

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 4th February 2013

Held in the upstairs room of Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr Mrs P Masterman	Chairman
	Cllr Mr C Jeffery	Vice - Chairman
	Cllr Mrs J Hawkins	
	Cllr Mr D Dalton	
	Cllr Mr C Gardner	
	Cllr Mrs M McKeown	
	Cllr Mrs D Burgoyne	
	Cllr Mr T Bartlett	
	Cllr Mr S Clarke	SNC Cllr
		13 members of the public

144. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – THE FOLLOWING APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND APPROVED :

Cllr Mrs K Gray
Cllr Mrs M Field
Cllr Mr S Billing

145. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – members were asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have had in any items under consideration at this meeting. None declared.

146. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 7th January 2013

- that the minutes were approved was proposed by Cllr Hawkins and seconded by Cllr Dalton.

147. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - none

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148. MATTERS ARISING -

Flooding of Towcester Road – Cllr Jeffery had spoken to Mathew Clarke from NCC Highways and he was aware of the issue and work to be done on the gullies when funds are available. The season had had considerably more rainfall than normal for the time of year. Cllr Masterman reported that despite Cllr Field's previous report this issue should be monitored as the assurances that the problem had been solved did not arise from a formally arranged meeting.

149. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS – Tara Cooksammy, Community Police Officer, enquired as to whether the Parish Council had received any correspondence from NCC Highways with reference to the school parking issue. There had been none. There had been thefts of catalytic converters in the village last night. There were no others items to report.

150. PLANNING**Applications since previous meeting for circulation:**

- a) **S/2013/0016/FUL** - Erection of 2 dwellings and detached garages (Plot 1 to be retained in occupation for benefit of adjacent vineyard/agricultural activities) Painters Cottage, Stoke Road: Cllr Jefferies reported that the Planning sub-committee had met and discussed this application and had recommended that the PC objected to it. This was because one of the dwellings was outside the village confines, that an agricultural dwelling was not justified as there were no livestock and that the access was too narrow. It was also pointed out that the access road was also for Blisworth House.
Clerk to respond.
- b) **S/2013/0044/EXT - S/2009/1143/Ful, at Willow House, Towcester Road, Blisworth – extraordinary meeting to be held 11th February at 7.30pm, in the village hall – Clerk to put notices up.**

Recent Planning outcomes

- a) S/2012/1536/EXT – extension to time limit on S/2009/0961/OUT Residential development for 27 houses and estate Road and associated works (outline) , Location : Land at Chapel Lane Farm, Chapel Lane, Blisworth - Withdrawn
- b) S/2012/1491/PE - Proposal to divert and rebuild the existing 33kv high voltage overhead line and a section of the underground line to include repositioning/removing some of the wooden poles on land south of Station Road, Blisworth – no objections
- c) S/2012/1239/FUL Grafton House Barns, Gayton Road, Blisworth – conversion of existing buildings and reconstruction of single storey sections to form 3

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dwellings with garaging, erection of single garage with car parking. Removal of open barn to the north side of stone barns – Refusal

- d) S/2012/1187/LBD Grafton House Barns, Gayton Road, Blisworth – demolition of open sided building on north side of stone barns – not known?
- e) S/2012/1150/FUL 75 Buttmead, Blisworth – front extension - Approval
- f) S/2012/1057/FUL – land adjacent to Willow House, Towcester Road, Blisworth – detached dwelling with single garage – pending
- g) S/2012/1373/FUL - Single storey rear extension, 34 High Street, Blisworth – Approval
- h) S/2012/1290/FUL - Oakwood Farm, Blisworth - a retrospective application for two portacabins, One is used as a farm Office and the other as a secure animal feed store – Approval

151. LOCAL MATTERS

- i. Footpaths – reports of any problems – Helen Howard and **Cllrs Masterman and Jeffery** are to have a walk about round the village on 15th February to assess work needed. **Cllr Masterman** will have a preliminary walk to ascertain the important areas.
 - a. The hole near the tunnel footpath mentioned in the last minutes is to be filled with top soil.
 - b. RD3 – edge of the path is now impassable (near Stoke Road allotments)
 - c. RD 20 – kissing gates are to be put in (between the ‘two’ Gayton Roads).
- ii. Lighting – report of any street lights in need of attention – the street light which has been removed at the end of Buttmead/Stoke Road junction has still not been replaced. Clerk to report again.
PL 25 has been repaired.
- iii. Play Area – update on Lottery Grant Application – Cllr Dalton reported that this is on-going. He is waiting to hear from Wicksteed Leisure who will be doing the unattended safety inspection of the equipment.
- iv. Traffic Issues – the verge in Church Lane has been badly damaged by lorries. Top soil has been placed there. A resident requested that a grit bin be placed on this hill as the conditions are very dangerous when vehicles skid in snow/ice possibly onto the High Street. Cllr Masterman will mention both these items to Helen Howard on the walkabout.
Clerk to write to resident of Courteenhall Road about overhanging conifers.
- v. Parish Plan Progress – Maggie Barker gave the following report:

