

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 7th September 2015

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

Present:

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

Cllr S Clarke, SNC
Cllr H Davies SNC
PCSO T Cooksammy
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 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.

72. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – The following apologies were received and reasons for absence approved: Cllr J Hawkins, Cllr Joan Kirkbride, NCC

73. 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 as Item 77i not discussed.

74. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 3RD AUGUST 2015 - These were agreed and adopted, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Burgoyne

75. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S REPORT – Actions carried out as per last meeting. External Audit now completed, notice up – report to go on **next agenda**. Cllr McKeown reported that she is sourcing a filing cabinet for PC storage. Cllr Gardner will arrange to swap the Windmill Avenue bin with the one near the Oak. All other items on this agenda.

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76. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS – nothing to report from SNC
Cllrs Davies and Clarke.

Local Community Police Officer, PCSO Cooksammy reported:

2 crimes reported in August.

A number of sheds/garages have been burgled. Alarms are still available. The next NHW meeting is in November in Hartwell School.

77. PLANNING

i) For comments this meeting –

Application No. S/2015/1980/FUL

Proposal Demolish existing house and garage and build 5 new houses and garages

Location Willow House Towcester Road Blisworth

The Chairman reported that he had contacted Amanda Haisman this afternoon and was informed that the application is to be re-submitted to include the land down to the canal, which will include the footpath. Therefore a design and access statement needs to be submitted and the application re-submitted with some amendments.

The revised application is still to be received by SNC, therefore the response date will not be until after the October meeting and until the PC has the revised application it is unable to reach a formal decision, with this in mind the Willow House planning application was not discussed.

ii) For other applications – see register below

iii) Draft Conservation Area Survey - letter from PC requesting inclusion of Old Rectory Field in Conservation Area

78. Decision whether to hold an extraordinary meeting to produce response to Application No. S/2015/1980/FUL

Proposal Demolish existing house and garage and build 5 new houses and garages at Willow House Towcester Road – see item 77 above.

79. Local Matters

- **Rights of Way** – Reports of any problems – no issues
- **Lighting** – See Correspondence – Also, Cllr Gardner suggested that as the Council had switched to Aylesbury Mains from E-on for maintenance, the repair of the 3 Courteenhall Road lamps should be re-visited. A resident also requested the replacement of the light at the junction of Greenside and Stoke Road. It was agreed that the **Clerk** arrange a site meeting with Aylesbury Mains to discuss both these issues.
- **Play Area** – Cllr Dalton confirmed that the Project is now completed and a cheque has been dispatched to Kompan. He will now apply for the grant from SNC through Katie Arnold.

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- **Traffic/Highway Issues –**

750304 – weed problem reported : **Location:** STOKE ROAD - BETWEEN GREENSIDE AND ALONGSIDE ALLOTMENTS TOWARDS COTTAGES THE PAVEMENT IN FULL OF WEEDS.

750302 – overgrown vegetation : **Location:** PAVEMENT NEEDS SIDING OUT FROM JUNCTION OPPOSITE SCHOOL TO STATION ROAD AS IT IS DIFFICULT TO WALK ALONG WITHOUT GOING INTO ROAD

737962 – RUSTED/DANGEROUS NO CYCLING SIGN : **Location:** CONNEGAR LEYS,BLISWORTH - THE PATH FROM GREENAWAY TO CONNEGAR LEYS - Actions taken regarding report : Report received 24.4.15, work instructed (to be done within 3 months) and carried out on 10.8.15

The Speed Watch campaign had been in action - volunteers using the Speed Gun to pick up speeders. Excessive speeds had been recorded particularly on Towcester Road and Courteenhall Road and culprits received a letter from the police. Awaiting the results. PCSO Cooksammy suggested the purchase of a VAS (vehicle activated speed) device and gave a contact from the Police.

- **Stoke Road speeding issues** –See Correspondence and report above
- **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – nothing to report
- **Allotments**

80. Website

Cllr McKeown to meet with Mason Masterman – on going

81. COMMUNICATIONS - outgoing and ingoing

Out going

- Helen Howard, NCC Highways - Appeal against decision not to extend Speed limit in Stoke Road + response that item has been referred to Panel.
- SNC – supporting application S/2015/1010/ADV (Upgrade of Shop fascia)
- SNC, Draft Conservation Area Review - requesting that the garden and field of the Old Rectory is retained in the Conservation Area for Blisworth – this has been retained.
- Aylesbury Mains – report of repair required - Street Light outside 94 Connegar Leys
- Aylesbury Mains – report of repair required – No 46, Chapel Lane

