

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014

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

### Present:

Cllr AC Jeffery	Chairman
Cllr J Hawkins	Vice Chairman
Cllr S Billing	
Cllr C Gardner	
Cllr Burgoyne	
Cllr Dalton	
Cllr Kennedy	
Cllr S Clarke	SNC Cllr
Cllr J Kirkbride	NCC Cllr
7 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.

**78. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Field, Cllr Anderson**

**79. 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.

**80. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED and 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014.** It was proposed by Cllr Billing and seconded by Cllr Hawkins that the minutes were adopted and signed as a true record.

### **81. CHAIRMAN'S / CLERK'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported:

- He had met with the resident who had concerns over the parking of vehicles on pavements making it difficult for mobility scooters, buggies and pedestrians. He was putting an item in R and A requesting consideration by drivers for these when parking their cars.
- The VHPFA can use the Parish Council email address when applying for grants

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- Northampton Road hedge – had been cut the day after the last meeting. There is a new landowner of the adjacent field and he will ask him/her to cut the hedge in future.
- The reflectors for the Eastfield/Home Close footway are on order from BACCA.

The Clerk reported:

- She could attend the ‘Dealing with Disruptive Behaviour’ course which NCALC is holding on 16<sup>th</sup> September. The cost could be shared with the other councils she works for.
- She is still to contact Sam Linnell regarding ‘handyman’ work for the Parish Council. Cllr Dalton had spoken to Viv Bartley and handed his business card to the Clerk for future reference.

## 82. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Kirkbride –

- An extra £3.3million is to be allocated to road repairs in the county.
- More funds are to be made available to fund Superfast Broadband and 90% of the county should have it by the end of 2015 and 100% by 2017.
- Silverstone is still to be developed.
- Libraries in the county are not closed and now debt advice, job clubs and bus passes are available from them.

Cllr Clarke –

- Filming/recording of public meetings is now allowed according to new legislation. This could cause issues as recordings could potentially be used to challenge planning decisions made in Development Control meetings at SNC.
- Listed building consent had been granted for Blisworth House
- Approval of the Certificate of lawful development (existing) to confirm the start date was within one year of decision (S/2013/0225/MAF) had been granted.
- S/2014/0791/MAO, land off Northampton Road, residential development of up to 30 dwellings had been rejected.
- The Sun Moon and Stars has been sold, contracts exchanged. It is to be converted to flats subject to planning. Cllr Kennedy had enquired under the Freedom of Information legislation about progress and ascertained that criteria had not yet been agreed, and that it was sold subject to contract. SNC will answer when they can.

## 83. 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 – nothing to update as yet
  - Howden’s possible application for 2 million square foot warehouse at junction 15 of M1 – See correspondence
- ii) Progress of other recent applications :

<u>S/2014/1512/FUL</u>	38 Pond Bank Blisworth	Conversion of existing flat roofs over single storey porch and single storey garage/kitchen to pitched roofs using materials to match existing main house roof.	- No objection
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<u>S/2014/1509/LBC</u>	4 Northampton Road Blisworth	Two new windows in south east elevation	- No objection
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<u>S/2014/1501/FUL</u>	Grafton	Conversion of existing barns and reconstruction of existing	Referred to extra
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	Barns Gayton Road Blisworth	single storey sections to create 3 dwellings with garaging. Creation of new access road and erection of three bay car port and car parking. Removal of modern barn to north. Internal and external alterations to barns to accommodate the proposed use. Additional landscaping proposed.	meeting on 9.9.14	
<u>S/2014/1502/LBC</u>	Grafton Barns Gayton Road Blisworth	Conversion of existing barns and reconstruction of existing single storey sections to create 3 dwellings with garaging. Creation of new access road and erection of three bay car port and car parking. Removal of modern barn to north. Internal and external alterations to barns to accommodate the proposed use.	Referred to extra meeting on 9.9.14	
<u>S/2014/1353/COND</u>	25 Greystones High Street Blisworth	Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 3 (window/door details) of planning permission S/2014/0322/FUL (single storey rear extension).		
<u>S/2014/1294/TCA</u>	66 High Street Blisworth	Reduce 1 No. twin stemmed Lawson by circa 4-5m	Info only	
<u>S/2014/1338/FUL</u>	49 Stoke Road Blisworth	Replacement single storey rear extension	No objection	
<u>S/2014/1213/FUL</u>	Hillside House Blisworth Road Gayton	The creation of a new single storey side extension and a new second storey extension over the existing garage.	24/07/14	Site Visit Complete
<u>S/2014/1307/FUL</u>	22 Northampton Road Blisworth	Proposed home office/gym	Referred to extra meeting on 9.9.14	
<u>S/2014/1306/FUL</u>	22 Pond Bank Blisworth	Single storey side/rear extension	No objection	

- iii) Candle Cottage – Correspondence had been received after the agenda had gone out from an architect acting for the owner of Candle Cottage on Gayton Road. It indicated that the owner is proposing to apply to SNC for planning permission for 5 dwellings on the site and renovate Candle Cottage. It was agreed that this warranted an **extraordinary meeting at 7pm on 9<sup>th</sup> September**. Also at this meeting planning applications S/2014/1307/FUL and S/2014/1502/LBC would be discussed further.
- iv) Clerk to book Cllr Hawkins on to CPRE Planning Workshop on 30.10.14 at Little Houghton Village Hall.

