Village Hall. Mr. Dalton reported that, following the discussion at the last meeting, he had spoken with Mr. Andrews and they had agreed that the requested donation of £10.00 to SNAST was unnecessary.

Chairman's Items:

The Chairman reported that Mrs. Burgoyne had booked and paid for a place at the Communities in Action seminar in London. She felt it was important that the Parish Council be represented even though approval to fund the attendance was rejected by the Parish Council at the previous meeting.

Following discussions with Chris Mair, Milton Malsor Parish Council, regarding the proposed routing of HGV's going to and from the Luff Developments site, it was agreed that the Parish Council would support Milton Malsor in opposing the proposed routing. A copy of Milton Malsor PC's letter to NCC was to be emailed to the Clerk who would write accordingly.

Mrs. Husbands had spoken to the Chairman regarding the proposed cancellation of the 86 buses. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the local supermarkets to see if they would provide free transport on a weekly basis.

Scouts' Fun Day – Saturday next – The Chairman urged all Parish Councillors to attend and support the fun day and wear their badges.

It was agreed to leave the management of the Website in the capable hands of Mr. Chapman until the new Clerk felt ready to take over.

Correspondence:

SNH – Apprenticeships at South Northants Homes. Three apprenticeships available from July 2011. Clerk to pass letter to Sandra O’Conner. Venture Scouts may be interested.
Local Council Survey 2011 – Clerk to respond.
SNH – Grounds maintenance questionnaire. Clerk to respond.
NCC – Mineral & Waste Development Framework – Draft revised Document received..
Department of Transport – Application for the proposed stopping up of highway – Algate, Church Lane. No observations

Planning:

Notice of Decision:

None

Applications:

S/2011/0588/FUL – Canal Cottage, High Street – Detached dwelling. Following discussion a proposal to support the application was defeated by 5 votes to 2 with 1 abstention. It was agreed by 5 votes to 1 with 2 abstentions that the Parish Council make no observations.
S/2011/0570/LBC – Elm Tree House, 11 Courteenhall Road – Replacement windows to front elevation. No observations.
S/2011/0560/FUL – B J Business Park, Northampton Road – Change of use from car sales to area for hand car washing. No observations.
S/2011/0652/FUL – 24 Northampton Road – Subdivision and extension of existing dwelling to form two dwellings. No observations.

Amended Plans:

None

Appeals:

none

Opportunity to attend Planning/Development Control Committee:

None

Tree Preservation Orders:

None

Enforcement Notices:

none

Finance:

Grass Mowing – Quotations received from N&P Garden Services giving two options for consideration. Following discussion it was agreed unanimously to accept Option 2 – full grounds maintenance for the current financial year in the sum of £4690.00 + VAT.
CNALC – HMRC Guidance on the employment Status of Parish/Town Clerks – The new Clark, being in full time employment, will need to be registered for PAYE. Mr. Jeffery agreed to advise the Clerk on the procedures.
New tenancy agreement signed by Mr. Leadbitter for the rent of the Parish Field.
Parish Plan Account – currently overspent by £3.54. It was unanimously agreed the Parish Council would cover the overspend.

BDO – Audit for year ending 31st. March 2011 – Notice of conclusion of Audit – No matters requiring separate additional issues report. Approved and accepted.
 Bank Mandate – New signing authority – The Clerk recommended it was an opportune time to review banking details.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Receipts</u>				
Mr. Leadbitter	Field Rent	300.00		300.00
Total				

Payments

Clerk	Salary (Jan & Feb)	398.00		398.00
	Expenses	21.60		21.60
JS Landscapes	Mowing	200.00		200.00
A H Contracts	Dog Bins	79.40	15.88	95.28
Anglian Water	Water charges (allotments)	249.94		249.94
St. John Ambulance	R&A Printing	56.00	11.20	67.20
Nat West Bank	Bank Charges (May)	10.02		10.02
N&P Garden Services	Mowing (Village)	400.00	80.00	480.00
Liselle Solutions	Website			30.00
		30.00		
Total				

That the above accounts be accepted and approved for payment:

Proposed: Mr. Gardner
Seconded: Ms. McKeown
Agreed.

Committee Reports

none

Any Other Business:

Mr. Jeffery urged Cllrs to ask around for anyone interested in filling the vacant post on the Parish Council.

Village Design Statement – It was reported that several people were willing to help develop the statement and take it forward.

A number of street lights (NCC lights on the Main Road– not those around the Village) have been switched off as part of the NCC cuts.

Overhanging trees and vegetation need trimming back from footpaths particularly in the vicinity of the Church – This may now be included in the Grounds Maintenance contract with N&P.

The dog bin at the Football Club is on the floor and needs reaffixing.

Questions were asked regarding the 106 agreement monies for the repair of the road following the Marina development at the Blisworth Arm. Cllr Clarke reported that SNC have asked the NCC where the money has gone.

The metal guard from the street light cable outside Mr. Gardner's house is in his garden for safe keeping – Clerk to chase EON for reinstatement.

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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – MONDAY 13th . JUNE at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.36 pm.

Open Forum:

Question asked what was being done about the fibre optic cables crossing the site of the proposed development at Canal Cottage, High Street. Cllr. Clarke to talk with planners.

Parish Council asked to contact NCC regarding the weeds growing in the highway verges.

Question asked regarding the future pollarding of the graveyard trees. The Clerk responded saying the Parish Council had an ongoing commitment to pollard the trees on a three yearly rotational basis.

Sarah Sykes stated she was very pleased with the Council's decision to accept option 2 for the grounds maintenance. The Action Group are hoping to enter the "Best Village" competition.

Signed: Chairman:

Responsible Officer:

Date: