

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

Of a meeting of Blisworth Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011 in the upstairs room of Blisworth Village Hall.

055 Present:

Councillors: Mrs P Masterman (Chairman), Mrs D Burgoyne, D Dalton, Mrs M Field

By invitation: Cllr B Ingram, Cllr S Clarke

Members of the public: 11

In attendance: Mrs Alison Bartlett (Clerk)

056 Apologies:

C Jeffery (Vice-Chairman) – personal commitments

Mrs K Gray – personal commitments

Ms M McKeown – family commitments

C Gardner – personal commitments

Mrs J Hawkins – personal commitments

057 Declarations of Interest:

None

058 Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were approved by the Council as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

059 Ongoing Matters

**Churchyard Wall** – The Parish Clerk has applied for £910.00 of the Environmental Enhancement Grant (minute 11/028/ii, 11/028/iii and 11/042/ii)

060 Business Items

i **Blisworth Playing Field Drive Damage** – It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact Cllr. Steven Clarke with details of the complaint and also approach the Leadbitter Group regarding the damage to the private drive up to the playing field PC

	and scout hut.	
ii	<b>Blisworth MEP Newsletter</b> - It was agreed that it was not appropriate to have a link to Bill Newton-Dunn MEP's newsletter placed on the Blisworth Parish Council website.	
iii	<b>Neighbourhood Planning Meeting</b> - It was considered appropriate to send a representative to a meeting regarding the Localism Act 2011 to be held at SNC on 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2012 6pm to 8pm. One space will be booked by the Parish Clerk.	PC
iv	<b>Consultation on the Neighbourhood Planning (England) Regulations 2012</b> - It was agreed that each Parish Councillor should comment on the regulations which set out how Neighbourhood Areas are defined, how Neighbourhood Development Orders (NDOs) are processed and how parish councils can opt to determine planning applications arising from NDOs. Responses are required by 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2012.	All
v	<b>Precept and Budget Meeting</b> - A date for a second meeting to discuss the precept and budget for the next financial year was set for 21 December 2011.	
vi	<b>Parish Councillor Roles</b> - To be taken forward to the next meeting.	
vii	<b>Dog Bin Waste Disposal</b> - To consider continuing the contract with AH Contracts who are proposing a price freeze until 2020. Currently the service costs £3.97 per bin. No decision was made on this matter subject to the Parish Clerk contacting other Parish Councils for prices on their costs.	PC
viii	<b>Metal Thefts</b> - It was agreed that each Parish Councillor should consider signing an e-petition to support a parliamentary debate on the regulation of scrap metal yards.	PC
ix	<b>Survey on Neighbourhood Planning</b> - It was agreed that each Parish Councillor should consider completing an online survey on the Government's proposals to introduce statutory Neighbourhood Planning.	All
061	<u>Planning:</u> <u>Decisions</u>	
i	<b>S/2011/1264/LBC 1 Gayton Road</b> - Amendment to application S/2011/0914/LBC (Renovations to existing house to include structural repair work both internal and external. External - stabilisation and underpinning of the building and foundations to the front bay windows and rear wing, repairing and insulating the roof, removal and rebuilding of bay windows to the front. Internal - reinstating a ground floor supporting wall, reinstating a doorway to the hallway and alterations to the current layout to accommodate the supporting wall, moving the downstairs cloakroom and enlarging the kitchen and a new WC) to reinstate a blocked up doorway between two reception rooms in a wall which was to be demolished under the previous consent. Decision - <b>Approval</b>	
ii	<b>S/2011/1202/TCA Church House 1 Church Lane</b> - Crown reduce 1 no. Copper Beech tree by one third. Decision - <b>No objections</b>	
iii	<b>S/2011/1174/RES Painters Cottage 30 Stoke Road</b> - 2 No. detached dwellings and detached double garage. Decision - <b>Withdrawn</b>	
iv	<b>S/2011/1030/FUL 18 Eastfield</b> - Two storey side and rear extensions Retrospective. Decision - <b>Approval</b>	

v S/2011/0916/FUL Willow House Towcester Road - Two storey dwelling on land to the north east of Willow House and re-routing of public footpath to side.  
Decision - Refusal

062 Finance

i Receipts

Name	Details	Amount
<b>Total</b>		

ii Payments

Name	Details	Amount	VAT	Total	Chq
N CALC	Training	£125.00		£125.00	2010
NGP Gardens	Mowing	£469.00	£93.80	£562.80	2011
Alan North	R&A	£35.00		£35.00	2012
St John Amb	R&A	£56.00	£11.20	£67.20	2013
Anglian Wtr	Water usage	£249.46		£249.46	2014
AH Contracts	Dog Bins	£99.25	£19.85	£119.10	2015
A Bartlett	Salary (Nov)	£398.00		£398.00	2016
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1431.71</b>	<b>£124.85</b>	<b>£1156.56</b>	

That the above accounts be accepted and approved for payment:

**Proposed:** M Field  
**Seconded:** D Burgoyne

063 Correspondence for Information

The attached appendix of items which have been circulated and were available for inspection at the meeting were duly noted.

064 District and County Councillors' Reports for information.

**Cllr. S Clarke** - Bromford Housing Association has received the new houses built at Ladyfield and Cllr Clarke attended the handover. It was confirmed that all tenants are housed in accordance with the local connection policy. Cllr Clarke emphasised the importance of attending the Localism Act 2011 meeting and reading the Plain English Guide to the Act.

065 Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda

**Cllr. Mrs K Gray** - Has attended a meeting held by Andrea Leadsom MP regarding the construction of wind farms in Northamptonshire. A copy of the report is appended to the minutes.

**Gayton & Tiffield Community Transport** - Rae Spencer of The Gayton & Tiffield Community Minibus spoke about the service that was set up in 1987 under a Government funded scheme to provide rural villages with a sustainable community

transport service. It is possible for other villages to organise a regular service to their residents utilising their minibus, VOSA licence and operating structure by for example forming 'Travel Clubs' which is a system used successfully in the Daventry area. The cost would be the mileage charge for the trip (currently 65 pence per mile). Questions were raised as to whether the introduction of such a service would result in the cancellation of the regular bus service.

**SNVB's Village Networks** - Nick King of SNVB introduced Village Networks: a brand new Lottery-funded project connecting Blisworth and its residents with support and advice on debt, benefits and job seeking - to meet the needs and priorities of residents. Key to the project is a mobile exhibition vehicle and a 16-seater minibus available to Blisworth voluntary/community groups. The project can be tailored to the needs of the village.

066 Group Reports for information

i **Parish Plan Group** - A report from the Parish Plan Group is attached to these minutes

ii **Neighbourhood Watch** - Cllr. Mrs Burgoyne has been contacted by two parishioners who are interested in taking on the role of Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator. Alan Andrews has already arranged to meet one of the candidates.

067 Date of Next Meeting

Date of the next meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011. The meeting will be CLOSED to the public.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Signed:

Cllr. Mrs Pat Masterman  
Chairman



Signed:

Mrs Alison Bartlett  
Clerk to Blisworth Parish Council