

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 4th November 2013

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

Present:	Cllr Mrs P Masterman	Chairman
	Cllr Mr S Billing	
	Cllr Mrs M Field	
	Cllr C Gardner	
	Cllr D Dalton	
	Cllr Mrs D Burgoyne	
	Cllr Mr T Bartlett	
	Cllr Mrs J Hawkins	
	Cllr Mr S Clarke	SNC Cllr
	Cllr Mrs J Kirkbride	NCC Cllr
	6 members of the public	

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS:

On **close** of meeting residents were invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. (Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself.)

87. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – THE FOLLOWING APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE APPROVED: Cllr Mr C Jeffery, Cllr Mrs K Gray, Cllr Mrs M McKeown

88. 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 were declared.

89. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 6th OCTOBER 2013. Cllr Dalton proposed that the minutes were adopted, this was agreed and they were signed by the Chairman.

90. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - none

91. MATTERS ARISING – not covered by agenda – none

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92. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Clarke reported on the following:

- i. South Northants and Cherwell Council have been awarded a share of £360392 for working together so successfully.
- ii. Notification of appeal for Painters Cottage – to be determined by a hearing so that if the PC wish to make representations it should do so by 2.12.13
- iii. Local Plan Issues Consultation – meetings to be held on 12 and 13th November Cllr Masterman will attend. Leaflets distributed about the issues affecting the countryside, Towcester, Brackley, the villages and South Northants. Feedback from the villages is now sought and he urged the PC to be vigilant.

Cllr Kirkbride reported on the following:

- i. Possible concern that developers may be starting to approach land owners so she also urged the PC to remain vigilant.
- ii. Meetings are being held in December concerning the expansion of Northampton into South Northants and Daventry.
- iii. Supposedly no problem with access onto Northampton Road from Chapel Hill Development? SNC Planning Department and NCC Highways are liaising.
- iv. Drastic savings still to be made re the Highways
- v. A competition – open to schools and artists is to be held to choose a 'County Flag'.

Di Burgoyne agreed to send the login address to sign-up to for regular receipts of local crime reports. The Council will ask PCSO Tara Cooksammy to send a report to PC meetings if she is unable to attend.

93. PLANNING

- i) Chapel Hill Development – S/2013/0225/MAF –
 - Update on developments over discharge of condition to provide access road for construction off Northampton Road – see report above from Cllr Kirkbride. No response from last letter from PC to SNC Sean Bennett (see correspondence). Still awaiting to hear from Orbit Homes re lorries using Chapel Hill – at present there seem to be no activity.
 - Update on road crossing provision – nothing further to report
- ii) Progress of other recent applications :
 - S/2013/1129/FUL – Blisworth Hill Farm, Anaerobic Digester – approval – Cllr Clarke gave more details on consent conditions.
 - S/2013/1254/TLN – Telecommunications Licence Notification – Installation of 1 DSLAM cabin opposite Connegar Leys – no observations
 - S/2013/1028/FUL - Buttermilk Hall Farm, conversion of redundant barns to mixed use development - Approval
 - 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 – no objections
 - Enforcement Notice for Land at 20 Chapel Lane re storage of caravans (it was reported that the caravans are still present)

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- S/2013/1404/NMA – 34 High Street – non material amendment to S/2012/1373/FUL – pending
- Appeal against decision for refusal by SNC for APP/2830/A/13/2204313 – Painters Cottage (see Cllr Clarke’s report above)

94. Local Matters

- Footpaths** – Reports of any problems – no significant issues.
- Lighting** – Reporting of street light faults – no significant issues. **Clerk** to report that 2 lights were removed by E-on on the road up to Scouts and Football Club.
- Play Area** - Cllr Dalton had no developments to report. The PC is still awaiting the Play Group contribution for the fencing. The next task is to get prices for safety matting. He will talk to VHPFA as they may have top soil available.
- Traffic/Highway Issues** –
 - Clerk had reported the VAS device in Courteenhall Road and this was now working.
 - Tim Bartlett had written as an individual about the enforcement of parking laws.
 - Possible appointment of Highways Warden – it was suggested that this was put in the ‘Round and About’ and the Website.

v. Parish Plan Progress

Maggie Barker gave the following report:

REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FROM PARISH PLAN PROGRESS TEAM

4TH NOVEMBER 2013

The interpretation board is now positioned in the Cemetery and looks really good. Many thanks go to all those folk who have been involved in producing the board, as well as framing and installing it.

It is proposed that there is an ‘Official Celebration’ of the board with invited guests. As the Cemetery looks its best in springtime the suggestion is to hold this in late March 2014.

