

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

of a meeting of Blisworth Parish Council held at 7.30pm on

Monday 2nd April 2012

in the upstairs room of Blisworth Village Hall.

1	PRESENT	
	Chairman: Cllr Mrs P Masterman	
	Vice- Chairman: Cllr C Jeffery	
	Councillors: Cllr S Billing, Cllr Mrs M Field, Cllr C Gardner, Cllr Mrs M McKeown, Cllr T Bartlett, Cllr Mrs J Hawkins, Cllr D Dalton	
	By Invitation: Cllr S Clarke (SNC), Cllr S Townsend (SNC)	
	In Attendance: Mrs A Bartlett (Clerk)	
	Members of the Public: 6	
2	APOLOGIES	
	Cllr Mrs D Burgoyne – Personal commitments	
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:	
	Cllr C Jeffery declared an interest in the planning application S/2012/0311/FUL 7 Chapel Lane and did not participate in the discussion.	
4	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:	
	Cllr S Clarke requested that the following details be inserted at minute 109 - In July and August changes will be made to the joint core strategy and it will be put out for consultation. The final document will be put out to the Secretary of State in December for examination in public. Cllr S Clarke also requested that minute 110 be amended to read that Cllr S Billing had advised that the developers are awaiting permission to drop the kerb on Northampton Road. 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. Proposed: Cllr Mrs M McKeown Seconded: Cllr S Billing	
5	ONGOING MATTERS	
<i>i</i>	Dog Fouling – Posters have been printed and were available for people to put up around the village.	
<i>ii</i>	Light on Chapel Lane – A deflector has been put on the light causing a problem. Further e-mails have been received from the residents. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should write to the residents and advise that the Parish Council are willing to support them however they feel that there is no further action they can take.	PC
<i>iii</i>	Northamptonshire Boundary Review – The Parish Clerk in consultation with Cllr T	



Responsible Officer:

Chairman:



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	Bartlett, has responded to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.	
<i>iv</i>	Letter to SNC – The Parish Clerk has contacted SNC detailing the comments made by the Planning Sub-group but has not yet had a response.	
<i>v</i>	Planning Training – SNC have been contacted and are happy to carry out training. Given the breadth of the subject area it has been suggested that it may take more than one training session. The Cllr T Bartlett will contact Planning and suggest some appropriate dates.	PC
<i>vi</i>	Litter on Stoke Road – Cllr Mrs S Townsend has spoken to SNC regarding a litter pick and it is hoped that it will be scheduled soon.	
6	BUSINESS ITEMS	
<i>i</i>	Neighbourhood Plan – It was agreed that the planning training by SNC would cover a lot of the points involved with Neighbourhood Plans and it may be a good starting point. Cllr T Bartlett agreed to review the presentation given by Andy D’Arcy at the SNC training he attended and send round to other Councillors.	TB
<i>ii</i>	Summer Holiday Activity Programme 2012 – The Village Games – It was agreed that Eastfield Play Park could be used by SNC for the Village Games. The Parish Clerk will advise them. Mrs Percival has kindly agreed to be a contact.	PC
<i>iii</i>	APM – It was agreed that a new format for the Annual Parish Meeting would be attempted. The Parish Clerk will draft an invitation to the event suggesting that local groups may wish to use the event as a platform to recruit new members. The local and exact format of the Meeting will be agreed when an indication of the numbers of groups interested is obtained.	PC
<i>iv</i>	Hosepipe Ban – It was agreed that signs should be put on the standpipes on the allotments to advise people of the forthcoming hosepipe ban and that the Parish Council will take no responsibility for anyone ignoring the ban.	PC
	PLANNING:	
7	APPLICATIONS	
<i>i</i>	S/2012/0278/TCA 4 Northampton Road Blisworth Removal of 1 no. Hawthorne, 1 no. Alder and 2 no deciduous trees FOR INFORMATION ONLY	
<i>ii</i>	S/2012/0304/FUL 36 Buttmead Blisworth Conversion and extension to single store garage at the side of the property. Response date: 03/04/2012 Response: No objections as the scheme is to the rear of the building line and the neighbours have not registered any objection.	
<i>iii</i>	S/2012/0311/FUL 7 Chapel Lane Blisworth Demolition of existing commercial/light industrial buildings. Erection of 2 No. 3 bedroom dwellings with associated parking, bin storage, and courtyard gardens. Response date: 04/04/2012 Response: Objection – The nursery is a well used village amenity with more than one third of the children attending being from Blisworth and there is a new development being built in Chapel Lane which is aimed at families. The Parish Council has also raised concerns about the roof high of 6.7 metres and the effect it may have on properties at the rear of the site and would ask that the case officer	



