

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 3rd June 2013

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

Present:

Cllr Mrs P Masterman	Chairman
Cllr Mr D Dalton	
Cllr Mrs D Burgoyne	
Cllr Mr S Billing	
Cllr Mrs M Field	
Cllr Mr C Gardner	
Cllr T Bartlett	

10 members of the public

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – THE FOLLOWING APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND APPROVED : Cllr Mr C Jeffery –Vice-Chairman, Cllr Hawkins, Cllr McKeown, Cllr Gray

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

29. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS DATED 7TH May 2013 – It was proposed by Cllr Gardner and seconded by Cllr Field that these minutes were adopted as a true record.

30. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – none

31. MATTERS ARISING – not covered by agenda – none

32. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

SNC – Councillor Clarke reported on the developments on the Best village signs – the design has now been approved. He displayed a picture of the sign. A meeting with Helen Howard from NCC Highways will take place on Friday to determine each of the 5 locations at the entrances to the village. These signs will be supplementary to the highway signs.

NCC – Joan Kirkbride reported as new representative for Blisworth further to the recent election. (She stated she had been a councillor for 16 years). NCC is hoping to improve infrastructure thereby increasing investment. Safeguarding of Children had received a bad OFSTED and so this area needs improvement and efforts are being concentrated to achieve this. She also mentioned proposed parking enforcements - see later in agenda.

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33. PLANNING

- i) **Village Confines – still awaiting consultation from SNC**
- ii) **Chapel Hill Development** – update from meeting re 106 agreements – Cllr Masterman reported on the meeting she and Cllr Jeffery had attended with Sean Bennet from SNC planning department. The following points were confirmed:
- 40% affordable homes (11 dwellings)
 - A new footpath from the development to Little Lane
 - Moving the 30mph speed limit to Gayton side of the canal bridge
 - A temporary access road off the Northampton Road during the construction period (this item is a planning condition) – hopefully in place at commencement of work
 - The provision of a zebra crossing on the High Street

Also mentioned was a financial contribution relevant to the size of the dwellings towards the primary school and the doctors' surgery. An 'offsite sports and recreation provision' – relevant to the size of the development had also been discussed and Sean Bennet suggested an approximate figure of £30K.

Information was needed by the end of May so Cllr Masterman had looked at the Parish Plan and wondered about provision of a hard tennis court and or Badminton court as appropriate. The problem is location. Would utilising some of the allotments on the Courteenhall Road for a tennis court and the new scout hall for badminton be worth exploring.? Costs would be approximately £30000 for a tennis court and £5000 for badminton. Also for consideration would be the purchase of a small area of land within the new development to provide play equipment for younger children. These ideas need further discussion with the Village Hall and Playing Fields Association.

Cllr Clarke reported that the initial items above were now confirmed and the legal agreement can now be signed.

iii) **Also item of correspondence – see below**

iv) **Progress of recent applications (at 28.5.13)**

<u>S/2013/0493/FUL</u>	10 Eastfield Blisworth	Two storey rear and side extension and new pitched roof over porch and garage	23/04/2013	Pending - Site Visit Completed
<u>S/2013/0488/FUL</u>	Blisworth Pumping Station Gayton Road Blisworth Arm	Replacement of site perimeter fence with 2.9 metre welded mesh fence with razor wire & barbed wire topping	23/04/2013	Pending - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2013/0460/FUL</u>	43 Buttmead Blisworth	First floor side and two storey rear extensions (retrospective). Rear conservatory.	16/04/2013	Pending - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2013/0446/FUL</u>	11 A Buttmead Blisworth	Single storey rear extension	10/04/2013	Pending - Site Visit Completed

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<u>S/2013/0439/TPO</u>	Canal House Blisworth Arm Blisworth	Crown reduce copper beech tree by approximately one metre and remove any deadwood.	09/04/2013	Pending - Site Visit Completed
<u>S/2013/0405/NMA</u>	Algate Church Lane Blisworth	Non-material amendment to S/2012/0774/FUL (single storey rear extension, alterations to rear dormer & replacement windows) for the addition of a small chimney	10/04/2013	Approval
<u>S/2013/0377/FUL</u>	Orchard House Church Lane Blisworth	Stone garden shed	03/04/2013	Pending - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2013/0320/FUL</u>	42 Buttmead Blisworth	Single storey side extension and repositioning of fence	19/03/2013	Approval
<u>S/2013/0316/FUL</u>	8 Stoke Road Blisworth	Replace door with timber window in front elevation	19/03/2013	Refusal
<u>S/2013/0291/SCR</u>	Blisworth Hill Farm Stoke Road Blisworth	Screening opinion for a 500kw wind turbine	14/03/2013	Environmental Impact Assessment not required

