

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 2nd April 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 Mrs K Gray	
	Cllr Mrs D Burgoyne	
	Cllr Mr S Billing	
	Cllr Mrs M Field	
	Cllr Mr T Bartlett	
	Cllr Mr C Gardner	
	Cllr Mr S Clarke	SNC Cllr

7 members of the public

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

Cllr Mrs M McKeown

173. 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 was declared.

174. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS DATED 4th March 2013 and 25th March 2013

- that the minutes were approved was proposed by Cllr Jeffery and seconded by Cllr Field and Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Field respectively.

175. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – the wording of the response to the planning application which was the subject of the meeting of the 25th March will be made tonight.

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176. Matters Arising not covered by the agenda - none

177. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr S Clarke, SNC asked if there had been a meeting with NCC Highways further to the meeting on 25th March with RDC Developers concerning the Chapel Hill Development. Cllr Jeffery reported that a meeting had not taken place but he had spoken to Carla Boswell from Highways on the phone and a copy of the letter of objection to be sent to SNC Planning, agreed by the PC, would be sent to her by the **Clerk** after this meeting

Cllr S Clarke also asked if the change in collection day of recycling material had gone smoothly. Cllr Gray's bin had not been collected and Cllr Clarke agreed to report this back.

178. PLANNING

- i) **Village Confines – Cllr Jeffery reported that he had obtained an A3 sized map which was on display and that Cllr Bartlett will also get an A1 sized one soon**
- ii) **Applications/decisions since previous meeting for circulation:**
 - **S/2013/0252/NMA – 15 Greenside** – Amendment to location of stone flue – no objections by Parish Council sub group – this was carried by the Council – **Clerk to Respond**
 - **S/2013/0253/FUL – 10 Towcester Road** – demolition of garage and rebuild to side and front – no objections from the Parish Council sub-group - this was carried by the Council - **Clerk to Respond**
 - **S/2013/0209/LBC – 28 Stoke Road** – demolition of 2 rear single story extensions and rebuild one as single and other as two storey. Re-thatch; Front aspect would remain unaltered - no objections from the Parish Council sub-group - this was carried by the Council - **Clerk to Respond**
 - **S/2013/0277/FUL – Buttermilk Farm, Stoke Road, Barn conversion of farm buildings** - no objections from the Parish Council sub-group – this was carried by the Council , a request was made that the Council did have concerns about further traffic on Stoke Road - **Clerk to Respond**
 - **S/2013/0291/pre app – Blisworth Hill Farm** – erection of a 77m high wind turbine, 240m from highway – pre planning advice. A discussion took place as to whether PC should object if it were submitted. The reservations which the **Clerk will send** to SNC Planning hoping for a response if a full application is made were:
 - More details are required concerning the height of the turbine
 - What areas and elevations it is visible
 - Would there be flicker effects from the rotation of the blade?
 - Would it be the start of more applications for turbines?
 - Is there enough wind to make the construction worth while

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- Would it be feasible to have two smaller turbines instead of one?
- Would there be any energy fuelled for the village or would it only be for the farm?
- **S/2013/0316/FUL – 8 Stoke Road** - retrospective - replacement of door with window – for discussion – the Parish Council supported the application as it greatly improves the look of the dwelling – **Clerk to respond**
- S/2013/0320/FUL – 42 Buttmead – single storey side extension – after discussion it was agreed that the PC did not object to the application but did have reservations about the fencing being positioned near to the footpath and the fact that a precedent would be set for an alteration of the architectural environment. - **Clerk to Respond**
- S/2013/0076/FUL – Demolish existing garage and erect new detached single garage, 5 Towcester Road – approved
- 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 – refused
- S/2012/1057/FUL – land adjacent to Willow House, Towcester Road, Blisworth – detached dwelling with single garage – pending
- S/2009/1143/FUL – at land next to Willow House – pending, see last meeting held on 11.2.13 for details on response by PC
- **S/2013/0225/MAF Chapel Lane Development – meeting held with developers on 25th March 2013 (see separate minutes) . Clerk to send a copy of these minutes to the developers.**

All the Councillors objected to this application, except for Cllr Jeffery. It was agreed that a letter of objection would be sent by the Clerk stating the reasons for objections to SNC Planning and NCC Highways. The letter was agreed read to the meeting. (The main concern is the proposed access road both during construction and the final access from Chapel Hill.)

- S/2013/0374/OUTWINS – Creation of 2750 houses plus adjoining land, shops at Towcester – this application was discussed. It was agreed that the new estate service road should be up to link road standard, (at present it has 4 roundabouts). Upon completion the A5 should have a weight restriction imposed upon it
Towcester does require a bypass! - **Clerk to Respond**

Cllr Clarke stated that a relief road is planned to divert LGVs away from Towcester centre except for those with businesses in the town.