	to bear this in mind when considering the scheme.										
iv	<p>S/2012/0334/FUL JBJ Business Park Northampton Road Blisworth Variation of condition 3 S/2011/1512/FUL to allow car washing between 10am and 4pm on Sundays, Bank and Public holidays and a further condition to require the vacuum cleaner and pressure washers to be contained within acoustic boxes. Response date: 11/04/2012 Response: Objection - When permission for the car wash was granted it was a condition that no car washing was to take place on Sundays or bank holidays. The access to the site is opposite a private house of the same shared private drive "where all the other units are not allowed Sunday working." It has also been stated by neighbouring residents that while customers are having their vehicles cleaned they often wander around the front of this private property causing an invasion of their privacy. The installation of acoustic boxes may help reduce the noise of the motors of the machines but the noise of the general operation of high pressure water will still be heard.</p>										
8	DECISIONS										
i	<p>S/2011/1501/MAR Land at Chapel Hill Farm Chapel Lane Blisworth Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to S/2009/0961/OUT and S/2011/1563/FUL (Residential development for 27 houses and estate road and associated works). Decision: Approval</p>										
ii	<p>S/2011/1563/FUL Land at Chapel Hill Farm Chapel Lane Blisworth Variations to conditions 23 and 29 on S/2009/0961/OUT (Residential development for 27 houses and estate road and associated works (Outline), to allow minor changes to highway specifications and to update details of flood plain compensation works. Decision: Approval</p>										
iii	<p>S/2012/0029/FUL Gayton Marina Blisworth Arm Blisworth New building to accommodate chandlery, laundry, wetdocks, admin & stores. New vehicular access, hardstandings and replacement jetties. Decision: Approval</p>										
iv	<p>S/2012/0016/FUL Painters Cottage 30 Stoke Road Blisworth Erection of 2 No. dwellings and detached garage Decision: Withdrawn</p>										
9	APPEALS										
	<p>S/2011/0918/FUL 64 Pond Bank Blisworth New dwelling attached to existing dwelling. Decision: Appeal Dismissed (Against Refusal)</p>										
10	FINANCE										
i	RECIEPTS										
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<i>ii</i>	PAYMENTS							
	No	Name	Details	Amount	VAT	Total	Chq	
	1	A Bartlett	Salary (April)	398.00		398.00	2041	
	80	Anglian Water	Allotments	202.87		202.87	2036	
	82	Liselle	Website	20.00		20.00	2038	
	81	N&P Garden Serv	Mowing	469.00	93.80	562.80	2037	
	83	Shire Lumsden	Round & About	90.00		90.00	2039	
	84	ACRE	Best Village Comp	35.00		35.00	2040	
	Total				1214.87	93.80	1308.67	
	It was RESOLVED that the above accounts be accepted and approved for payment: Proposed: Cllr Mrs M McKeown Seconded: Cllr C Jeffery							
11	CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION							
	To note the attached Appendix 1 of items which have been circulated and are available for inspection.							
12	DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS							
	<p>Cllr Mrs S Townsend – Advised that road closures now have to be applied for through NCC rather than SNC.</p> <p>Cllr S Clarke – The final version of the National Planning Policy was published last week. SNC are taking legal advice on certain aspects such as the implications for the five year land supply, developments in open countryside, transport etc. It is the intention of SNC to put in place an Environment Planning Document. Consultations will take place between May and October 2012 and will be submitted to the Secretary of State in 2014. The purpose is to review existing village confines and could identify certain areas for protection such as pocket parks and green spaces.</p> <p>A document is being submitted to Cabinet at SNC to clarify what is happen with the Sun, Moon and Stars.</p> <p>A booklet on local food and drink has been published to try and encourage tourism in the area.</p> <p>No planning application has been received yet for the caravan storage on Chapel Lane. SNC are now in position to consider serving an enforcement notice.</p> <p>Luff Developments have not submitted a planning application yet so the matter will have to be taken back to committee to consider if enforcement action is appropriate.</p>							
13	COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA							
	<p>Cllr T Bartlett – Has put posters up asking if there is any interest in bringing the Village Networks information bus to the village with free energy advice and free insulation. He wanted to stress that the advice is free and that there are a number of free energy efficiency improvements that could be accessed through this service.</p> <p>Cllr S Billing – Has spoken to Orbit Homes and has arranged to have meetings with them in the future regarding the Chapel Lane development. He will ask for input from the Parish Council prior to attending the meetings. He has received no further information on the Northampton Road site entrance. Cllr S Clarke advised that he was not aware that a construction management plan has been approved but would confirm that with the planning officer.</p>							