We now have poppy seeds for planting in the graveyards in Blisworth to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War in 2014. As poppy seeds only grow in freshly turned ground this could be a challenge! Some are to be sown now and the rest next year to hopefully give 2 flowerings.

vi. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Cllr Burgoyne reported that Mark Redding had sent his apologies but had submitted a report. He has joined the SNAST committee and 8 street representatives have been recruited. A few more volunteers are still needed for some areas. (Lady Field, Greenaway and Pond Bank)

- Village sign project** – planning permission requirement?

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Cllr Burgoyne reported that she did not think that planning permission was necessarily required as the sign is a 'Parish Council Notice'. The neighbouring residents must be informed. Cllr Jeffery has drawings of the amenities. Cllr Masterman has submitted sketches to Highways. There was uncertainty about whether a formal planning application is required.

95. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

Out-going :

- i. Sean Bennett, SNC Planning re Chapel Lane development, insisting on retention of condition 17 as part of planning permission. (copied to Joan Kirkbride-NCC, Steve Clarke-SNC, and Orbit Homes.) – still awaiting response.
- ii. All allotment tenants – re rent increases and new agreement.
- iii. (Also reported loose sets in High Street)

In-going :

- iv. SNC Local Plan Issues Paper Consultation – briefings to be held 12th and 13th November
- v. NCC – Authorisation for erection of village sign (with Clerk) for signing.
- vi. Canal and River Trust – consultation on Strategic Waterway Plan for next 10 years (on agenda)
- vii. CPRE newsletter (and Carol Service)
- viii. NCC Highways re maintenance of VAS devices. (now repaired)
- ix. NCC Highways re enquiry about asphalt area on Northampton Road
- x. Enquiry re ownership of tunnel hill field.

Emails :

- i. Police and Crime Commission Survey
- ii. NRHA Annual Report
- iii. NCC Asset Management – This had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman had gone through the consultation. It was agreed that the Clerk send in a negative report – that the suggested course of action would be impossible in Blisworth. Health and Safety issues were raised in the report - **Clerk** to repeat the request for a grit bin in Church Lane which Helen Howard had previously agreed was a good idea.
- iv. NCC-Woodland Trust – offer of trees – it was agreed that Scouts should be made aware of the offer and that that may be the Football Club would like some.
- v. VAS devices mobile devices cost about £2500 - £3000.
 - Courteenhall Estates - Possible formation of footpath in Stoke Road - no response as yet.
 - Correspondence had been received concerning the behaviour of people outside The Oak front door. It was agreed that the **Clerk** write to Enterprise Inns and explain the issues so that the new tenants who are coming in on the 2nd December 2013 are aware.

96. FINANCE

Payments – for approval

Name	Details	Amount	VAT	Total	Chq
AH Contracts	Empty dog bins	99.25	19.85	119.10	2192
V Hartley	Salary for Oct	354.30	-	354.30	2193
HMRC	Tax for above	88.60	-	88.60	2194
N and P Gardens	Mowing Sept	474.00	94.80	568.80	2195

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V. Hartley	Expenses since 4.3.13	386.17	-	-	2196
National Allotment Society	Annual sub	66.00	11.00	55.00	2197

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS –

- i) Consideration of quotes for re-surfacing of Village Hall Car Park – Cllr Gardner is submitting a request for a grant from SNC for a maximum of £10,000.
- ii) Clerk's pay scale – Discuss at budget meeting
- iii) Arrangement for Budget setting meeting – date set for 19th November.
- iv) Consideration of Estimate for work on lime trees in cemetery - £60 per tree for 6 trees at a time – this issue was discussed. The removal of debris is the issue. Volunteers seemed to be available to carry out this work so it was agreed that possibly the work could be offered to the Gardening Club and it was agreed to defer the decision until the next meeting.
- v) Section 136 Mowing agreement – to be received - £771.88 – **Clerk** to apply.

97. NEW STANDING ORDERS – these had been circulated. It was agreed that they would be reviewed at the AGM – there is no need to update the current ones at present.

98. CANAL AND RIVER TRUST – consultation on Strategic Waterway Plan for next 10 years. Cllrs Field and Burgoyne took the information to read. (Item vi of Correspondence)

99. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Cllr Gardner suggested making a request to local businesses to plant more daffodil bulbs around the village.

Cllr Gardner reported that an HGV had reversed into Connegar Leys from Courteenhall Road and damaged the path.

Cllr Burgoyne asked if there were any developments re the Sun Moon and Stars. Cllr Clarke stated there was nothing to report.

A resident had requested that white lines were painted on Buttmead. It was agreed in view of Council cutbacks this was very unlikely.

100. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 2nd December Finance meeting when budget for 2014/15 will be set to be held on Tuesday 19th November – Clerk to advertise and book hall.

Meeting closed at 10.05pm

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