

# 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> March 2012**  
in the upstairs room of Blisworth Village Hall.

<b>99</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	
	Chairman:	Cllr Mrs P Masterman
	Vice- Chairman:	Cllr C Jeffery
	Councillors:	Cllr Mrs D Burgoyne, Cllr S Billing, Cllr Mrs M Field, Cllr C Gardner, Cllr Mrs M McKeown, Cllr Mrs K Gray, Cllr T Bartlett
	By Invitation:	Cllr S Clarke (SNC), Cllr S Townsend (SNC)
	In Attendance:	Mrs A Bartlett (Clerk)
	Members of the Public:	11
<b>100</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
	Cllr D Dalton – Family commitments	
	Cllr Mrs J Hawkins – Family commitments	
<b>101</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b>	
	None	
<b>102</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:</b>	
	<p>Cllr D Burgoyne requested that the minutes be amended to show that she is not on Planning Group.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs M Field advised that the pothole referred to in the Minutes is located opposite 50 High Street and that the drain cover is located on Towcester Road heading towards Towcester.</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous two meetings, having been circulated, were approved by the Council as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Mrs M McKeown Seconded: Cllr Mrs P Masterman</p>	
<b>103</b>	<b>ONGOING MATTERS</b>	
<i>i</i>	<b>Dog Fouling</b> – Posters have been received by the Parish Clerk and distributed to the Parish Councillors and other interested parties. Information has also been received regarding Dog Control Orders. A report from the Parish Clerk is attached at Appendix 2 of this Agenda. Cllr Mrs D Burgoyne is to re-write the paragraph beneath the photograph and e-mail a draft copy out to all Councillors for comment.	<b>DB</b>
<i>ii</i>	<b>Rats in Pond Bank</b> – An e-mail has been received from South Northants Housing advising that it is believed that the nests were disturbed as the demolition contractor has been on site. Orbit are hopeful that the building work will disperse the rats, however if they are found elsewhere during the demolition process they will undertake	

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Responsible Officer:

Chairman:

	any necessary action. Cllr S Clarke confirmed that Environmental Health have visited and baited. The situation will continue to be monitored.	
<i>iii</i>	<b>Light on Chapel Lane</b> – E-ON have offered to install a louvre device inside the light fitting outside the affected premises on Chapel Lane at their expense. The Chairman has used her delegated powers to agree this and the complainants have been advised. The Parish Clerk is to contact E-ON to find out an installation date and enquire what happened to new light fitting that was going to be moved to the other side of the road.	<b>PC</b>
<i>iv</i>	<b>Moving 30mph Speed Limit Sign</b> – Helen Howard has advised that this is not possible to move the sign for safety reasons, because the built up environment does not start until the bridge and also because it does not conform to the legislation and guidance. The Parish Clerk is to confirm the date for moving it.	<b>PC</b>
<b>104</b>	<b>BUSINESS ITEMS</b>	
<i>i</i>	<b>Diamond Jubilee Celebrations</b> – Posters have been erected advising that Estelle Rose is having a meeting on 19 <sup>th</sup> March regarding Jubilee Celebrations. Cllr Mrs M McKeown agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council. Mrs Jane Percival advised that Stoke Road Allotments are having a performance by a theatre group at the allotments on 6 <sup>th</sup> June, everyone is invited.	<b>MM</b>
<i>ii</i>	<b>Fencing Around Eastfield Play Area</b> – It was agreed that Cllr Mrs M Field would pass information to Cllr D Dalton for the Blisworth Playgroup regarding the Awards for All which may be a viable route for obtaining a grant. The Parish Council agreed to support any application however the Playgroup would need to investigate possible funding opportunities and write applications as necessary.	<b>MF/ DD</b>
<i>iii</i>	<b>Planning Training</b> – It was agreed that Cllr C Jeffery would draw up a list of topics that would be useful for training by SNC Planning Division and pass to Cllr T Bartlett to follow up.	<b>CJ/ TB</b>
<i>iv</i>	<b>Planning Skills Workshops</b> – It was not considered necessary for any Councillors to attend this training.	
<i>v</i>	<b>Northamptonshire Boundary Review</b> – It was agreed that the Parish Council should respond to the consultation. The Parish Clerk will draft a response in consultation with Cllr T Bartlett.	
<i>vi</i>	<b>NCALC Training</b> – It was agreed that training from NCALC should not be requested until training needs have been identified.	
<i>vii</i>	<b>Parking in Front of Old Cemetery Gates</b> – A parishioner has contacted Cllr Mrs D Bugoyne regarding parking in front of the gates of the old cemetery. The Parish Clerk advised that since there are no parking restrictions in that area and the vehicle does not block the footpath there is no formal action that the Parish Council can take. Cllr Mrs K Gray agreed to have an informal word.	<b>KG</b>
	<b>PLANNING:</b>	
<b>105</b>	<b>APPLICATIONS</b>	
<i>i</i>	<b>S/2012/0173/FUL</b> The Sticks Towcester Road Blisworth Porch/conservatory to side of property. <b>Response: No objections</b>	
<b>106</b>	<b>DECISIONS</b>	
<i>i</i>	<b>S/2011/1594/FUL</b> Blisworth Arm Marina Blisworth Single storey storage building. <b>Approval</b>	