	<p>Cllr Mrs M McKeown – Attended the meeting regarding the Jubilee event and advised that the football club clubhouse has been offered as a venue for no charge. Cllr Mrs McKeown was advised that the Jubilee committee would have to get public liability insurance, they would also need to speak to David Macey at SNC regarding licensing. The charge for the event would be £1 per adult with the proceeds being split between the Village Hall and the Football Club.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs McKeown - advised that she will be walking around the village with Mrs Berol Andrews, as the Age UK co-ordinator, and identifying pot holes which will then be reported to Street Doctor.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs M Field – Advised that the pothole opposite 50 High Street is still in need of repair. The Parish Clerk advised that she believed that the white crosses on the pavement are where NCC are intending to carry out repairs across the village.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs J Hawkins – Advised that the road surface in the layby is still in poor condition.</p> <p>Cllr D Dalton – Provided an estimate, in the region of £4500 + VAT for completing the railings and installation of a double and a single gate around Eastfield play park. He advised that he will be looking into available grants and that the Playgroup has requested a written undertaking from the Parish Council that they will be entitled to use the park as part of their facilities.</p> <p>Cllr C Gardner – Raised concerns about the traffic along High Street and Courteenhall Road.</p> <p>Parish Clerk – Raised the subject of a letter received from ACRE requesting volunteers for an HGV traffic study and to undertake training. Cllr Mrs P Masterman offered to attend the training. It was suggested that Mr Alan Andrews be contacted and asked if he would be interested in getting involved.</p>	
14	GROUP REPORTS FOR INFORMATION	
<i>i</i>	Parish Plan Progress Team: A report from the Parish Plan Progress Team has been attached at Appendix 2 of this Agenda.	
<i>ii</i>	Neighbourhood Watch: Have set up a website	
15	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	<p>The date of the next meeting is 14th May 2012.</p> <p>There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.21pm.</p> <p>Signed:  Signed: </p> <p>Mrs Alison Bartlett Cllr Mrs P Masterman Clerk to Blisworth Parish Council Chairman</p>	

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS:

Mrs J Percival – Advised that when enquiries were made regarding a closure of Church Lane for the canal festival the cost was approx £2700. Mrs Percival said that she has put information in the paper about the Village Networks minibus and will write about the information bus spoken about by Cllr Bartlett in her next submission.

