

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of Blisworth Parish Council		
held at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd September 2012		
in the upstairs room of Blisworth Village Hall.		
MINUTES		
95	PRESENT	
	Chairman: Cllr Mrs P Masterman	
	Vice- Chairman: Cllr C Jeffery	
	Councillors: Cllr S Billing, Cllr Mrs M Field, Cllr C Gardner, Cllr Mrs J Hawkins, Cllr D Dalton, Cllr Mrs M McKeown	
	By Invitation: Cllr S Clarke (SNC)	
	In Attendance: Mrs A Bartlett (Clerk)	
	Members of the Public: 10	
96	APOLOGIES	
	Cllr Mrs K Grey – Family commitments	
	Mrs D Burgoyne – Personal commitments	
97	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:	
	None	
98	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:	
	The Minutes of the previous meeting of 2 nd July 2012, having been circulated, were approved by the Council as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposer: Cllr Mrs M McKeown Seconded: Cllr Mrs J Hawkins	
99	ONGOING MATTERS	
	Wind Turbines and the U.K.'s Planning System: Fit for Purpose? – Cllr Mrs McKeown has been booked on this debate.	
	Old Cemetery Trees – The Parish Clerk has contacted three aboreculturalists regarding the maintenance of the trees and is awaiting quotes. Cllr C Jeffery asked that the contractors be given his details and he and Cllr C Gardner would attend a site meeting.	PC
	Best Village Cup Insurance - The Parish Clerk has contacted ACRE and is awaiting a response.	PC
	Contact with the Police – Tara Cooksammy has been contacted regarding the drugs issue in the village and the Police Traffic Unit agreed to visit the village during the European Speed Enforcement Campaign between August 20 and 26. They were noted to be monitoring Courteenhall Road.	
100	BUSINESS ITEMS	
	Applications for Post of Parish Clerk – Due to the nature of this matter, this item was discussed in a session closed to the public and the press at the end of the meeting.	

	Electoral Review of Northamptonshire Draft Recommendations – The Parish Clerk was asked to formally respond supporting the comments made by SNC.	PC
	Joint Core Strategy Pre Submission Consultation – To consider making comments in response to the consultation. The Parish Clerk was asked to scan in and e-mail round an overview of the document for comments.	PC
	Best Village Competition Talk – Beryl Andrews and Maggie Barker agreed to give a presentation on becoming the winner of this year’s Best Village Competition at the Northamptonshire ACRE AGM Wednesday 12th September at the Hunsbury Hill Centre, the benefits and any advice to other villages.	
	Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Supplementary Planning Document Consultation – The Parish Council agreed to defer the response to this consultation until the October meeting.	
	Grass Verge on Stoke Road – Mr Cherry has kindly agreed to cut back the hedge, and at the same time trim the grass verge, outside Stoneworks, to create enough space for the dog walkers, etc. The Parish Clerk was asked to speak to N&P Garden Services about trimming 2ft into the grass verge outside the allotments.	PC
	Courteenhall Allotments – The Parish Council agreed to join the National Society of Allotment Gardeners at a cost of £55 + VAT per year in light of recent vandalism, lack of activity on some plots and when considering if the cost of the plots should be increased and water usage paid by allotment holders. The Parish Clerk will arrange membership.	PC
	Blisworth Arm Parking – It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should send a letter to the resident advising him that they have considered the options put forward by Northamptonshire County Council to improve the parking problems at Blisworth Arm, but at this time cannot afford the resources. The Parish Council will apply for a license on his behalf if he wishes to replace the tractor tyres. It will also be suggested that he contact British Waterways.	PC
	Village Questionnaire – It was agreed that the distribution of a questionnaire to the village in connection with the review of the village confines be deferred until the boundaries are finalised.	
	Village Sign – It was agreed that Cllr S Billing, Cllr Mrs M McKeown and Ann North would form a project group for the village sign. Notices will be put up requesting suggestions for a design for the sign. One resident Alan Bailey offered has already stepped forward. The WI have kindly offered to donate the money raised during the canal festival weekend.	
	Police and Crime Commissioner Elections –Cllr Mrs M McKeown asked to attend a meeting being held by Adam Simmonds of the Safest Place in England Campaign who is standing in the Police and Crime Commissioner election supported by the Northamptonshire Conservatives 20 th October, 2012 5.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.	
	Street Lighting Maintenance Contract – The Parish Clerk is to scan in and forward a copy of the street lighting maintenance contract submitted by Balfour Beatty and report on the cost comparison between them and the Parish Council’s current provider.	PC
101	PLANNING:	
i	APPLICATIONS	
	S/ <u>2012/1007/FUL</u> 30 Buttmead Blisworth Two storey side extension Response date: 07/09/2012	



