

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014

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

### Present:

Cllr C Jeffery  
Cllr S Billing  
Cllr M Field  
Cllr C Gardner  
Cllr D Dalton  
Cllr D Burgoyne  
Cllr J Hawkins

Vice – Chairman

Cllr J Kirkbride  
Cllr Mr S Clarke  
13 members of the public

NCC Cllr  
SNC Cllr

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS:

In the last item on the agenda 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.

**145. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Masterman – brother not well**

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

**147. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 3<sup>RD</sup> February 2014, as a correct record, proposed by Cllr Burgoyne, seconded by Cllr Dalton.**

**148. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - none**

**149. MATTERS ARISING – not covered by agenda - none**

### **150. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Cllr Kirkbride reported on the NCC budget proposal which is to be increased by 1.99%. The Highways budget is not to be cut. Cllr Michael Clarke has made an official request for a speed limit on the Northampton Road between Blisworth and Milton Malsor. (see later on

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agenda). Cllr Jeffery asked about the recent proposal to close the Tiffield junction near St Johns Road on the A43. Not much information was available as yet – there had been an article in the Chronicle and Echo.

Cllr Clarke updated the meeting on the Joint Core Strategy. SNC have been considering responses – no specific objections but the protection of Harpole is an issue, it is proposed that the employment site at Junction 16 of the M1 is phased. SNC is not increasing its budget at present.

## 151. 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 – no update  
Bernadette Owens has taken over the post of Planning Officer. Cllr Jeffery proposed sending relevant copied correspondence to the new officer, **Clerk** to action.
  - Update on road crossing provision – A site meeting had taken place on 28<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm between JPP consulting, Orbit Homes, Cllrs Masterman and Jeffery and Clerk. The proposed position of the crossing can only be moved about 3 m towards the South due to driveways, junctions etc.  
The Council is aware that residents in the immediate proximity may not be happy but it was agreed by all councillors that the benefit to the village as a whole should be considered. A request by a parishioner present was made for the existing Crossing Patrol person to be consulted. The Council agreed to ask JPP consulting what consultation had been carried out with regard to Highways and the viability of the crossing – **Clerk** to action. The Parish Council also agreed that it ultimately supports both a zebra crossing **and** a crossing patrol.
  - SNC – correspondence consulting over connection criteria from Strategic Housing Officer – **Clerk** to respond that Council is in favour of the suggested allocation.
- ii) Progress of other recent applications :
- S/2014/0220/FUL – Thackstone Cottage 21 Stoke Road – conversion of outbuilding to form annexed accommodation including conservatory – the plans were displayed and discussed by the Council – no objections, **Clerk** to respond.
  - S/2014/0147/TCA – removal of dead pine, Old Rectory – case officer allocated, no objections from Council - **Clerk** to respond
  - S/2014/0130/TCA – Reduce height of Beech 1 and deadwood in Beech 2 – Blisworth House – case officer allocated - no objections from Council - **Clerk** to respond
  - S/2014/0090/FUL – Painters Cottage, 30 Stoke Road – erection of 2 dwellings & detached garages & retention of piggeries to support the vineyard, associated activities and storage of wine – consultations despatched.
  - S/2014/0036/FUL – JBJ Ltd, JBJ Business Park, Northampton Road – replace 5 fire damaged industrial units – consultations despatched.
  - S/2013/1691/FUL – Blisworth Hill Farm, Stoke Road, Anaerobic Digestion Plant – approval
  - S/2013/1658/FUL – New Tunnel Hill Farm, Stoke Road – Two Storey side extension (granny flat) – withdrawn

## 152. Local Matters

- i. **Footpaths** – Reports of any problems – none – only that the paths are extremely wet.

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Cllr Dalton agreed to meet with Highways concerning RD2 (bridleway) it was agreed that **Clerk** report again stressing that it is the middle section of the path which has pot holes and it was thought R of W had still only checked each end.

- ii. **Lighting** – Reporting of street light faults – reported broken shield over PL outside 11 Chapel Lane – still loose, **Clerk** to report again.  
Street light at junction of Buttmead and Windmill Avenue still out - **Clerk** to report again.
- iii. **Play Area** – Inspection completed – report available – no risks higher than medium. Issue raised about the surface is being address by Cllr Dalton. The free standing slide does not now meet current standards but there is no required action at present.
- iv. **Traffic/Highway Issues** –
  - Update on drain problem at Cemetery gates in High Street  
Cllr Dalton reported that there is still standing water but no evidence of sewerage. NCC Ollie Sibley had contacted Anglian Water who are aware that the storm drain had been connected to the sewerage pipes but Cllr Dalton felt it reasonably safe to say the storm drain repair had been carried out satisfactorily. The present wet weather is making the area inside the gate a mess, **Cllr Dalton** will have a look with a view to putting wood chippings down as a temporary measure.
  - Further correspondence on request for consideration of 40mph speed limit on Northampton Road between Blisworth and Milton Malsor – it was agreed that the **Clerk** write to Milton Malsor PC to formally support this.
- v. **Parish Plan Progress** – Cllr Hawkins reported :
  - CPRE litter pick at the end on March
  - Work in the cemetery has been suspended in the present rain
  - The WI had taken on the maintenance of some graves
  - 3.5.14 – the unveiling of the information board.
  - 7.4.14 – a meeting is to take place between Adrain Colwell, SNC , Cllr Clark and Cllr Hawkins to make arrangements for Best Village signs.
- vi. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – Mark Redding reported that PCSOs are distributing relevant information but there is a need for more volunteers for analysing crime statistics and disseminating the information by email. He is hoping to raise awareness of the scheme at the Scouts Fun Day, possibly with Smart Water and shed alarms. More Street representatives are needed.
- vii. **Village sign project** - there has been concern about damage being done to the picture. A sample of polycarbonate material which would encapsulate the picture was on display from Arnold Engineering Plastics Limited, which would hopefully protect it from wilful damage. It was agreed by the Council that it goes ahead with this for approximately £350. **Cllr Jeffery** will place order.
- viii. **Parish Enhancement gangs**  
The council agreed that the **Clerk** request by deadline of 14.3.14:
  - Westbrook path and steps be painted and the cleared of growth
  - The area next to the bus stop is tidied up
  - The pavement between church Lane and the canal bridge on the High Street is cleared of growth

