

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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 M Mc Keown	
Cllr A Anderson	
Cllr Burgoyne	
Cllr Dalton	
Cllr Kennedy	
Cllr M Field	
Cllr P Masterman	

Cllr S Clarke            SNC 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.

**113 . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE – PCSO Tara Cooksammy**

**114. 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.

**115. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014.** The minutes were proposed by Cllr Mckeown and seconded by Cllr Masterman.

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

- Chairman's attendance at NCALC conference – the Chairman reported that there will be an increase in the subscription rates from £560 to £645 (12%) as NCALC had made a loss for two years. Despite this it was agreed that the PC should retain membership as it is a useful source of information and advice, independent from SNC.

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- The Chairman reported that N and P Garden Services have cleared the Stoke Road path for £80 and removed the debris for £50 within the figure set at last meeting for hedge trimming.
- The Clerk reported that all actions had been carried out as per the last minutes.

### 117. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Clarke reported:

- Final West Northants Joint Core Strategy press release – Inspectors Report has been published. A few amendments are to be made and the committee will act on **December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** to formally adopt it.
- He drew attention to the parallel issue in the boundary between Oxon and Northants with the Howdens proposals at Junction 15 of the M1.
- SNC had approved funds for the car park repairs (from the New Homes Bonus).

### 118. 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
- ii) Progress of other recent applications : see extract from SNC Planning Register
- iii) **Report from 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation meeting re Howden development at J.15 of M1, attended by chairman.**  
 The Chairman reported that there was much more detail of the road improvements, the intention to put in 4 lanes to the M1, increase the size of the roundabouts with traffic lighting should alleviate the congestion at the junction. The Parish Council should be aware that this scheme could be favourable to the government and Roxhill would be paying as the developers of the site. Also Howdens would only require half the area at present so other development could occur. SNC would benefit from the rates but Cllr Clarke stated that SNC's decision would be based on planning merits.
- iv) **S/ 2014/1602/FUL - 34 Pond Bank – approved** - concern from adjoining neighbour over light – the Council considered the letter but **Clerk** to respond that the Parish Council is not in a position to help as SNC have made their decision as the Planning Authority.
- v) **S/ 2014/2016/OUT – Residential development for up to 5 dwellings with associated road works and drainage at Candle Cottage –** Clerk has extended deadline to 2.12.14 so comments will be made at the next meeting.

### 119. Local Matters

- i. **Footpaths** – Reports of any problems – RD7 has an electric fence without cross over points.
- ii. **Lighting** – Reporting of street light faults - Street light at bottom of Westbrook reported and one in Station Road. The street light outside 15 Greenaway Close is cracking. It was agreed that the **Clerk** request its replacement by the tall, new design.
- iii. **Play Area** – Cllr Dalton reported that he has quotes for new equipment from Kompan for a total cost of £15000 + VAT. Kompan would also make good the ground next to the spinners. The slide could also be replaced by a more modern one. **Clerk** to circulate the information to councillors for the next meeting's agenda.

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- iv. **Traffic/Highway Issues –**
- Request for footpath/warnings of entry to tunnel car park – Clerk had written to Helen Howard requesting the extension of the 30mph speed limit. A formal review carried out by various parties will be conducted and the project if warranted could be added to the November meeting and she will contact after that.
  - Stoke Road – still to be cleared
- v. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – Mark Redding reported on the Speed Watch Campaign for which he needs pledges from at least 350 people. There are two methods for dealing with the speeding – training for use in the speed gun and a data monitoring box (possibly boxes) to analyse the volume of traffic over a particular road, to help planning. The Parish Council stated that it is in favour of the campaign going ahead.
- vi. **Village sign project – completed!**  
Thank you letters gone out to SNC.

**120. Litter Heroes Award – Children’s Litter competition**

Cllr Masterman reported that the puppet making day had been successful. There were not that many people but those who came enjoyed the day. Prizes to be awarded.

**121. Extra dog bin on football fields.**

The Clerk reported that the new bin was ready to be installed. Cllr Dalton will meet with AH Contracts to finalise siting.

**122. A43 Junction Improvements**

The Chairman reported from the meeting held on 20.10.14, attended by Chairman and seven others, chaired by David Harries and David Allen was present from SNC. There have been 12 fatalities since the road was opened. The junctions would not be allowed if the road were being built today and it will become busier in the next few years due to increased development. The next meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

**123. Nomination of two councillors to take forward with the PPT the siting, permission, installation and purchase of 2 seats with donated money from Hollowell Steam Rally.**

**Cllrs Kennedy and Gardner** were nominated to take this project forward.

**124. Blisworth Park**

Cllr Masterman wanted the provision of seats in the Park to be investigated. The placing of seats on private land may not be viable.