34. LOCAL MATTERS

- i. **Footpaths** – no problems to report
- ii. **Lighting** – report of any street lights in need of attention.
 - The street light at end of Buttmead and Stoke Road work was replaced on Saturday 1st June!
 - Cllr Burgoyne reported that there was a problem with a Chapel Hill streetlight shining into property- screen required repair – details sent to Clerk - will report accordingly.
- iii. **Play Area** - Cllr Dalton reported:
 - The fence is now completed. Since completion a resident from 1 Eastfield has enquired about the chain link fence which still remains. This is a boundary fence but it was proposed by Cllr Field and seconded by Cllr Burgoyne and agreed by the Council that Cllr Dalton will get a price for it to be replaced and then the item can be considered. (it was mentioned in the Wicksteed Inspection report).
 - Cllr Dalton agreed to complete the 'Customer Satisfaction' Survey from Wicksteed.
 - A councillor from Heathfield and Waldron PC in Sussex had contacted the Clerk requesting information about the Youth Shelter erected in the Playing fields. Jayne Percival and Cllr Dalton had got together some information which the Clerk will send to the Council concerned.

iv) Traffic Issues

NCC Highways had written to the Council with proposed parking restrictions by the painting of double yellow lines in Greenside and Stoke Road and Courteenhall Road. It was agreed that the Clerk respond as follows:

*'It is in favour of the addition of double yellow lines on the **Greenside side of the road and on its corners as shown on the map but NOT on the surgery side of the road.***

1. The additional parking on-road outside the surgery is essential for some surgery users. It means the unsteady and infirm are closer and do not have to negotiate the curbs, the road etc when they are dropped off. Parking on that side of the road does not obscure the view of

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traffic either. We have also agreed that some on road parking is good as it narrows the road and slows the traffic.

2. The residents of 34, as discussed at the meeting, have already made representations to say they would be very unhappy about the loss of parking – which again does not obstruct the vision splay from Greenside. Yellow lining that area would be of great detriment to the two cottages (34/36) that do not have any off road parking.

The Parish Council is also in favour of yellow lines being used on Courteenhall Road as you have proposed'.

It was also agreed that Cllr Bartlett would inform the resident of 59 Stoke Road of the proposals.

Other highway issues reported were the potholes in Courteenhall Road near Ladyfield have not been filled but that the ones in Pondbank have. Also the drain in Towcester Road is overflowing again – Clerk to report.

- v) **Parish Plan Progress** – Maggie Barker reported the following from the Parish Plan Progress Team

The team has seen the proposed Best Village Award signs. They are of a Heritage type with gold lettering on a black background and hopefully they will be installed at the five entrances to the Village very soon.

A bench has been purchased and is being placed in the front of the garden of the Chapel for the use of anyone who needs a rest while walking up Chapel Lane! There is some ground work to be done but it should be ready for use very soon.

We have been informed that we will receive a Silver Award for our Wildlife in Churchyards this year, many thanks to all who have been involved but especially to Sarah Sykes for her enthusiasm and co-ordination of the project. The judges were impressed by the large number of people involved.

Paul Middleton from the Diocese of Peterborough joined the meeting on 20th May to enable him to see the style and materials to be used for the Information Board to be erected in the Old Graveyard (Cemetery). We were able to visit the site so he could see the proposed position of the board. The installation has to be approved at the meeting of the Diocesan Advisory Council tomorrow 4th June. Three members of the team are mainly working on the design and layout of the board, with some additional help. We are grateful to the Art Group who have given a donation of £75 towards the cost of the Board.