In-coming and

Circulated to councillors:

- SNC - Volunteer drivers needed to help residents in south Northamptonshire attend their medical appointments
- PCSO Cooksammy - Parking guidance – parking is enforced by NCC Traffic Wardens, police get involved with obstruction.
- Helen Howard, NCC Highways - Appeal against decision not to extend Speed limit in Stoke Road – response - to be put to panel
- SNC - New Homes Bonus Grant Funding for Parishes
- NCC, Highways – August Newsletter
- NCC - Summer transport and highways newsletter
- SNC - Committee Site Visits, S106 Education Payments & Reporting of Enforcement Cases

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- viii. Resident from village – Comments on Willow House S2015/1980/FUL, and request for SNC Planning policy with regard to this application to go on agenda.
The general feeling of the Council was that it would not get involved in the SNC Planning Policy issue, but Cllr Billing reported that the village were not happy about the way the application had been handled by SNC officers. This item will be referred to another meeting.
- ix. ACRE/Pat Masterman - Best Village Competition Feedback
- x. NCALC Update
- xi. BCR – Electricity Procurement (further to NCALC paper)
- xii. June Hawkins - School request for Funding – hoping for support for £5000 donation from PC to building project – see finance
- Mr and Mrs Hawkins – verbal thank you for support from Parish Council and parishioners to retain continued inclusion of Old Rectory land in Draft Conservation Area Review

On paper –

- CPRE Newsletter
- NCALC Update
- NCC – 20 million steps encouraging walking – notice up

82. FINANCE

i) Cheque payments:

Name	Details	Total	VAT	Net	Chq
Kompan	New play equipment	3969.91	661.65	3308.26	2379
V Hartley	Salary for Aug	423.53	-	423.33	2380
HMRC	Tax for above	105.80	-	105.80	2381
AH Contracts	Dog Bins	133.39	22.23	111.16	2382
N and P Garden Services	Payment for July mowing	595.80	99.30	496.50	DD
Shire Lumsden	Printing	110.00	-	110.00	2383
National Allotment Society	Annual Membership	66.00	11.00	55.00	2384
Anglian Water	Water – 9.5 – 11.8.15	125.22	-	125.22	2385

Current Bank Balance at 24.8 .15 - £30782.69 Business Reserve Account - £5095.13

83. Proposed contribution to Friends of Blisworth School for Big Build Project of £5000 as a payment under Section 137 of the Local Government Act.

The agreement in principle to award the School this money had been made at the last meeting. It was proposed by Cllr McKeown and seconded by Cllr Dalton that the payment be made and the Council resolved to do so. A covering letter will be sent stating that the money is for the building project and not to be used for any other expenditure. **Clerk** to raise cheque to be issued at the next meeting.

Cllr Hawkins had informed the meeting of two dates : the Remembrance Service - 11th November and Open Day on 19th Nov

84 Automatic Enrolment Duties re Pension Regulator – staging date is 1.1.17

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85. PARISH PLAN PROGRESS TEAM - REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM BLISWORTH PARISH PLAN PROGRESS GROUP submitted by Ann North

Following on from the Peterborough Diocese's rejection of Charlie's plan for a fence at the Pond Bank end of the Old Cemetery, we have asked David Snapes to look at the feasibility and cost of replacing the wall.

David has a lot of experience in both dry stonewalling and stone walls generally and made a site visit on 27.8.15. It can be clearly seen that the roots of the lime trees have encroached even further into the line of the wall. If David could re build the wall it would need a new concrete base and building around the roots. He estimates this would cost in the region of £4 – 5000 if it is possible. A lot of work would need to be carried out before he could establish whether it is feasible. He looked at the work carried out a few years ago to repair the wall and the lime roots and branches are working through the crevices and the mortar and it is already showing signs of collapse. He is of the opinion that a natural complementary fence would be the best option. I

If the Parish Council agrees I will contact Paul Middleton's replacement towards the end of September and explain the difficulties. I hope she will be able to visit and see the situation for herself.

Pat Masterman has informed Acre that Blisworth intends to enter the Best Village Competition again next year. We are looking at the feedback to see where we can make improvements and hope to speak to this year's winners, Weedon Bec, for their advice.

The Clerk reported that she had received the Constitution.

86. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Cllr Anderson stated that the community benefit from the proposed solar park should go to the school.

Cllr Gardner – see lighting above

Cllr Burgoyne – asked Cllr Clarke if there was any progress on the sale of the Sun Moon and Stars. Response was that the purchase is on-going but planning discussions are still taking place.

87. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Greenside Street light – see above

88. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 5.10.15

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

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