

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 2nd June 2014

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

Present:

Cllr AC Jeffery	Chairman
Cllr S Billing	
Cllr P Masterman	
Cllr M Field	
Cllr C Gardner	
Cllr J Hawkins	Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr S Clarke	SNC Cllr
10 members of the public	

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.

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – THE FOLLOWING APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED
REASONS FOR ABSENCE APPROVED : Cllr D Dalton, Cllr D Burgoyne, Cllr M McKeown

29. 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 Gardner declared an interest in the planning application for 71 Connegar Leys. The Chairman also asked how many Councillors sat on the Parish Plan Progress Team and consideration was given as to whether those should declare interests when financial decisions concerning the team are made. At present at least 2 councillors are on the PPPT.

30. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
DATED 6th May 2014 – it was proposed by Cllr Masterman and seconded by Cllr Billing that these minutes were adopted as a true record.

31. CLERK'S REPORT – Action points from last meeting carried out – Still waiting to hear from E-on as to cost of replacement mercury lamps.

32. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

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Mrs Paulette Kennedy was proposed by Cllr Jeffery and seconded by Cllr Masterman. Paulette was duly co-opted on to the Council. She was made aware that she is unable to vote at this meeting. Clerk to prepare Acceptance of Office form and Interest documents for the next meeting.

33. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS and RISK ASSESSMENT – The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit had been conducted last week and the report would be available at the next meeting. A more ‘user friendly’ Risk Assessment document had been circulated and will be adopted at the next meeting. The standing orders and Financial Regulations were adopted at the AGM on May 6th.

34. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Clarke reported on SNC Grant Policy and encouraged Council and community grants to apply. He gave the contact details for the SNC Officer, Kate Arnold, 01327 322216. Two projects : Play area equipment and the Cemetery gates might be considered.

35. PLANNING

- i) Chapel Hill Development – S/2013/0225/MAF –
 - Update on developments SNC to discharge of condition to provide access road for construction off Northampton Road (access road WILL be constructed)
 - Update on road crossing provision –see correspondence
- ii) Progress of other recent applications :

<u>S/2014/0431/MAF</u>	Chapel Lane Blisworth	Variation of condition 4a i - iii (Pre commencement condition) of S/2013/0225/MAF (Residential Development for 27 houses, estate road and associated works) to change the requirements of condition 4a parts i-iii inclusive to pre-occupation rather than pre-commencement		- Approved
<u>S/2014/0591/ FUL</u>	Blaize Farm Blisworth Road Road	Demolition of existing dwelling and existing garage block and stables and erection of replacement dwelling and new garage and stable block	30/04/2014	Consults Despatched
<u>S/2014/0620/ FUL</u>	18 Connegar Leys	Rear Conservatory	25/04/2014	Circulated – no objections by PC
<u>S/2014/0590/ FUL</u>	71 Connegar Leys	Construction of side and rear 2 storey extension	23/04/2014	Circulated – no objections by PC
<u>S/2014/0581/ FUL</u>	Blisworth Hill Farm Stoke Road	Erection of 2 No. silage clamps and 1 No. digestate tower	16/04/2014	Circulated

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36. Local Matters

- i. Footpaths – Reports of any problems – NCC Highways have erected a post to prevent vehicles entering RD2
- ii. Lighting – Reporting of street light faults – PL on Courteenhall Road end of Windmill Avenue reported
- iii. Play Area – SPLAT sessions request – dates in the school summer holidays – question as to whether to open the hall up or not. In principle the PC had no issues.
- iv. Traffic/Highway Issues –
 - Request for Planters at Bus stop near The Oak – this item to go on the next agenda – quotes being obtained.
 - Enquiry about extension of 30mph speed limit along Towcester Road to include houses – NCC response from Helen Howard that the accident record on this section of road does not warrant a speed limit reduction.
 - School Parking – Cllr Masterman had suggested the use of the GPO car park to alleviate the parking problems at school time, she will obtain contact and enquire.
- v. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – the Chairman reported that a meeting of the NWS had met recently and been attended by 5 people. A newsletter may be produced to go out with the R and A. Additional representatives are needed. Smart water and personal alarms are to be promoted. Jane Percival had also put a bit in the R and A about cybernet crime.
- vi. Village Sign project – Cllr Hawkins reported that the sign was now with SNC. The Chairman signed the Authorisation letter from NCC setting out the conditions with which Blisworth PC must abide. **Clerk** to copy and return. Robert Fallon and Adrian SNC Planning Officers are presently looking into the need or otherwise for planning permission.
- vii. Historic Wheels and Axis Unit positioning – Correspondence had been received stating that the wheels were in fact from a quarrying wagon used to carry stone from Lady Field to the canal and not the tunnel railway. This item will go back on the agenda.
- viii. Grand Union Canal Conservation Area Appraisal (email from Robert Fallon)

37. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

Out:

- i) Various emails circulated to councillors for information

In

- i. Interest in vacancy for councillor from Paulette Kennedy
- ii. Request of support from resident of Courteenhall Road re odours in Elm Tree Corner dealing with AW and SNC Environmental Health – Parish Council had been copies into correspondence.
- iii. JPP Consulting – revised positioning of 30mph in Chapel Lane (circulated) – it was agreed that the new position was favourable. **Clerk** to confirm (she had verbally)
- iv. Response from Helen Howard re Towcester Road speed limit
- v. Suggestions from Tony Marsh for position historic wheels and axle unit – see local matters 35,vii
- vi. Correspondence from Andrea Leadsom MP concerning various issues-grass cutting, dogbins, bonfires. The present grass cutting arrangements were cutting the area

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mentioned – between Eastfield and Buttmead. The number of dog bins had been discussed before. The burning of bonfires is not illegal but consideration should be given to neighbours when lighting them. This last item will be put in the R and A.

38. FINANCE

i) The following payments were approved

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
V Hartley	Salary for Mar	414.64	-	414.64	2243
HMRC	Tax for above	103.60	-	103.60	2244
N and P Gardens	Mowing	496.50	99.30	595.80	2245
# AH Contracts	Empty dog bins	79.40	15.88	95.28	2246
Shire Lumsden	R & A printing	108.00		108.00	2247
Anglian Water	Allotment Water	123.01		123.01	2248

50% precept - £15500 paid into bank On 17.4.14.

The Chairman had collected £300 cheque for the rent of the Parish Field and £20 for allotment rent.

A cheque for £500 had been received from SNC towards the cost of the cemetery gates.

Bank Balance at 24.4.14 - £41714

ii) Request for contribution towards renovation of cemetery gates from Parish Plan Progress Team – Cllr Kennedy had obtained one quote but will get more and this item will go on the next agenda.

40. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

- Vacancy for Parish Councillor – one vacancy still exists
- **Clerk** to report weeds on path between Westbrook and Chapel Lane to Street Doctor.
- Cllr Burgoyne had spoken to Shop Keeper who was not keen on having a bin outside the shop as in the past it had been used by the canal residents. Renovations on the shop front are progressing.

41. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A resident had written to the Parish Council, after this agenda had gone out, with concerns about the proposed zebra crossing on the High Street in front of No 6. Cllr Masterman apologised for the Councillors who had not consulted directly with the residents but pointed out that the money from the developers was to be used in connection with the Chapel Lane development.

A copy of the Councillors will be sent to Jane Percival inclusion in the Village Directory.

42. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 7.7.14

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