<i>ii</i>	<b>S/2012/0050/TCA</b> Willow Cottage 5 Courteenhall Road Blisworth Removal of 1 no. Cherry Tree, 3 no. Fir Trees, 2 no. Holly Trees, 4 no. Apple Trees, Pruning of 1 no. Willow Tree, 1 no. Yew Tree, 8 no. Fruit Trees, 1 no. Silver Birch to be considered for removal, various shrubs to be pruned/removed, miscellaneous other trees for pruning. <b>No Objections</b>					
<i>iii</i>	<b>S/2011/1599/FUL</b> Blisworth Arm Marina Blisworth Variation of condition 2 of planning permission S/2011/0422/FUL (Change of use of manager's accommodation to three 2-bedroom holiday flats) to provide three one-bedroom holiday flats with juliet balconies to three windows in rear elevation. <b>Refusal</b>					
<i>iv</i>	<b>S/2011/1596/FUL</b> Blisworth Arm Marina Blisworth Variation of condition 2 of planning permission S/2006/0320/P (inland waterways marina and headquarters building including offices, retail and managers apartment) to permit the installation of french doors in the chandlery. <b>Approval</b>					
<b>107</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>					
<i>i</i>	<b>RECIEPTS</b>					
	<b>Name</b>	<b>Details</b>				<b>Amount</b>
	<b>Total</b>					
<i>ii</i>	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
	<b>Name</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Chq</b>
	A Bartlett	Salary (February)	398.00		398.00	2032
	E-ON	Street light installation	1271.16	254.23	1525.39	2033
	AH Contracts	Dog bins	99.25	19.85	119.10	2034
	AH Contracts	Dog bins	79.40	15.88	95.28	2035
	Liselle	Website	70.00		70.00	2017
	N&P Garden Services	Mowing	469.00	93.80	562.80	2018
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2386.81</b>	<b>383.76</b>	<b>2770.57</b>	
	It was RESOLVED that the above accounts be accepted and approved for payment: <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr Mrs M McKeown <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Mrs K Gray					
<b>108</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION</b>					
	Appendix 1 of these minutes lists items which, having been previously circulated, were available for inspection at the meeting and were duly noted.					
<b>109</b>	<b>DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS</b>					
	<b>Cllr S Townsend</b> – SNH will be carrying out housing works on Connegar Leys and Courteenhall Road over the next month.					
	<b>Cllr S Clarke</b> – SNC is freezing Councillors allowances and more money is being put into conservation area reviews. It is hoped that the Blisworth review will be brought forward. Cllr Clarke will be attending the West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic planning meeting on 13 <sup>th</sup> March. In July and August changes will be put out for consultation and the final document submitted in December.					