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1. Sarah Sykes reports that Matt Johnson from the Wildlife Trust came to Blisworth on the afternoon of Wed 30th January and a group of people from the village looked at the Old Churchyard and the current Parish Churchyard. The group included Sarah and one member of the Parish Council, both Churchwardens and another member of the PCC together with 3 members of the Blisworth Gardening Group. With advice given by Matt, the group decided to advise the formation of a small hedgerow in each Churchyard to enable further wildlife to flourish there. The sites agreed upon were:
 - a) Extending across the breach in the boundary wall at the end of Pond Bank in the Old Churchyard.
 - b) Extending from the old shed at the far right corner of the current graveyard behind the church, to the first gravestone, in front of the boundary wall between the current graveyard and the Old Rectory. Snowdrops can be planted in front of this hedge.
 Planting is planned for Tuesday 12th February at 2pm. If anyone would like to volunteer to help please contact Sarah.
2. June Hawkins has taken over from Sarah Sykes as Chairperson for the group.
3. Steve Clarke has arranged for the SNC Transport Officer to visit the next Progress Team meeting, on 18th February, to discuss details of the 'Best Village' signs proposed for each road entrance to Blisworth Village.

Alan will donate spirals and canes for the tree planting.

152. COMMUNICATIONS

A) Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

Correspondence out

- i. Mr Clarke – permission to erect planters
- ii. NCC - Request for Walk about re highway issues

In

- iii. SNC – Draft Parish Council Tax base and associated matters
- iv. NCC Rights of Way – update on area representative
- v. Request for entry in village magazine – Spinal Injuries Association , Fish and Chip Supper 17.5.13 agreed to put in Round and About for 14.2.13
- vi. Clerk and Councils Direct

Emails in:

- vii. NCC - Draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan for consultation 17.1.13 – 14.3.13
- viii. NCC – Delivery of salt bags to Parish Council
- ix. SNC – Spring Farm Ridge wind farm legal challenge in the High Court – won by SNC

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- x. SNC – Flooding Issues and SNC Sand bag policy
- xi. Request for the issue of the ‘Village Confines’ to be raised as an agenda item. (this issue is to be reviewed by SNC in the next few weeks and the Parish Council will be a consultee) – Cllr Jeffery reported that he had written to SNC to request an A3 size map showing the village confines so that the Council has a useful document to scrutinise. This item to go on **next agenda**.

153. FINANCE

Precept Request – due to complex Central Government changes in Council Tax benefit system the Parish Council had to re-visit the precept request from £31,000 agreed in November 2012. A grant is being offered to Councils to offset the amount of the reduction in Council tax collected from households. Various options had been outlined by NCALC. Councils could take the grant of £2896.64 as a windfall or reduce their precept request to include it. It was proposed by Cllr Dalton and seconded by Cllr McKeown that the grant be taken as a windfall. This was unanimously agreed. (2/3rds of local councils had done the same).

Payments – for approval

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
Shire Lumsden	Printing	90.00	-	90.00	2117
V Hartley	Salary for Jan	318.40	-	318.40	2118
N and P Garden Services	Maintenance	469.00	93.80	562.80	2119
HMRC	Tax for above	79.60	-	79.60	2120
AH Contracts	Empty dog bins	79.40	15.88	95.28	2121
N and P Garden Services	Maintenance	469.00	93.80	562.80	2121

**Monies received : NCC ,Highway grass cutting grant for summer 2013 - £771.88
Blisworth Heritage Society - £50 towards the village sign**

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS -

- Courteenhall Road Allotments – Report on collection of rents – Clerk had received three more rents.
- PAYE Arrangements for Clerk in next financial year due to ‘Real Time’ HMRC regulations coming in – it was agreed that the Parish Council use the services of Barbara Osborne to do the PAYE arrangements for the next 12 months. This was proposed by Cllr Hawkins and seconded by Cllr Burgoyne. **Clerk** to get in touch with Barbara Osborne.
- Urban Highway Grass Mowing Agreement 2013- the Parish Council will continue to obtain this grant – **Clerk** to action

154. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS

- Play Park fencing should go on **next agenda**.

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- Village confines should go on **next agenda**
- Cllr Jeffery reported that there has been a water leak on the Playing field on 12.1.13. The damage to a pipe was caused by Morrison Utilities and the water leaked for 7 hours at a cost of about £60. Anglian Water had repaired it that night. It was agreed that this sum should be claimed from Morrisons.
- Cllr Jeffery - had received a copy of letter from the resident of Eastfield whose house was opposite the bollards.
- Cllr Burgoyne - requested that the Council write to SNC Planning to find out what is happening with the Sun, Moon and Stars. **Clerk** to action.
- Cllr Burgoyne - reported that another representative for the Neighbourhood Watch scheme was needed for it to continue.
- Cllr Bartlett - A discussion ensued about dog bins. **Clerk** to check with Canals and Rivers Trust to see if a bin could be placed on the canal between Candle bridge and the High Street bridge and how much AH Contracts would charge to empty one more.
- Cllr McKeown – hoping to a vote on website for those in favour or against a village sign.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

155. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT and FUTURE MEETINGS

11th February – Extraordinary meeting (Planning application

4th March 2013

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Views from the residents:

- All 250 numbers in the tote are now sold
- The Canal Festival meeting had taken place, no representation from PC or Parish Plan despite advertisement. This event is to be held on 10/11th August and include the 'Open Gardens'.

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