**125. COMMUNICATIONS**

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

Out:

- i. South Northants Homes – consultation on parking for Connegar Leys – request for consideration
- ii. M. Wreford – thank you letters for nominating Blisworth PC for donation from Hollowell Steam Rally and for donation
- iii. Residences of 21 -31 High Street re overgrown hedges
- iv. AH Contracts – request for new dog bin
- v. SNC staff – thanking them for involvement of installation of village sign
- vi. NCC – Helen Howard - Request to extend 30mph zone in Stoke Road
- vii. Chairman’s letter to Cllr McKeown re attendance of meetings
- viii. Condolence letter to Caroline Young re the death of David

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## Emails:

- i. Final West Northants JCS press release – Inspectors Report published – circ
- ii. Village Fun Day 30.6.15 – circ
- iii. Response from NCC Helen Howard re extension to speed limit in Stoke Road
- iv. Emails regarding Speed Watch via Mark Redding
- v. Tony Marsh – Ironstone Mining Information Board – circ  
The History Society will look into this.
- vi. Waterway Forum Reminder – 6.11.14 – circ
- vii. Tove A43/A5 Bulletins
- viii. Blisworth Guides – request for grant – circ – see Finance
- ix. PCSO Tara Cooksammy – October Crime Report – circ
- x. David Olgilvie – seats information
- xi. NCC – Public Consultation on Creating Sustainable Communities – Planning  
22.10.14 – 3.12 14 – circ
- xii. Resident of 36 Pond Bank – concern over planning approval for 34 Pond Bank – see  
planning on agenda
- xiii. Canal and Parish Partnership – Support requested for forwarding to Transport Trust  
for recognition of Blisworth Tunnel to be celebrated with a Red Wheel plaque at  
**Blisworth** end of the tunnel. An event had taken place on 22<sup>nd</sup> August unbeknown to  
the Blisworth Canal and Parish Partnership when a plaque was unveiled at the Stoke  
Bruerne end and Blisworth organisations were very disappointed that they had not  
been made aware. The Chairman read the letter read out in full. It was agreed that  
support for the Partnership should be given by the council. **Cllr Burgoyne** pointed  
out that all the commercial development work for the tunnel took place at the  
Blisworth end and she will draft the letter. It will be copied to the Canal Parish  
Partnership.

**126. FINANCE**

- i) **Agreement of Budget for 2015/6** – The Chairman introduced a draft budget, prepared and circulated by the Clerk. After discussion, **the Council resolved to approve the budget of £31000** that is appended to these Minutes, proposed by Cllr McKeown and seconded by Cllr Masterman. The Council then resolved to apply for a precept of £31,000 from SNC to cover the amount required by the budget.
- ii) **Payments – for approval**

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
E-on	Light Maintenance	215.67	43.13	258.80	2283
E-on	Supplies	699.16	139.83	838.99	2284
V Hartley	Salary for Oct	414.44	-	414.44	2285
HMRC	Tax for above	103.60	-	103.60	2286
N and P Gardens	Mowing	496.50	99.30	595.80	2287
Cancelled cheque					2280
AH Contracts	Empty dog bins	99.25	19.85	119.10	2290
V Hartley	Exps (stationery/communi cations since 4.11.13	479.98		479.98	2289
Mark Goatley	Hedge trimming	108.00	21.60	129.60	2290
Aylesbury Mains	Light repairs	65.90	13.18	79.08	2292
Imaginary Ordinary	Puppet making	150.00		150.00	2293

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	session for Recycling competition				
Cllr Masterman	Refund for prizes for puppet making	115.00		115.00	2294

Bank Balance at 24.9.14 - £ 51620  
 Less cheques paid out since 6.10.14 - £1862  
 Add £2000 from Hollowell Steam Rally  
     £172.89 from Scouts for water  
     £40 from Village Networks for R and A insertion  
 Balance available - £51931

- iii) Renovation of cemetery gates from Parish Plan Progress Team – on going
- iv) Donation from Hollowell Steam Rally via Wrefords of £2000 for seats, presentation 8<sup>th</sup> October.
- v) Proposal to allocate £5000 towards resurfacing of village hall car park. It was proposed that £5000 be awarded to the Village Hall and Playing Fields Association for this project, proposed by Cllr Masterman and seconded by Cllr McKeown. 6 councillors were in favour. ( Cllrs Field and Billing abstained as they are on the VHPFA.) Cllr Dalton abstained.
- vi) Request by Blisworth Tapestry Charity to hold funds of £2675.94 on their behalf? This was discussed. Clerk was concerned that any funds ‘donated’ to the Council would be subject to financial ‘powers’ as with any expenditure incurred by the Council. **Clerk** to check position with NCALC.
- vii) Request from Blisworth Guides for a grant from the PC  
 Cllr Kennedy agreed to advise them based on work done at Bugbrooke. It was felt that the organization should come up with a particular project which the PC could look to helping out.
- viii) Clarification on payment of water bill – division between Scouts, Football Club and Allotments.
- ix) Allotment bills gone out
- x) Request for contract re water bill for village organisations
- xi) Clerk to insure new fencing on play area for £6000.