<b>110</b>	<b>COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA</b>	
	<b>Cllr Mrs M McKeown</b> – Advised that she has submitted an application for Pride of Place in conjunction with the Parish Plan Progress Team.	
	<b>Cllr T Bartlett</b> – Transport Sub-group - Advised that he has met with Cllr D Dalton and Mrs Beryl Andrews has been invited to join the sub-group. He has also contacted Northampton Area Door to Door to enquire if it is possible to bring the service out to the villages. Notes will be circulated to Councillors. Village Networks – Nick King has advised that the minibus can be hired for £90. Mr King is keen to bring the mobile advice unit to Blisworth but it is important to identify the most appropriate use for it. It was suggested that it could be used to provide people with information on lowering energy bills, the oil purchasing group, grants and funding available etc., but the Parish Council needs to check if people want it. Information will be forwarded to Councillors.	<b>TB</b>
	<b>Cllr Mrs D Burgoyne</b> – The litter bin has been reinstated on Westbrook alley. The Heritage Society wrote to SNC and asked if the Supplementary Planning Document in respect of the Sun, Moon and Stars, could be relaxed and SNC have written back saying that the document was used as the basis for the compulsory purchase of the site and if it is changed then the former owner could come back and sue for more money.	
	<b>Cllr Mrs K Gray</b> – Provided notes on the Neighbourhood Plan. These notes will be put on the website and the noticeboard. Cllr Gray has had cause to use 101 to contact the Police and the response was very good.	<b>PC</b>
	<b>Cllr C Jeffery</b> – A meeting has been held with Dr Paul Middleton from the Diocese about the ash tree in the old cemetery. Dr Middleton is not keen on felling the tree but is happy for the branch overhanging 47 Pond Bank to be lopped. The first step will be to get a tree surgeon in to look at it. If such works are undertaken and cost less than £2500 the Secretary could approve of maintenance works in the churchyard, without formal permission from the Diocese. Dr Middleton advised that the gravestones can be laid down if they are likely to pose a danger to the public. Cllr Jeffery agreed to send an e-mail re-capping what was said at the meeting. Planning Sub-group – the sub-group has considered Mr Tony Marsh's letter and a summary of their comments is reproduced at Appendix 4 of these minutes. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would write to SNC using the comments as a basis. It was also agreed that a disclaimer needs to be put on the Parish Council website advising that the Parish Council does not control external websites to which it is linked and that the views expressed do not necessarily reflect those of the Parish Council.	<b>CJ/ PC</b>
	<b>Cllr S Billing</b> – Advised that on Friday evening Chapel Lane was blocked up by a crusher being taken onto the development site. The purpose was to carry out the demolition of the stone building and using the arisings to build the construction road however there was not enough stone to go up to the Northampton Road. Cllr Billing agreed to be the liaison with Orbit Housing regarding the development. Cllr Billing will speak to Orbit about the drains and establish where the construction road is going to go as he has been advised that there are no firm plans. Cllr S Clarke advised that the work being carried out is demolition not construction and is therefore permissible. He also advised that the developers are awaiting permission to drop the kerb on Northampton Road.	<b>SB</b>
	<b>Cllr Mrs P Masterman</b> – Advised that the "Give Way" sign at the top of Chapel Lane has been knocked down and that she will report it to Street Doctor. Cllr Masterman has spoken to Steve Bates at SNC who is dealing with the caravans and now HGVs at a site	<b>PM/ PC</b>



	on Chapel Lane and has been advised that the site owners may be putting in a planning application. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would contact N&P Garden Services and try to arrange a meeting with the Parish Plan Progress Team to discuss the maintenance of the old cemetery.	
<b>111</b>	<b>GROUP REPORTS FOR INFORMATION</b>	
<i>i</i>	<b>Parish Plan Progress Team:</b> An update on the work of the Team was delivered by Mrs M Barker and is reproduced at Appendix 3 of this Agenda.	
<i>ii</i>	<b>Neighbourhood Watch:</b> The Neighbourhood Watch team have now created a Facebook page with useful information. Meeting on 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb. Ron Hutchinson receives alerts. If crime taking place use 999 if not 101. Proceeds of Crime Act has grants available, RH to advise youth groups. Street reps to meet twice a year. Latest crime is bank phone call wanting card details and sending courier to householders to collect the card	
<b>112</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	To confirm the date of the next meeting as 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2012.  There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.  Signed:   Mrs Alison Bartlett Clerk to Blisworth Parish Council	

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS:**

**Mrs J Percival** – Mrs Percival advised of the death of Mr Robin Philtripp. The funeral is likely to take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Rev Andrea Watkins is organising a Palm Sunday walk from the green at the top of Buttmead with a donkey at 10.30am on Palm Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join in. There will be one less Round & About deliverer this month and some assistance would be appreciated.

**Reg** – Stated that it was nice to see progress on the building sites in the area.

**Mr A Andrews** – Stated that a few years ago the precept was put up for the play park and kept up for following year to pay for improvements. The Parish Clerk advised that she had looked into that before and has not been able to find any record of it. Mr Andrews advised that there is a considerable amount of litter alongside the road towards Stoke Bruerne. Cllr Mrs S Townsend agreed to take the matter up with SNC.