### 153. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

#### Out:

- i. JPP Consulting -Request for site meeting Zebra Crossing
- ii. NCC Street doctor – report of missing signs

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- iii. NCC Highways – retrospective application for license for planters at Blisworth Arm – Specification of planters required.
- iv. E-on Street Lights – reports for street lights out (outside 41 Buttmead and junction of Windmill Av and Buttmead)
- v. Support for Speed limit on Northampton Road
- vi. NCC Helen Howard re pedestrian signs in Stoke Road (+response)
- vii. CPRE – booking request on Planning Road Show for Cllr Hawkins

#### In-coming letters/emails:

- i. **Blisworth Canal Parish Partnership** - Decline of £300 Section 137 payment towards Canal Festival set up costs-this letter was read out to the meeting at the request of the Blisworth Canal Parish Partnership.
- ii. **Request for compulsory purchase** of part of canal towpath for conservation – this email was also read out to the meeting. Cllr Burgoyne felt that protection to the area will be awarded by the proposals for the Canal Conservation Area and the Council felt it was not a viable proposal as it was private garden.
- iii. **NCALC Update**
- iv. **CPRE Outlook – newsletter**
- v. **Allotment Society – magazine**
- vi. **Blisworth School – request for donation towards school crossing patrol (see Finance)**
- vii. PCSO Cooksammy – crime Stoppers information (poster up) – circ
- viii. CPRE – Litter Pick week – 28.3.14 – 6.4.14 – circ
- ix. SNC Housing Officer – Connection criteria for Chapel Lane development
- x. NCALC – Enhancement Gangs
- xi. Support for Speed limit on Northampton Road
- xii. Steve Burbidge – copy of HB Burbidge completed apprenticeship as a bake from 30.12.1899! – circ
- xiii. Play Area Inspection report (copy to Cllr Dalton)

#### 154. FINANCE

- i) Decline of £300 donation from S137 towards Blisworth Canal Festival set up costs
- ii) Consideration of request by school for contribution towards, Road Crossing Patrol - **it was agreed unanimously that £1000 per annum would be awarded for a further 3 years.**
- iii) Consideration of request by resident to compulsorily purchase section of towpath for conservation purposes – see correspondence
- iv) Payments – for approval

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
Anglian Water	Allotment water	165.42		165.42	2219
CPRE	Membership	£29.00		29.00	2220
V Hartley	Salary for Feb	414.64	-	414.64	2221
HMRC	Tax for above	103.60	-	103.60	2222
N and P Gardens	Mowing	474.00	94.80	568.80	2223
AH Contracts	Empty dog bins	79.40	15.88	95.28	2224

Bank Balance at 24.1.14 - £32,312.47

#### 155. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

- Vacancy for Parish Councillor – notice up

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- Cllr Hawkins raised the request from a resident about the green area on Connegar Leys which is getting very poached by vehicles parking on it and there is an issue of dog faeces. This issue was also raised by a parishioner present at the meeting. The land belongs to South Northants Homes. It was suggested that the **Clerk** write to South Northants Homes requesting that some 'lay-bys' for cars to be parked are constructed to alleviate the problems.
- Cllr Burgoyne reported that Robert Fallon, SNC Planning Officer is taking control of the Sun, Moon and Stars development proposals. There is someone interested in its purchase and a planning application may be submitted soon.
- Cllr Gardner mentioned the problem of the sign for no dogs being too small on the Play Area, Cllr Dalton may pick some up from BACA.
- Cllr Billing reported that he was disappointed at the letter from Blisworth Canal Parish Partnership declining £300 Section 137 payment towards Canal Festival set up costs.
- Cllr Billing reported that comments had been made about the noise of generators on the Canal recently. These can be run from 8am-8pm.
- **Cllr Jeffery** suggested writing to Sir Charles Wake about the possibility of purchasing/leasing land along Stoke Road to make a path for pedestrians. He will compose a letter.

#### **156. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

- See item raised by Cllr Hawkins re Connegar Leys in Councillors' comments.
- The proprietor from the shop circulated some photos of his proposed shop fascia which he will be submitting to SNC shortly and wanted to find out the opinion of the PC.

#### **157. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS (Including AGM and APM)**

The next ordinary meeting will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

The APM will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Clerk to book hall.

**Meeting closed 9.11pm**

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