APPENDIX 1

1.	SNH Press Release - England rugby star Ben Cohen MBE was the star guest at a celebration event to mark the completion of South Northants Homes' unique Move-in 4ward Life Skills courses.
2.	Rural Opportunities Bulletin – Dated March 2012. The monthly bulletin highlighting a selection of current funding, consultation and other opportunities
3.	Village Networks Bulletin – Dated February 2012. A welcome to Village Networks: a new snvb project for South Northamptonshire, funded by the Big Lottery.
4.	Rural Services Network - Weekly Email News Digest - 27 February 2012
5.	SNC E-mail - From April 2012 SNC will be collecting cardboard from the black boxes rather than the green wheeled bins. After this date the green bins will be for garden waste only and the black boxes will be for recycling cans, plastics and cardboard.
6.	Northants Warm Homes Press Release – a partnership of all district and borough councils in Northamptonshire, has joined forces with the Snug Network to give the county's residents the chance to get cavity wall or loft insulation for just £59 per installation. Residents aged 70 or over, or in receipt of certain benefits, can even get the work done for free.
7.	Rural Services Network - Weekly Email News Digest - 5 March 2012
8.	Friends of Delapre Abbey - Northampton's historic Delapre Abbey will be opening its doors to the public for a weekend of guided tours this month. Guided tours of Delapre Abbey are free and will run at half hourly intervals from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 March. Group sizes will be restricted and places must be pre-booked. To reserve a space contact 01604 708675.
9.	SNVB - Information update - February 21st 2012.
10.	Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network – Newsletter including an article from Towergate Insurance around reducing house insurance premium, an update on Public Liability Insurance for 2012/13, how to apply for BTEC Bursary places, how to get involved with the National Personal Safety Awards, funding & finance opportunities and details about the UK National Honours.
11.	Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network – Details of the 'Courier Scam'
12.	Northants 50+ Newsletter – Spring 2012
13.	Northamptonshire Police Community Connect - Crime and policing update for Blisworth and Roade ward. Recent incidents of note - A property in Stoke Road, Blisworth was broken into overnight on Sunday 26 February. Two motorbikes were stolen from a shed in Ladyfield, Blisworth overnight on Tuesday 28 February. On Sunday 4 March a vehicle was stolen from Stoke Road, Blisworth.
14.	Rural Services Network - Weekly Email News Digest - 12 March 2012
15.	NCC – Letter advising Stoke Bruerne to Blisworth Road carriageway patching
16.	Anglian Water – Letter regarding the proposed hosepipe ban and reducing water consumption.
17.	NCALC – List of training events from April to July 2012
18.	Parishoner Correspondence – E-mail thanking the Chairman for highlight the dog fouling problem in Round and About.

19.	E-mail from Leiston-cum-Sizewell – Advising of the success of the proposal to empower Town and Parish Councils re dealing with major planning applications that was made under the Sustainable Communities Act. SALC and Leiston Town Council have prepared a guide on how to use the new government policy.
20.	Rural Services Network - Weekly Email News Digest - 19 March 2012
21.	SNC – Details of the new SPLAT events coming up this summer.
22.	Village Viewpoint - Articles addressing the issue of fuel poverty, updates on Northamptonshire acre’s current projects and activities, Northamptonshire Best Village competition information, grants details.
23.	Rural Services Network - Weekly Email News Digest - 26 March 2012
24.	E-mail from resident – Raising concerns about the planning application for Squeaky Clean Car Wash and requesting support.

APPENDIX 2

BLISWORTH PARISH PLAN PROGRESS TEAM

UPDATE APRIL 2012

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

1. **Village Churchyards.** On March 19th, Matt Johnson from the Wildlife Trust, and a group of over twenty interested villagers, toured the four village churchyards to discuss how to promote wildlife there. The first idea is to divide snowdrops and aconites in the near future to promote more flowers next year. Other plans will be made gradually and in consultation with the village. The scout movement is keen to have projects connected with the churchyards, and could help with bird boxes and creating small animal-friendly habitats. The Wildlife Trust will visit every year and advise on progress.
2. **Best Village Competition.** Following Parish Council approval for our first entry for this competition to be in 2012, the sub-team made up of one parish councillor and two progress team members is well ahead with our strong application.
3. **Central Village Feature.** There has been a negative reply from the owners of the Royal Oak about siting a central village feature on any of their land. We are therefore looking at the pavement adjacent and on both side of the bus shelter and the design is being adapted accordingly.
4. **Neighbourhood Plan.** The team has considered the pros and cons of producing a Neighbourhood Plan and would recommend to the Parish Council that the village does proceed with this course of action. We might miss our opportunity if we do not. We could pull out at a later date, but perhaps would not be able to opt in later on.

Sarah Sykes, Chair