- vi) Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Cllr Burgoyne still to contact Mark Redding. It was agreed that the Parish Council pay a £10 subscription South Northants Area Support Team for NWS and that Cllr Burgoyne would act as contact until a representative was found.
- vii) Village sign project – Cllr Masterman reported that she had received a quote from Alan Bailie to paint both sides for £400. It was agreed by the council that this was a very favourable price and she will write and accept. She had also emailed Hilary Spurier to see if there were any problems with attaching to information board plinth at Elm Tree Corner where Blisworth Heritage Society has an

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Interpretation Board on a stone plinth on this perhaps with a post on either side to give a greater stability.

35. COMMUNICATIONS

A) Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

Out –

- Response to SNC on Planning App S/2013/0291 – 500kw wind turbine at Blisworth Hill Farm, Stoke Road – request for response to Blisworth PC of April 3rd 2013
- NCC – re bus shelter ownership and maintenance
- From Cllr Jeffery to Planning Department re S/2013/0316/FUL, re refusal of replacement of door with window

In

- i. CPRE newsletter and invite to AGM at 5pm, 9.7.13 at Lings Wood Environmental Centre, Wildlife Trust, Lings **Cllr Masterman** will pass on to Cllr Hawkins
- ii. Questionnaire re satisfaction of Play Area inspection – **Cllr Dalton** will complete
- iii. Canals and Rivers Trust – Regional AGM 5th June – invitation to representative from PC – **Cllr Billing** will attend
- iv. Request for information on dome shelter from a Parish Councillor in East Sussex – **Clerk to respond**
- v. South Northants Council Development Officer re new project called Youth Activators – **Clerk** to forward information to Lee Ward

Emails:

Out –

- Street doctor reporting of loose sets in High Street and drain on Northampton Road near Youngs – Refs 661725 & 661728. The drain has been repaired but not the sets in the High Street, **Clerk** to report again
- From Cllr Pat Masterman to Hilary Spurier re attaching village sign to plinth at Elm Tree Corner

In –

- Victims' Voice – engagement activity posters
- Neighbourhood Watch Area Support Team – request for subscription of £10 – see finance section

36. FINANCE

- i) Arrangements for Internal Audit – John Marshall from NCALC has been appointed as Internal Auditor for Blisworth PC
- ii) Payments – for approval

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
AH Contracts	Empty dog bins	99.25	19.85	119.10	2151
N and P Gardens	Mowing - April	474.00	94.80	568.80	2152
V Hartley	Salary for april	333.47	-	333.47	2148
HMRC	Tax for above	83.20	-	83.20	2149
Anglian Water	12.2-9.5.13	137.64	-	137.84	2150
SNAST	NHW sub	10.00		10.00	2153

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iii) OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS –
Received monies - £75 from Blisworth Art Group – to be put towards Information Board in old graveyard.

- iv)** Approval and Acceptance of Annual Return The clerk reported that NALC Auditor had stated that fixed assets figures must remain the same unless purchase or disposals made during the financial year.
The Accounting statements and Annual Governance statement were circulated for councillors to look at for next meeting when Annual Return should be adopted ready for External Audit after internal audit by NALC.

37. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

- Cllr Bartlett reported on recent changes in the relaxation of Planning policy. This could affect the number of wind turbines which are erected and changes in legal agreements in connection with granted planning permissions.
- Cllr Bartlett pointed out what good value for money Blisworth Parish Council gave to its residents considering the population and Council tax.
- Cllr Bartlett reported on the issue of Freedom of Information and the council's obligations. The Clerk reported that she had just produced a document for Gayton Parais Council which she would circulate for people to peruse before next meeting.
- Cllr Burgoyne asked Cllr Clarke when Supplementary Planning Guidance meeting was to take place – July.
- Cllr Field reported on the number of weeds in the High Street. It was agreed that these were the responsibility of the NCC Highways and not the parish. A trailer load of ivy has been dumped and Cllr Dalton agreed that he would remove it.
- Cllr Field reported that the hedge on the path to Pinus cottages was overhanging. Clerk to report.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 1ST JULY, MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30PM

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These minutes can be found on the Blisworth Parish Council website.

Residents reported the following items:

- The rope on the flag on the Church tower has been broken, soon to be repaired.
- Pot holes are being filled in Gayton Road today
- A photographs display is taking place in the village hall by Jim Payler in aid of the Canal Partnership group followed by a play at the Old Rectory by the Micron Theratre.
- Gayton Pumping Station – the subject of the recent planning application is in Gayton and not Blisworth Parish!

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