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- **179. LOCAL MATTERS**

- i) **Footpaths** –reports of any problems – Tunnel footpath ‘crater’ still not been filled with topsoil as it has been too wet. RD3 is being monitored as it may be obstructed when crops grow.
- ii) **Lighting** – report of any street lights in need of attention –the Chairman reported that the light next to 71-73 Buttmead on the bus stop is out. **Clerk to report.**
- iii) **Play Area –**
 - Cllr Dalton reported that he ordered the work to be done on the fence – there will be about an 8 week wait.
 - The Clerk reported that she had submitted the request for the work to be done re the inspection by Wicksteed Leisure.
 - The Clerk reported that the grant from Awards for all for £4472 had been paid into the bank.
- iv) **Traffic Issues** – Stoke Road congestion near Surgery – this was discussed. Cllr Bartlett suggested asking the Surgery if they would be willing to display an ‘A Frame’ requesting people do not park on the corner of Greenside. **Cllr Gray** will ask Surgery. The Chairman reminded the meeting that NCC Helen Howard will be in attendance at the Village Assembly on 22nd April.
- v) **Parish Plan Progress** – Cllr Hawkins read a report to the meeting submitted by Beryl Andrews.
- vi) **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** - **Cllr Burgoyne** will speak to Mark Redding who has shown an interest in joining the scheme.
- vii) **Village sign project** – Cllr McKeown has set up a face book page for the Parish Council and put two drawings proposed for the sign. The drawings will also be on display at the Village Assembly.
- viii) **Formation of an ‘Inspection Record’** to aid with upkeep of PC street furniture etc – the Chairman is working on this – a bimonthly report might be feasible.
- ix) **Discussion on the update of the Village Directory** – it was agreed that the update will be ready for January 2014. It will be yellow and cost about £230 as in the budget.

180. COMMUNICATIONS

A) Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

Out:

- i. Owner of property in Courteenhall Road – the resident was present at the meeting and stated that she owned the verge which was gradually being

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eroded by the agricultural vehicles using the road and consequently would not be cutting the conifers back as she felt they protected the wall. A driver from the football club had hit her wall and cost £1500 in repairs. The PC advised the resident that this was a matter for the driver not the PC. It was agreed that the ownership of the verge needs to be established and the resident agreed to provide proof of ownership to the Chairman and then the matter can be re-visited.

In:

- ii. Email re Towcester Road flooding – thanking PC for alleviating the problems of flooding
- iii. SNC – New gates for canal hut
- iv. Audit briefing
- v. Over 50s newsletter
- vi. CPRE newsletter – June Hawkins wishes to attend the CPRE Northants Spring Road Show on Planning will be at Great Houghton (Parsons Memorial) Village Hall on Wednesday May 1, 6.30 – 9.00pm. **Clerk to respond.**
- vii. Correspondence regarding planning application S/2013/0044/FUL Ext

181. FINANCE

Payments – for approval

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
Wicksteed Leisure	Play area inspection	£45.00	£9.00	£54.00	2133
AH Contracts	Dog bins	£79.40	£15.88	£95.28	2134
B.Osborne	Payroll services	£90.00		£90.00	2135
V Hartley	Salary for Mar	318.40	-	318.40	2136
HMRC	Tax for above	£79.60	-	79.60	2137

Monies received : none

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS –

- Order Acknowledgment for work to be carried out on Play area by Wicksteed Leisure - £1488.37
- PAYE Arrangements for Clerk in next financial year due to ‘Real Time’ HMRC regulations coming in – the end of year payroll work for both Clerks (present and previous) had been done and she had billed the Council

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- The use of NCALC internal audit service at a cost of £175.00 per annum was discussed. Cllr Bartlett agreed to contact the internal auditor from last year to see if he is willing to carry out the audit again for a sum of about £50. The Clerk pointed out that the NCALC look at various areas of the Council's administration and that the External auditors *may be* more likely to information requiring additional monies if NCALC do not do it.

182. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

- **Discussion on format of Annual Parish Assembly** - the Chairman had contacted various organisations including David Allen from SNC about the LGV survey. He has passed the request to Adam Graham who has offered to provide a display and answer questions on the Local Transport Plan from 5 - 7pm. Chairman will respond. There had been a good response from the different bodies in the village.
- Possibly invite SNC recycling team

Comments

- The 'New Homes Bonus' consultation from SNC had come through. It was felt this may be relevant to the general area and not specific to Blisworth.
- Cllr Gardner reported that elders are growing out of the bottom of the Old Church Yard wall on the Pond bank side – Cllr Billing agreed to cut them back.
- Jane Percival stated that she had cut back the hedge along Stoke Road and made a request that the grass be strimmed adjacent to the allotments (hen run). **Clerk to action** with N and P Garden Services.
- Cllr Burgoyne stated that South Northants had come out as the 9th best rural area in the country according to the Halifax!

183. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT and FUTURE MEETINGS –Annual Parish Assembly 22.4.13, Annual General meeting 7.5.13

Meeting closed at 10pm

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