**APPENDIX 1**  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

1.	<b>SNVB</b> - Information update - February 7th 2012
2.	<b>Northamptonshire Community Connect</b> – E-mail regarding Safer Internet Day 2012 - Connecting Generations an event to promote the safe and responsible use of technology among children and young people.
3.	<b>NCALC</b> – E-mail regarding Northamptonshire Best Village Competition and confirming that application forms for the 2012 Competition will be sent to every Parish in the County soon.
4.	<b>Rural Services Network</b> - Weekly Email News Digest - 6 February 2012
5.	<b>Northamptonshire Community Connect</b> – E-mail with crime and policing update for Blisworth and Roade ward.
6.	<b>Mid-Northants Parishes</b> – E-mail with a précis of the current financial situation.
7.	<b>SNC</b> – E-mail confirming Brackley Job Club Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2012.
8.	<b>NBC</b> – Letter containing Northampton Calendar of Events 2012
9.	<b>NCALC</b> – Information on S137 / Planning Training / Prayers / Contract of Employment
10.	<b>Northamptonshire Community Connect</b> – E-mail advising Northamptonshire Police will be holding the 2012 Open Day on Saturday 12 May, from 11am to 4pm, at Wootton Hall Park.
11.	<b>Rural Services Network</b> - Weekly Email News Digest - 13 February 2012
12.	<b>Northampton Volunteering Centre</b> - NVC 'School of Life' Intergenerational Project activities for younger and older people together.
13.	<b>SNC</b> – E-mail advising up to £4,000 available to youth projects in South Northants
14.	<b>Northamptonshire Community Connect</b> – E-mail regarding the BBC's "The One Show" making a film about domestic CCTV cameras. They are looking for someone who has installed the cameras in their home and has caught someone on the cameras committing a crime.
15.	<b>Rural Services Network</b> - Weekly Email News Digest - 20 February 2012
16.	<b>SNVB</b> - Information update - February 21st 2012
17.	<b>Northamptonshire Community Connect</b> – A number of honours and awards at different levels are now open for nominations, ranging from Knight to Dame Grand Cross to the British Empire Medal. Nominations for people who have made significant contributions to their local community are invited.
18.	<b>SNC</b> – E-mail advising that young people in the district aged between 14 and 25 will be able to learn the basic boxing skills and techniques in a new boxing academy being launched by South Northamptonshire Council next week.
19.	<b>SNC</b> – Advising that it intends to commemorate Armed Forces Day with a Fly the Flag event, on Monday 25 June at 10.30am in the front car park at South Northamptonshire Council.
20.	<b>Northamptonshire Police Community Connect</b> - The public are being urged to report suspicious activity as the force continues to clamp down on metal theft.
21.	<b>ACRE</b> - Northamptonshire acre bulk oil buying project update

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## APPENDIX 2

On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 South Northamptonshire Council made Dog Control Orders under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, and the Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations 2006.

### **The Fouling of Land by Dogs South Northamptonshire Council Order 2009.**

Anybody in charge of a dog that fouls any land in South Northamptonshire which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or allowed to have access with or without payment, will be committing a criminal offence if they fail to pick up the waste.

This does not apply

- If there is a reasonable excuse to not to pick it up. (A reasonable excuse would be someone who is registered as a blind person or has a disability which affects their mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, and has a dog trained by a specified charity);  
or
- If the owner of the land has generally or specifically allowed it; or
- On agricultural land.

Putting the waste in a dog waste bin or in a litter bin is appropriate removal of the waste.

Being unaware of the incident or not having any bags or other means of removing the waste is **not** a reasonable excuse.

### **The Dogs on Leads South Northamptonshire Council Order 2009**

Anybody in charge of a dog on an allotment, in a car park to which the public have access, on sport grounds, fields and pitches, (when in use for authorised sporting activities) or churchyard will be committing a criminal offence if they do not keep the dog on a lead.

This does not apply

- If there is a reasonable excuse to not to; or
- They have been given permission not to by the land owner either specifically or generally.

**The current fine on conviction for these offences is up to £1000.00**

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## APPENDIX 3

### BLISWORTH PARISH PLAN PROGRESS TEAM

#### UPDATE MARCH 2012

We continue to meet monthly, and are currently working on the following three items:-

- 1. Village Churchyards.** There are four village churchyards: one around the Parish Church, the Old Churchyard between Pond Bank and the High Street which is maintained by the Parish Council, the old churchyard belonging to the Baptist Chapel, which is unsafe, and lies to the rear of the Baptist Chapel, and the current Baptist Chapel graveyard to the side of this church. We have arranged for the Wildlife Trust to visit all four churchyards on March 19<sup>th</sup> to advise on conservation of flora and fauna in the village. Bees, butterflies and wild flowers, birds and wild animals are on the decline and our churchyards are some of the places which can encourage them to prosper.
- 2. Best Village Competition.** Following Parish Council approval for our first entry for this competition to be in 2012, a team made of two parish councillors and two progress team members is in the process of preparing our application for our entry, by the end of the month.
- 3. Central Village Feature.** The team is looking at designs for a central feature which have been submitted by the Craft Group. The Tapestry Group may also be involved. Seating, planters, a board and a village sign are being considered. An application for funding, which needs to be submitted by the end of March, will be drawn up after consultation with interested parties.

Sarah Sykes, Chair