

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 1st June 2015

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

Present:

Cllr C Jeffery	Chairman
Cllr J Hawkins	
Cllr C Gardner	
Cllr M Field	
Cllr S Billing	
Cllr P Kennedy	
Cllr Anderson	
Cllr D Dalton	
Cllr B Rose	
Cllr D Burgoyne	
Cllr M McKeown	

6 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 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.

Before the meeting commenced The recently elected Cllr Bernard Rose, signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was handed his Interests for completion. The other councillors' interest forms have been completed and the Clerk had handed them to SNC for the Monitoring Officer. Cllr Rose's will be sent off when complete.

29 . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – The following apologies were received and reasons for absence approved: Cllr Burgoyne, Cllr Clarke SNC, Cllr Davies, SNC, Cllr Kirkbride NCC.

30. 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.

31. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES - The minutes of the previous meeting dated 12th May 2015 were agreed and adopted, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Hawkins

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32. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S REPORT – Actions carried out as per last meeting, other items covered by agenda.

33. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS – may include report from local Community Police Officer – none present

34. PLANNING

- Consultation with PC – no applications received
- From SNC Planning Register: Conditions 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14 for Grafton House (no applications received)
- Howdens Development Protest Walk – 7th June 2015

35. Local Matters

- **Rights of Way** – No reports of any problems
- **Lighting** – See Finance for discussions on street light maintenance
Street light outside 34 Stoke Road – in need of repair. This will be delayed until after the discussions on maintenance are concluded.
- **Play Area** –
 - Progress of grant application for new equipment. Cllr Dalton reported that he had received the confirmation of the order for the new equipment. Two weeks notice of installation will be given to allow Paddy Bartlett to get ground work completed. Jane Percival had obtained the sign for the gate for £20.00
- **Traffic/Highway Issues** –
 - **Stoke Road** – White lines along edge of road in Stoke Road – Clerk had written to Helen Howard, Highways suggesting that Blisworth PC could carry out this work but there had been no response. **Clerk** to write again stating that John Arnold, an approved NCC contractor would carry out the work.
 - **Dangerous Parking in Courteenhall Road** – clerk had requested that Helen Howard, NCC send out traffic warden at school pick up time. Response that she will try to facilitate this.
 - **Cycling sign in Connegar Leys** – work instructed to take place within 3 months of 22.4.15.
- **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – nothing to report
- **Allotments** – nothing to report

36. COMMUNICATIONS - outgoing and ingoing

Circulated to councillors:

- i. **SNC – Conservation Area Appraisal – may attend meeting**
- ii. Canal and Rivers Trust – signage being put up re use of generators
- iii. Copies of Correspondence from Mr and Mrs Hayward to SNC Planning Officer, Robert Fallon – **Clerk** to send out to councillors
- iv. NCC - Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update - Issues and Options consultation
- v. NCC consultation - Wellbeing Community Interest Company Initial Online Consultation

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- vi. Support letter request for Blisworth Canal Partnership for application to SNC for Community Event Grant for £600 – it was agreed that the **Clerk** write letter of support from the PC. Alan Andrews reported that the costs of putting on the event are increasing and that this grant would be very useful in mitigating some of them.
- vii. Introduction from Colin Ellis – Tree Surgeon
- viii. NCALC – Update
- ix. SNC – SPLAT sessions – 31.7.15 and 14.8.15
- x. NCALC - Electricity Procurement
- xi. Aylesbury Mains – Test and Inspection Report on street light

37. FINANCE

i) Cheque payments agreed:

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
Bartley Landscape & Maintenance	Installation of planters	60.00		60.00	2352
V Hartley	Salary for April	423.53	-	423.53	2353
HMRC	Tax for above	105.80	-	105.80	2354
Anglian Water	11.2.15 – 8.5.15	28.48		28.48	2355
AH Contracts	Dog Bins	111.16	22.23	133.39	2356
SNAST	Membership	10.00		10.00	2357
Jane Percival	Signage on gate	20.00		20.00	2358

iii) **Monies received:** 50% precept - £15500

Bank Balance at 26.4 .15 - £ 45626

iv) **Street Lighting** – Chairman’s report from site meeting and discussions with Aylesbury Mains

v) Decision whether to continue with arrangement with E-on for maintenance of street lights or Aylesbury Mains.

Presently E-on are being paid by the PC £860 per year for a ‘maintenance contract’ but it has proved difficult to find out what is covered by the contract. Repairs are paid for separately as carried out. Safety inspections should be carried out, David Mooney from E-on had given the following information:

*The frequency of inspection and testing is down to the discretion of the principal duty holder, which in this case would be Blisworth Parish Council.
The wording of the relevant recommendations is:*

622.2 In the case of an installation under an effective management system for preventative maintenance in normal use, periodic testing may be replaced by an adequate regime of continuous monitoring and maintenance of the installation and all its constituent equipment by skilled persons, competent in such work.

If the Parish Council choose to have the columns electrically tested E-on can carry this out at a cost of £15.00 (excluding VAT) per column.

Aylesbury Mains had stated that the Courteenhall lights can still be replaced for approximately £80 per light.

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After discussion it was **agreed that the PC make arrangements to have the maintenance of the street lights carried out by Aylesbury Mains.** This was proposed by Cllr Burgoyne and seconded by Cllr Anderson. Cllr Anderson also proposed getting a full breakdown of the maintenance contract from E-on giving them 7 days to respond.

NCALC had been in correspondence about the procurement of electricity regarding deemed contracts and the purchasing of electricity with other councils. E-on's prices at present appear to be competitive but he will do more research which will be available on 3rd June for the next meeting.

vi) Decision as to whether to contribute to School Building Project – still awaiting quotes

38. BT Superfast Broadband – Cllr Anderson agreed to push for this. The Chairman had met with a Tiffield PC Councillor who had told him that their village had got Superfast Broadband as a result of pressure from the PC.

39. PARISH PLAN PROGRESS TEAM FINANCE REPORT – the following report was submitted:

Balance bf	£499		
MONIES IN		EXPENDITURE	
Parish Council administration fund	£200	Fitting of High St. Planters	£60
		Balance cf May 2015	£639
	<u>£699</u>		<u>£699</u>

The cemetery management was discussed, in particular the boundary which is presently marked by the collapsed wall. It was suggested that a fence is positioned where the wall should be and a further hedge planted for long term. This would clarify the boundary between the cemetery and the adjacent neighbours. It was agreed that this item go on the [next agenda](#) for further discussion. The Wildlife Trust had visited today.

Cllr Kennedy reported that the footpath is to be started on 8th June. The **Chairman** agreed to make a sign stating that there is no access while work is carried out. Cllr Kennedy will inform the adjacent neighbour that the lime tree pollarding can not take place until the Autumn at the earliest.

40. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Cllr Burgoyne – Street light in Chapel Lane is out again. Clerk to report after Cllr Burgoyne gives her the PL number.

The Chairman had received a letter from a Tesco employee offering assistance to communities. It was suggested that she was invited to a PC meeting.

Cllr Rose asked what is the distance from a junction where one is allowed to park a car. It was thought to be 25 metres.

41. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION –

The issues raised had been covered in the meeting and are incorporated into these minutes.

42. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 6.7.15. Meeting closed at 8.47pm

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