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	Response: No objections however the Parish Council would like to ask that any vents protruding from the wall are at least 2.5 metres above ground in order to prevent horse riders from catching them and request that Highways consider if it overshadows the bridleway.	
	<u>S/2012/0997/FUL</u> JBJ Business Park Northampton Road Blisworth Variation of condition 3 to S/2012/0334/FUL to allow car wash to open Mon -Fri 8.00am-7.00pm, Sat 8.00am-7.00pm, Sun Bank and Public Holidays 10.00 -4.00pm. The pressure washers and vacuum cleaner shall be operated on sundays, Bank and Public Holidays only when contained within the acoustic boxes as shown on the photographs stamped as received on the 16th March 2012 Response date: 05/09/2012	
	Response: No objections	
	<u>S/2012/0956/NMA</u> 15 Greenside Blisworth Non material amendment (consisting of external single garage door, velux roof window over stairwell, plain window sashes (no glazing bars), vertical cedar boarding in lieu of lead to dormer cheeks, internal wall layout amended, enlarge width of French door to dining room, removal of brick chimney in lieu of wood burning stove flue pipe, omit timber barge boards in lieu of decorative brick verges) to Planning Permission S/2010/0828/EXT - 2 detached chalet bungalows with integral garage (Time extension to permission S/2005/0997/P) Response date: None	
	Response: No objections	
	<u>S/2012/0985/FUL</u> 15 Greenside Blisworth Variation of condition 4 of planning permission S/2010/0828/EXT for 2 detached chalet bungalows with integral garage to allow white UPVC windows and doors Response date: 06/09/2012	
	Response: No objections	
	<u>S/2012/0982/FUL</u> Glebe Farm Towcester Road Blisworth Conservatory to side Response date: 06/09/2012	
	Response: No objections	
ii	DECISIONS – All decision notices can be found on the SNC website	
	<u>S/2012/0806/FUL</u> Rock Cottage 8 Stoke Road Blisworth Two storey side extension Decision: Approval	
	<u>S/2012/0780/FUL</u> Highcliffe 6 Northampton Road Blisworth Change of use of part paddock to accommodate new detached domestic garage and tractor store. Conversion of existing integral garage into habitable accommodation and replacement windows. Decision: Approval	




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	<u>S/2012/0781/LBC</u> Highcliffe 6 Northampton Road Blisworth Conversion of existing integral garage into habitable accommodation and replacement windows. Decision: Approval						
	<u>S/2012/0774/FUL</u> Algate Church Lane Blisworth Single storey rear extension, alterations to rear dormer and replacement windows Decision: Approval						
	<u>S/2012/0681/FUL</u> 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 alterations to three windows in rear elevation. Decision: Refusal						
	<u>S/2012/0545/LDE</u> Sandlanding Wharf Blisworth Arm Blisworth Use of the land for siting of two residential caravans to be used as one dwelling and use of adjoining land as residential garden Decision: Approval						
102	FINANCE						
<i>i</i>	RECIEPTS						
	Name	Details			Amount		
	Total						
<i>ii</i>	PAYMENTS						
	No	Name	Details	Amount	VAT	Total	Chq
	35	A Bartlett	Salary (August)	£318.60		£318.60	2075
	36	HMRC	PAYE (August)	£79.60		£79.60	2076
	37	N&P Garden Services	Mowing	£469.00	£93.80	£562.80	2077
	38	Liselle Solutions	Website	£46.99		£46.99	2078
	39	A North	R&A	£35.00		£35.00	2079
	40	A North	R&A	£35.00		£35.00	2080
	41	A North	R&A	£35.00		£35.00	2081
	42	A North	R&A	£35.00		£35.00	2082
	43	AH Contracts	Dog bins	£99.25	£19.85	£119.10	2083
	44	Anglian Water	Water (allotments)	£111.84		£111.84	2084
	Total			£1265.28	£13.65	£1378.93	
	The above accounts were accepted and approved for payment. Proposed: Cllr Mrs M McKeown Seconded: Cllr D Dalton						
103	CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION						
	To note the attached Appendix 1 of items which have been circulated and are available						



