

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 7th July 2014

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

Present:

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| Cllr AC Jeffery | Chairman |
| Cllr J Hawkins | Vice Chairman |
| Cllr S Billing | |
| Cllr P Masterman | |
| Cllr M Field | |
| Cllr C Gardner | |
| Cllr Burgoyne | |
| Cllr Anderson | |
| Cllr Kennedy | |

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| 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.

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – THE FOLLOWING APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED
REASONS FOR ABSENCE APPROVED : Cllr J Kirkbride, Cllr McKeown

48. 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 was declared.

49. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS DATED 2nd June 2014 and 30th June 2014 – it was proposed by Cllr Billing and seconded by Cllr Masterman that the 2.6.14 minutes were adopted as a true record. Also, it was proposed by Cllr Field and seconded by Cllr Hawkins that the 30.6.14 minutes were adopted as a true record.

50. CLERK'S REPORT – Action points from last meeting carried out, attendance of Clerk's forum on 13.6.14. Clerk reported that the forum had been informative covering in particular an item on Community Infrastructure Levy, registration of Community Assets and Community Grants.

51. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS – Cllr Clarke reported:

- Blisworth is supposed to now have Superfast Broadband – being one of the first villages to receive it.
- A planning application has been received for a 2 million square foot building for Howdens,(make kitchens) near to Junction 15 of the M1 and on the Blisworth side. Their case for the site is that there is not enough space at Brackmills, but whether Pineham had been explored was unknown. Consultation is on 16th July at Hilton Park Hotel.
- Conditions for planning permissions are now going to be added to information available on the website.

52. 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 – no further information available.
- ii) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – consultation on level of funding from 26.6.14 – 7.8.14. SNC may not decide to adopt the scheme – will decide in October 2014. The scheme would replace the Section 106 Agreements. CIL is non- negotiable and charged per square metre of new build development, paid at the commencement of new development. The money raised is used to fund new infrastructure as mentioned and where a new development takes place in a parish some will be passed to the Parish Council to spend on local infrastructure. 25% of the CIL will go to the Parish Council if it has a Neighbourhood Plan and 15% if not.

iii) Progress of other recent applications :

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| <u>S/2014/0904/TLN</u> | Alvechurch Boat Centre Gayton Marina Blisworth | Ancillary development including 4 transmission dishes not greater than 0.6m diameter and swap existing antennae and attach MHAs | 19/06/14 | Case Officer Allocated |
| <u>S/2014/0908/TLN</u> | Telecommunications site at Blisworth Road / Courteenhall Road Roade | Replacement of 3 No. existing antennas with 3 No. new antennas of marginally smaller cubic volume, fixed at the same height and ancillary development | 16/06/14 | Case Officer Allocated |
| <u>S/2014/0837/FUL</u> | Blisworth House Church Lane Blisworth | Conversion of outbuildings and existing extension to residential annexe. Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new garden room on south elevation. | 13/06/14 | See meeting of 30.6.14 |
| <u>S/2014/0838/LBC</u> | Blisworth House Church Lane Blisworth | Conversion of outbuilding and existing extension to residential annexe. Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of garden room on south elevation. | 13/06/14 | - see meeting of 30.6.14 |
| <u>S/2014/0863/FUL</u> | 4 Courteenhall Road Blisworth | Garage and car port with home office over Plans circulated – Clerk to respond : no objections so long as office for domestic not commercial use | 12/06/14 | Consults Despatched |

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| <u>S/2014/0858/LDE</u> | Land off Chapel Lane Blisworth | Certificate of lawful development (existing) to confirm the start was within one year of decision (S/2013/0225/MAF) condition one. | 12/06/14 | Consults Despatched |
| <u>S/2014/0832/PCC</u> | Blisworth County Primary School Courteenhall Road Blisworth | Erection of a 2.4 metre high security mesh fence to replace existing damaged fence. | 12/06/14 | Approved |
| <u>S/2014/0791/MAO</u> | Land off Northampton Road Blisworth | Residential development of up to 30 dwellings, estate road, open space and associated works (outline). | 05/06/14 | -see meeting of 30.6.14 |
| <u>S/2014/0714/LDP</u> | 22 Northampton Road Blisworth | Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed home office/gym attached to existing garage. | 19/05/14 | Consults Despatched |
| <u>S/2014/0835/FUL</u> | 11a Buttmead Blisworth | Single storey rear extension and raised patio Plans circulated – no objections – Clerk to respond | 08/05/14 | Consults Despatched |