## 127. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS

- **Cllr Gardner** – Work should be carried out to update the water agreement between the various organisations.
- **Cllr Field** – requested that Canal Parish Partnership supply a dog bin by the Mill bridge. Alan Andrews agreed to do this.
- **Cllr Field** – concerned that when SNC had cleared leaves on the Northampton Road they had blown them into the road where they may block the drains near Helligan House.
- **Cllr Masterman** – suggested an allotment should be made available to the School. Supervision would be required but this was agreed in principle.
- **Cllr Burgoyne** - stated that she felt the relationship with Stoke Bruerne should be encouraged particularly between the Canal Parish Partnerships as working together would be more constructive.

## 128. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

- Jane Percival reported that there will be an Act of Remembrance Ceremony on Armistice Day with the poppies from the River of Blood on display. Poppies will be available to purchase for £5.

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- The removal of the hedge to the tunnel car park seemed to have discouraged fly tipping and drugs.
- Cllr Clarke reported from Robert Fallon, Chief Planning Officer at SNC that there have been no planning permission awarded to the Sun Moon and Stars and if a formal application is submitted the PC will be consulted in the normal way.

**129. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 1.12.14**

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Extract from SNC Planning Register – 27.10.14

Planning Applications Register

<b><u>S/2014/1967/TCA</u></b>	Grafton House 1 Gayton Road Blisworth	Reduce one ash leaf maple by 20%. Remove long low lateral of one crack willow and failed limb in adjacent tree. Fell one ash tree and remove ivy from another ash tree.	22/10/2014
<b><u>S/2014/1951/FUL</u></b>	17 Connegar Leys Blisworth	Front porch	07/10/2014
<b><u>S/2014/1651/FUL</u></b>	Unit 6 Prospect Court Blisworth	Change of use from B1 offices to D1 to create a non surgical weight loss clinic	02/09/2014
<b><u>S/2014/1667/FUL</u></b>	71 Connegar Leys Blisworth	Construction of two storey side and rear extension	02/09/2014
<b><u>S/2014/1654/FUL</u></b>	Blaize Farm Blisworth Road Roade	Demolition of existing dwelling and garage block and stables and erection of replacement dwelling and new garage block and stables	01/09/2014

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BUDGET FOR 2015-16					
	<b>Known figs for 2013/14</b>	<b>Budget for 2014/15</b>	<b>Year end forecast for 14/15</b>	<b>Budget for 2015/16</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Income</b>					
Precept	31000	<b>31000</b>	31000	<b>31000</b>	
Windfall	2897	2897		-	
Mowing grant	772	772	772	772	
Allotments	562	455	600	450	
Parish Field	300	300	300	300	
Donations	525		2500	500	
VAT	1982	2000	3943	1500	
<b>Total</b>	<b>38038</b>	<b>37424</b>	<b>39115</b>	<b>34522</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Training	80	200	120	120	
Expenses - comms/stationery	386	650	500	500	
S137 donations	318	1000	500	1000	
Newsletter	360	1000	800	800	
Website	35	100	50	50	
Insurance	1066	1200	1088	1100	
Clerk Salary	5297	6217	6217	6280	
Subscriptions – NCALC/ACRE	436	500	600	650	
Other misc Admin	0	100	0	100	
Allotments (water)	586	1000	600	600	
Grass cutting	5693	7000	5958	6258	
Street lighting	3630	4500	4000	5000	
Dog bins	1032	1200	1100	1300	
Audit	375	420	400	425	
Room Hire	0	200	99	200	
Community Plan	0	200	0	200	
Village sign	0	150	0	0	
Church yard repair	0	500	500	500	
Playground maintenance and inspection	1330	1300	1240	1300	
Capital schemes - lighting	1155	1300	1155	1200	
Play Area - fencing	5860		6317(4472 grant)		
General property Repair	300	1000	1000	1000	
Allotments repair/maintenance	55	500	500	500	
School crossing patrol	1000	1000	1000	1000	

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Councillors exps	37	200	200	200	
Seats			2000		
Village hall car park?				5000	
Contingency	227	1500	1500	1500	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29258</b>	<b>32937</b>	<b>32972</b>	<b>36783</b>	

**\*\*Justification for Precept for 2015/16**

Income                    34672  
Expenditure            36783  
Difference                -£2111

**Bank balances** : at 3.11.14, Current account - £51931 (last year - £35688)  
at 24.8.14, Reserve account - £5092 (last year - £5089)

**See finance Section of the Minutes for 3.11.14 for resolution**

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