	for inspection.	
104	DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS	
	None	
105	COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA	
	Cllr Mrs P Masterman – Expressed thanks on behalf of the Parish Council to Alan North for the Round and About special issue. Cllr S Clarke was asked if he would be able to chase for a response on the HGV survey that was recently undertaken.	
	Cllr D Dalton – Raised concerns on the parking on the corner of Greenside and in the layby outside the Surgery. He has been advised that people have nearly been knocked over whilst trying to cross the road because people are parking too close to the corner and on the corner. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact Tara Cooksammy regarding monitoring the situation.	PC
	Cllr Mrs J Hawkins – Enquired from Cllr S Clarke if there was any further information on the Sun, Moon and Stars. Cllr Clarke advised that there was not.	
	Cllr Mrs M Field – Observed that the bus stop and other areas have now been repaired and expressed her thanks to Highways.	
	Cllr S Billing – Raised the issue of HGVs parking on the pavement down Chapel Lane and other vehicles parking very close to the canal bridge. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact Tara Cooksammy regarding monitoring the situation.	PC
	Cllr C Gardner – Asked what the plans were for the closed churchyard.	
106	GROUP REPORTS FOR INFORMATION	
<i>i</i>	Parish Plan Progress Team:	
107	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 1 st October 2012.	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.41 hours	
	<p>Signed: Cllr Mrs P Masterman Chairman</p> <p>Signed:  Mrs Alison Bartlett Clerk to Blisworth Parish Council</p>	

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS:

Ann North – Asked if Cllr Mrs McKeown should attend the Police meeting on behalf of the Parish Council as it was sponsored by the Coinservative Party. Cllr Mrs McKeown advised that she would be attending to find out more about the Safest Place in England Campaign but that she would look into it.

Jane Percival – Recognised the work of the Parish Clerk.

Ben Scarcliffe – Police have visited Pond Bank in connection with the drug problems, but failed to apprehend anyone at this time.

Beryl Andrews – Awaiting feedback on the prescription collection service which should be up and running.

APPENDIX 1



Monday 3rd September 2012

1.	SNC Press Release - Daventry District and South Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership held a consultation event in Towcester on Wednesday, 15 August, outside Aldi.
2.	Letter from Resident – Regarding the grass verge between the Stoke Road allotments and the canal car park and raising safety concerns. Parish Clerk has acted upon this letter.
3.	Northamptonshire Police Community Connect – The Police are currently in the process of creating a ‘Virtual Panel’ of Community Connect Members. The aim of the panel is to provide the opportunity to participate and represent views on a wide range of crime and policing issues for the county.
4.	Rural Services Network - Weekly Email News Digest - 6 August 2012
5.	Rural Services Network - Weekly Email News Digest - 13 August 2012
6.	‘Have Your Say Days’ - Daventry District and South Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership will be holding consultation events in Towcester on Wednesday, 15 August, outside Aldi.
7.	Northamptonshire Police Community Connect - Vehicles in Hartwell Road and Manor Close in Roade were broken into between overnight on Thursday 16 and Tuesday 21 August. The new Northamptonshire Police Criminal Justice Centre (CJC) was officially opened 23 August at a special ceremony at the site in Pavilion Drive, Northampton. Northamptonshire Police has launched a campaign urging people to think about the consequences of becoming involved in violence, as part of Operation Challenge. Police officers attending the scene of a serious injury road traffic collision photographed 80 motorists using their mobile phone while they went past on the opposite carriageway. Force Open Day, FHQ Northampton - Saturday September 8 - 11am to 4pm.
8.	Northamptonshire County Council - Are currently recruiting for a new batch of volunteers to help us promote home composting. The next training will take place next month although regular training sessions are organised constantly throughout the year. They are very happy to invite people onto our waiting list should they not be able to make the next training date.
9.	SNC Press Release - South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) in association with development partner Morgan Sindall Investments Ltd will host a four-day public exhibition and consultation event on the redevelopment plans for Moat Lane between 5 and 8 September at The Mill in Towcester.
10.	SNVB Information update - August 21st 2012 - Funding session in Towcester, Get a website for your group, Air Ambulance fun run, etc.
11.	Northamptonshire Police Community Connect - Police Officers across Northamptonshire taking part in a European speed enforcement campaign during August 20 to 26.
12.	Rural Services Network - Weekly Email News Digest - 20 August 2012
13.	South Northamptonshire Council – Remedial Notice in respect of a hedge in the rear garden of Crieff House, Stoke Road.
14.	Letter from resident – Copy of a letter sent to SNC regarding the Sun, Moon and Stars.
15.	Invitation from Blisworth Art Group – To a preview of the open studios on Friday 6 th September at the Royal Oak.



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