

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 5th August 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 J Hawkins	
Cllr Mr S Billing	
Cllr Mrs M Field	
Cllr Mr C Gardner	
Cllr D Burgoyne	
Cllr J Kirkbride	NCC Cllr
Mr Adrian Stevenson, agent representing Orbit Homes	

12 members of the public

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – THE FOLLOWING APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND APPROVED : Cllr T Bartlett, Cllr K Gray, Cllr D Dalton, Cllr S Clarke, SNC Cllr

52. 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. Cllr M Field declared an interest in item 57ii as she owns the land on which the planning application has been made. Cllr J Hawkins is a neighbour and was advised by the Clerk and Chairman to declare an interest. She stated that she had checked with NCALC and would remain present as her interest in the application was environmental. Both these councillors remained present but did not speak on this item.

53. A RESOLUTION WAS MADE TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 1ST JULY 2013. THIS WAS PROPOSED BY CLLR C JEFFERY AND SECONDED BY CLLR J HAWKINS

54. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- i. Cllr C Jeffery reported that he had taken measurements of the football / playing field area and there is not enough room for a tennis court.
- ii. Cllr T Bartlett had suggested a formal request in writing be put into Courteenhall Estates in connection with the formation of a footpath along Stoke Road.
- iii. Cllr C Jeffery reported that he is awaiting the signing of the tennancy agreement for the parish field.

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55. MATTERS ARISING – not covered by agenda

56. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS** – **Cllr J Kirkbride** stated that she will send some complimentary tickets for the Errol Flynn Cinema at the Derngate theatre.

57. PLANNING

- i) Chapel Hill Development – S/2013/0225/MAF – discharge of condition to provide access road (haulage road) for construction off Northampton Road.(Planning Department is unlikely to discharge this condition)
The Parish Council were **unanimous in their objection to the proposal to discharge condition 17**. An agent for Orbit Homes was in attendance and he explained the issue of NCC Highways and HSE objecting to the ‘construction’ (haulage) road from the Northampton Road on grounds of health and safety. This is due to the gradient (1:7) and the speed of traffic on the Northampton Road. However the gradient of Chapel Lane is 1:6, very narrow, involves going through the village and so similar health and safety issues arise. Cllr Jeffery pointed out that Orbit Homes have acknowledged that they will have no control over sub contractors’ vehicles when they leave the site! In the list of delivery vehicles there is no mention of concrete mixers or bulk tipper lorries. There will obviously be a considerable amount of concrete delivered to the site for footings, drainage chambers, driveways, kerbs etc. Concrete is delivered on either 6 or 8 wheeled mixers Stone will be required for the oversites and as sub-base for roads and paths, gravel will be required for pipe bedding, sand for the cement and asphalt for the roads and paths. These materials will have to be delivered on 32 tonne 8 wheeled lorries and the roof trusses on low loaders which could not use Chapel Lane. Adrian Stevenson agreed that the figures produced by Cllr Jeffery were in line with their own and that material quantities were significant.
It was agreed that Joan Kirkbride would arrange a site meeting with Highways to discuss the discharge of condition 17 and liaise with Cllr Jeffery. **Clerk** to respond to SNC with PC objections. Cllr Masterman thanked Adrian Stevenson for attending the meeting and he will return to Orbit Homes with the PC’s comments.
- ii) S/2012/1057/FUL - Land adjacent to Willow House, detached dwelling and single garage additional information regarding trees. – which are to be retained or removed.
Correspondence from the neighbour Mr Mike Hawkins and Mr Alan Hargreaves builder for Palmer Houghton had been circulated prior to the meeting.
Concern was raised that there will not be enough room for trees between the house and the footpath. Cllr Burgoyne stated that the health of the trees should be monitored for the next 5 years.
A vote was taken: Cllrs Burgoyne, Billing, Masterman **objected** to the proposals for the trees on the same basis as their objection to the original application – the proximity of the building to the canal would prevent the trees from establishing. Cllr Jeffery abstained. (Cllrs Hawkins and Field had declared an interest). **Clerk** to respond to SNC.
- iii) Progress of other recent applications :
- S/2013/0956/NA – West Lodge Farm, Blisworth Road, Courteenhall – variation of conditions 2,3,6 and7 of planning permission 008/00079/WAS to extend time limit for implementation – pending

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- S/2013/0939/FUL, 59 Stoke Road, Blisworth – Two storey side and single storey rear extensions – pending. This application was circulated at the meeting and no objections were made by the PC. **Clerk** to respond.
 - S/2013/0791/FUL – 11a Buttmead - Single storey rear extension and raised deck with railing at the rear – pending
 - S/2013/0754/FUL – 40 Northampton Road - Single storey and first floor extensions – pending
 - S/2013/0493/FUL – 10 Eastfield - Two storey rear and side extension and new pitched roof over porch and garage – Approval
- iv) Cllrs Jeffery and Hawkins will report from NCALC training on Planning on 9th July 2013 at the next meeting.
- v) Future planning applications will be dealt with slightly differently. The planning sub group will now be known as a 'Planning Advisory committee' and applications will generally be examined and discussed at normal Parish Council meetings in public. If there are sufficient planning applications a separate planning committee meeting will be held in the normal way. The Clerk will obtain extensions to the consultation period as required on an individual basis.