#### 84. Local Matters

- i. Footpaths – Reports of any problems  
Clerk had written to Mr Tim Noble thanking him for volunteering to become Footpath Warden. No other issues for report.
- ii. Lighting – Reporting of street light faults – Cllr Gardner reported that one of the street light in Courteenhall Road was obscured by a tree. The **Chairman** agreed to speak to the owner and ask if he could trim it back.
- iii. Play Area – Certificate for Inspection Course received by Clerk and Log Book for inspections to be passed to Cllr Dalton. Cllr Dalton reported that he had repaired the

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gate and that there were no issues to report. However he did feel that the area would do with more play equipment.

- iv. Traffic/Highway Issues –  
Consideration of the problem of dog faeces - This subject was discussed at length. Dog faeces are a problem on the football fields and correspondence had been received to this effect. It was agreed that the **Clerk** ask AH Contracts how often the present bins are emptied and how much they would charge to empty another one supplied by the Parish Council.  
The visibility crossing the A43 at the junction is severely restricted at present by overgrown grass. **Clerk** to report this urgently.
- v. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – nothing to report
- vi. Village sign project – Cllr Hawkins reported that the sign has still not been erected due to problems with ground. Cllr Clarke had received an email this evening stating that ‘sleeves’ were required for the posts and that installation should occur by the end of the week.
- vii. Historic Wheels and Axis Unit Positioning within the village – no developments
- viii. Drainage at gates to cemetery – Cllr Masterman reported that there had been a constructive meeting with Highways and work was done on 15<sup>th</sup> August. It appeared that the drainage problems had been resolved.

#### **85. Litter Heroes Award – Childrens Litter competition**

Cllr Masterman reported that she had contacted NCC, Blisworth School and the Scouts about a competition (possibly relating to dog faeces). The NCC contact will visit the school in the new term and the making of models with recyclable material may take place. The Parish Council could contribute by paying for the hire of the hall.

#### **86. Registration of the Royal Oak as a Community Asset**

Cllr Burgoyne reported that there had been no further developments. There are further new tenants and it opens on Thursday this week.

#### **87. Employment of a ‘Village Handyman’**

It was agreed that before a handyman could be employed the public liability insurance held by him must be checked.

It was agreed that N and P Services should be asked to sort out Stoke Road overgrowth. **Clerk** to make the request that they liaise with Jane Percival.

#### **88. COMMUNICATIONS**

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

Out:

- i) SNC - Response to planning applications
- ii) Howdens – response to proposed development at J 15 of M1( + acknowledgement)
- iii) Mr Tim Noble – welcoming him as Footpath Warden

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- i. NCC – information on Blue badges, Concessionary travel, ‘20 million steps’ (for J. Percival)
- ii. Dog Fouling playing fields
- iii. Free lunches for Year 1 and 2 children (for J. Percival)
- iv. Allotment Magazine
- v. NCALC – Update

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vi. Alzheimers Society – requesting volunteers

## 89. FINANCE

i) Payments – for approval

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
Liselle Solutions	Website domain renewal & hosting	£46.99		46.99	2266
Anglian Water	13.5 -12.8.14	171.94		171.94	2267
National Allotment Society	Annual membership	55.00	11.00	66.00	2268
V Hartley	Salary for Aug	414.44	-	414.44	2269
HMRC	Tax for above	103.80	-	103.80	2270
N and P Gardens	Mowing	496.50	99.30	595.80	2271
AH Contracts	Empty dog bins	79.40	15.88	95.28	2272

Bank Balance at 24.8.14 - £ 37732

ii) Renovation of cemetery gates from Parish Plan Progress Team – on going

## 90. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

- Cllr Dalton – update of play equipment
- Cllr Gardner – tidy up of war grave in cemetery required. Cllr Kennedy sated this is soon to be done.
- Cllr Masterman - reporting of scams about tax refunds should be reported as action does seem to be taken.
- Cllr Masterman also reported that she is going to take on the 'Best Village' Competition 2015 – volunteers needed.

## 91. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

- Poppies were planted in the cemetery to mark the 100 year anniversary of the start of WW1.
- There has been a request from the Village Network to include a booklet with the delivery of the next issue of the Round and About. Jane Percival will check what is involved.
- A request was made for a proper survey of the pavements to be conducted as they are deteriorating and a hazard for mobility scooters and pedestrians particularly in the dark. **Clerk** to write to Helen Howard to ask for this and copy in Ann Goss as Highways Warden. Cllr Masterman pointed out that a survey was conducted recently.
- Concern was raised over the speed of vehicles entering the village from the Northampton Road and into the High Street.

## 92. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS 9.9.14 and 6.10.14

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm

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