53. Local Matters

- i. Footpaths – Reports of any problems – grass cuttings are being left in RD2 the path between Buttmead and Courteenhall Road , **Cllr Jeffery** will look into this. Rod Kennedy has agreed to take on the role of Foot Path Warden unless someone else would like to do it.
- ii. Lighting – Reporting of street light faults – none reported. **Clerk** to follow up query re replacement of mercury lamps.
- iii. Play Area – Cllr Dalton reported no problems. New Homes Bonus grants would be a possibility for obtaining new equipment?
- iv. Traffic/Highway Issues – Ann Goss had reported that the footpath adjacent to the allotments on Stoke Road is overgrown. The Chairman will speak to N and P Garden Services with and it was agreed he could commit up to £70 to rectify the problem.
 - Request for Planters at Bus stop near The Oak – this issue is postponed at present.
 - Cutting of overgrown hedge on Northampton Road – the hedge has still not been cut and is dangerous – **Clerk** to report again (this issue has been reported on 11th and 23rd June).
 - School Parking – GPO car park – Pat reported to the meeting that she had contacted the lessee.
 - Community Enhancement Gangs – work to be done on 10.7.14.
- v. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – Mark Redding reported to the meeting:
 - No crime in June!
 - Crime Prevention Road Show to take place on 28.7.14, from 10am -1pm.
 - He has cleaned the Neighbourhood Watch signs.
 - Attended the last Scout Fun Day and will attend the Canal Festival hopefully with Tara Cooksammy.
 - He is hoping to promote the Speed Watch campaign next year and get some volunteers to train in using the speed gun.
- vi. Village sign project – Cllr Hawkins reported the official unveiling with Alan Bailey and Ivan Chester to be held at 2.15pm on 22nd July. SNC is doing the construction work.

54. Litter Heroes Award

Cllr Masterman reported that the award for £500 is to be spent on a 'litter related' project. She suggested a poster competition or model made from recycled materials for children/preschool children. It was suggested that the NCC Waste Education Team might be able to advise. Dog waste bins were also suggested as a possible use.

55. Possible Registration of the Royal Oak as a Community Asset – this would give the Community group a right to bid (not buy) the Oak. It would give the council 6 weeks notice that it was to go on the market and 6 months to secure the finance. The Parish Council could not purchase it. It was agreed that **Cllr Burgoyne and the Clerk** would complete the application form.

56. Historic Wheels and Axis Unit

It was confirmed that the wheels were from the quarry site at Lady Field and not to do with the canal. Cllr Burgoyne is working on the project and its positioning which is on – going.

57. Village Directory

The Chairman thanked Jane Percival and Beryl Andrews for her work in the final production of the Directory. It had been cheaper than anticipated (£400 had been budgeted). The printing had cost £150 and it was proposed by Cllr Dalton and agreed by the Council that £100 would be awarded for the costs of production.

58. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

Out:

- i) SNC - Response to planning applications
- ii) NCC – planning permission conditions document for village sign
- iii) JPP Consulting re Speed limit position on Gayton Road re Chapel Lane development
- iv) SNC – SPLAT – poster up
- v) Request to cut overgrowth back from Northampton Road and Church Lane/Stoke Road junction (+ response)
- vi) Various emails circulated to councillors for information

In

- i. NCC Highways – site visit re overhanging hedge on Northampton Road
- ii. Church Lane/Stoke Road – Blisworth PC responsibility
- iii. CILS – circ
- iv. Flood Bus – dates – circ
- v. Bypass for Roade? – circ
- vi. Safer Community Road Shows – circ
- vii. Royal Oak – resident requesting to 'save the pub' – see earlier agenda item.
- viii. SNC – re application for funding by Canal Parish Partnership for £975. Blisworth has got funds -£11289 in the New Homes Bonus Allocation.
- ix. Parish Plan Progress Team – re conflict of interests for councillors and members of the team – the Chairman read out a letter (attached to minutes) from Cllr Masterman who had consulted with ACRE and she was advised that there is not a conflict of interests.
- x. Housing Needs Survey – to be completed and circulated by **Cllr Burgoyne** and to go on the next agenda.

59. FINANCE

i) Payments – the following payments were approved:

| Name | Details | Amount £ | VAT | Total | Chq |
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| V Hartley | Salary for June | 414.64 | - | 414.64 | 2249 |
| HMRC | Tax for above | 103.60 | - | 103.60 | 2250 |
| N and P Gardens | Mowing | 496.50 | 99.30 | 595.80 | 2251 |
| AH Contracts | Empty dog bins | 79.40 | 15.88 | 95.28 | 2252 |
| Jane Percival (re- imbursement) | Printing of directory | 150.00 | | 150.00 | 2255 |
| SLCC membership | 40% divided with other PCs | £160.00 | | 160,00 | 2253 |
| SNAST | Annual membership | £10.00 | | £10.00 | 2254 |
| Beryl and Jane Percival | Village directory expenses | £100.00 | | £100.00 | 2255 |

£3944 VAT paid into bank

Bank Balance at 24.6.14 - £40249

- ii) Renovation of cemetery gates from Parish Plan Progress Team – Cllr Kennedy had obtained a quote
- iii) Internal Audit report (carried out 27.5.14)
- iv) **Adoption of Risk Assessment** – the recently circulated document was proposed for adoption by Cllr Dalton and seconded by Cllr Masterman.

60. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

- Cllr Bugoyne asked Cllr Clarke if there was any news on the progress of the sale of the Sun, Moon and Stars – the sold signs have come down. It was agreed that she will write to SNC and invite an officer to speak at a PC meeting.
- Cllr Gardener stated that the Play Area needed another piece of play equipment.
- Cllr Masterman requested photos of the new councillors

61. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

- Question asked whether the PC would employ someone to clean the bus shelter. Clerk will look into this but pointed out that the shelter does not belong to the Parish Council. It was agreed that an item – 'Employment of a handy man' will go on the next agenda.
- Question about position of the proposed zebra crossing. It was confirmed that nothing was finalised yet, the only decision made is that the developers will pay for a crossing.

62. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 4.8.14. Meeting closed at 9.55pm