58. Local Matters

- i. Footpaths – Cllr Masterman reported that she had asked Paula from N and P Garden Services to clear overgrown grass verge from the footpath in Pond Bank prior to the Canal Festival.
- ii. Lighting – Clerk has reported light outside 49 Connegar Leys. The Replacement PL 35 outside 71 Buttmead has been ordered.
- iii. Play Area - The additional boundary fencing for 1 Eastfield was discussed. Cllr Dalton had visited the householder who had been willing to pay 50% - £619.50 and get it in writing that the fence will belong to the Parish Council as there will be a maintenance requirement. She was not willing to submit as much as 50% but it is hoped that the pre-school may contribute.
Cllr Masterman and the Clerk reported that posters are hopefully being delivered for the parent and children play schemes and SPLAT to be held on the play area in the next weeks.
- iv Traffic Issues – none
- iv. Parish Plan Progress – Maggie Barker reported on behalf of the committee:
- *They have now received the Faculty from the Diocese for the erection of the information board in the Old Graveyard (Cemetery). Work on the board is progressing.*
 - *Unfortunately the best Village Award signs will not be in place before the Canal Festival but provision of the signs is progressing.*

Cllr Hawkins and Mr Hawkins donated a cheque for £100 to the Parish Council towards the Information Board for the cemetery. A request for help to the tune of £175 to make up the shortfall was made for the final construction. It was proposed by Cllr Jeffery and seconded by Cllr Masterman that the Parish Council do contribute this amount. This was agreed, Clerk to be sent invoice to be paid at the next meeting.

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- v. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Cllr Burgoyne had liaised with Mark Redding and he is hoping to get representatives proceed with arrangements soon.
- vi. Village sign project – the Chairman reported that the sign is progressing well but will not be completed until late autumn.
- vii. Church yards Management Plan – agreement by Parish Council required – this had been circulated and will be discussed at the next meeting.

59. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

Out

- i. Youngs Nurseries – thanks for planters
- ii. Mrs Bernice Henessey – thanks for planters
- iii. Scouts – informing them of 106 agreements in connection with Chapel Hill Development and possible badminton facility.

In

- iv. Mr Thornton – thank you for sorting out shield on light in Chapel Hill
- v. Northants Highways – possibility of purchasing salt – **Clerk** to check cost
- vi. Clerks and Council Direct - circulated
- vii. Tove Valley Broadband - rural superfast broadband in rural areas – invitation to meeting on 19.9.13 at Abthorpe Old School at 7.30pm – as the exchange is to be replaced in the next year or so this seemed unnecessary.
- viii. Paul Chapman – re hosting of website - £35 per annum – t was agreed that this arrangement should be renewed for this year, **Clerk** to arrange
- ix. SNC – removal of planning application site notices
- x. Mr Hawkins re planning application S/2012/1057/FUL and letter from Alan Hargreaves
- xi. SNC – proposed Grand Union Canal Conservation Area + letter from Brian Collings in support – **Clerk** to circulate letters to PC
- xii. Mr Clarke, Blisworth Arm – thanks for planters

60. FINANCE

External Audit completed – the Clerk reported and the Council reviewed the issues raised. **Clerk** to produce a Risk Assessment for adoption at the next meeting. Financial regulations have now been adopted for the current year and the budgetary procedure was correct for the current year. The PC will ensure that the Annual Return is completed by 30th June 2014. The notice and requisite information has been displayed.

The following payments were proposed by June Hawkins and seconded by Margarete Field for payment:

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
AH Contracts	Empty dog bins	119.10	19.85	99.25	2162
V Hartley	Salary for July	333.27	-	333.27	2163

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HMRC	Tax for above	83.40	-	83.40	2164
N and P Gardens	Mowing July	474.00	94.80	568.80	2165
NCALC	Planning Course – 2 Cllrs	80.00	-	80.00	2166
BDO	Audit	200.00	40.00	240.00	2167
SLCC	Membership	37.00	-	37.00	2168
E-on	Maintenance	215.67	43.13	258.80	2169
E-on	Supplies	690.23	138.05	828.28	2170
B.Osborne	Payroll services	52.50	-	52.50	2171

£100 received as donation towards cemetery information board from Cllr and Mr Hawkins.

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS –

- i) Consideration of quotes for re-surfacing of Village Hall Car Park – Cllr Gardner reported that he was awaiting a third quote for consideration.
- ii) Request for rent for Parish Field for year ending 31.3.13 – Cllr Jeffery had reported on this in Matters Arising.
- iii) Invoicing of Scouts and Football Club for water use – it was agreed that the Clerk work out the contributions and write accordingly to the different groups.
- iv) Bank Balance at 24.7.13 - £29595.25 – it was agreed that £20,000 should be transferred to the Deposit Account

61. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Cllr Masterman –

Various comments had been made concerning the new recycling arrangements. She stressed that these need to be made to Louise Gibney from SNC.

The Canal Festival is imminent and a visit to the Leggers Hut is well worth the time.

Cllr Gardner –

Requested any information on the Sun, Moon and Stars – none as yet.

Cllr Billing –

The wood chippings on the path through the cemetery have 'flooded' to the bottom of the path. Cllr Gardner suggested getting in touch with South Northants Homes and request a delivery of free wood chippings to be dropped off at the site. **Cllr Masterman** will be contact.

62. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT and FUTURE MEETING – 2nd September

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The only comment from a parishioner was the overgrown state of the allotments which are being taken on and not maintained. Cllr Jeffery stated that he hoped this will resolve with the new tenancy agreement to be produced for next year.

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