

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 4th April 2016

Held in the Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

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

Cllr S Clarke, SNC Cllr
Cllr J Kirkbride, NCC Cllr
12 members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS:

In the last item on the agenda of meeting residents are 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. The session will last for a maximum of 15 minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 3 minutes. Members of the public should address their representations through the Chairman of the meeting and may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself.

189 . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – THE FOLLOWING APOLOGIES HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND THE REASONS FOR ABSENCE WERE APPROVED:

Cllr H Davies, SNC

190. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – To receive declarations made under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. (Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a pecuniary interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business).

None was declared.

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191. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 7th March 2016. These were corrected, agreed and adopted, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Dalton.

192. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S REPORT –

Notice of meeting on 12th and 19th April re consultation for Local Plan part 2 – circulated this morning – it was agreed that Cllrs Hawkins and Anderson would attend on the 19th April.

Appeal for Candle Cottage – dismissed

193. CASUAL VACANCY RESULTING FROM RESIGNATION OF MARIA

McKEOWN – update (circulated to councillors and SNC for information). SNC have sent Clerk a form for electors to request an election. Deadline for requests is 5th April 2016.

194. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

PCSO Cooksammy reported:

- Annual crime statistics have been circulated today. Twitter is now used for information and crimes are referred to as 'occurrences'.
- She will liaise with Sarah Sharpe as the new NHW co-ordinator.

Cllr Clarke reported:

- The New Homes Bonus allocation for Blisworth is £5796 for which organisations may apply. Community Infrastructure Levy was introduced on 1st April.
- The Crime and Police Commissioner Election takes place on 5th May, poll cards are being distributed.
- Congratulations to a resident of the village who has been attained long service award with SNC and has been rewarded with an invitation to the Queen's Garden Party.
- Planning –
SMS –Awaiting emergence of bats in August so decision delayed.

Cllr Kirkbride reported :

- Various options are being considered for the formation of a 'Unitary Council' and how the County could be split. Consultation will take place – probably later this year and she would hope for a referendum.
- The budget of NCC was completed on 29th February. A spend of £417m is predicted, council tax income is £265m with a reduction in the Revenue Support grant from central government. Council tax has increased by nearly 4% - 2% is due to the costs of Adult and Child Care services.

195. RAILFREIGHT TERMINAL – UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE CURRENT STATUS.

- **Report from Ashfield Land workshop at Walnut Tree on 16th March and meeting**

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This had been attended by Cllrs Anderson and Jeffery from the Parish Council. Plans were displayed but little information was available.

- **Report from Rail Central Parish Council Working Group meeting held 24th March**

This was attended by Cllrs Burgoyne and Jeffery from Blisworth Parish Council. Other local Parish Councillors were present. Discussion involved the Proposal and process of the application and site constraints and technical issues. Cllr Davies will relay information from Blisworth PC to South Northants Council.

Bernadette Owens had submitted documents to the PC on the evening of 29th March and these had been circulated to the Parish Council for comments by Friday 1st April those comments could have been included in her report to Development Control Committee. Otherwise, the latest date for comments will be Tuesday 12th April to be included in the written update to Committee. The documents will be considered at the Council's Development Control Committee on Thursday 14th April. The **Chairman** had drafted a report to the Parish Council which he read out, this will be circulated and comments made ready for submission by 12th April.

Dates and venues for consultation meetings below:

Venue	Address	Date	Time
Walnut Tree Inn	21 Station Road, Blisworth NN7 3DS	Thursday 28 April 2016	12pm-8pm
Walnut Tree Inn	21 Station Road, Blisworth NN7 3DS	Friday 6 May 2016	12pm-8pm
Blisworth Village Hall	19 Stoke Road, Blisworth NN7 3DB	Saturday 7 May 2016	11am-4pm
Roade Village Hall	Bailey Brooks Lane, Roade NN7 2LT	Friday 13 May 2016	11am-5pm
Collingtree Village Hall	The High Street, Collingtree NN4 0NQ	Saturday 14 May 2016	11am-4pm
Towcester Town Hall	The Town Hall, 86 Watling Street, Towcester, NN12 6BS	Wednesday 18 May 2016	12pm-8pm
Milton Malsor Village Hall	High Street, Milton Malsor, NN7 3AS	Friday 20 May 2016	12pm-8pm
Blisworth Village Hall	19 Stoke Road, Blisworth NN7 3DB	Saturday 21 May 2016	11am-4pm

- **Report from Stop Rail Central meeting held on 31st March**

Cllr Kennedy reported on this meeting which had around 100 attendees. Andrea Leadsom MP was in attendance. Mark Redding gave an excellent presentation. She urged the attendance of the meetings above.

The maps and information of the proposals may be displayed in the old paper shop on the High Street.

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196. PLANNING

- i) **Chapel Lane Development** – Update - if any - on Application No. S/2015/2472/MAF, Proposal Variation of conditions 4,15,20 on S/2014/0431/MAF(Residential Development for 27 houses, estate road and associated works) to enable viability of the site. Viability study being conducted.
- ii) S/ 2014/2016/OUT – Residential development for up to 5 dwellings with associated road works and drainage at Candle Cottage Candle Cottage – appeal dismissed.
- iii) S/2016/0740/FUL - Grafton House 1 Gayton Road - circulated Proposal Removal of existing modern brick damaged wall and fence and rebuild wall with bricks which are suitable to match the rest of the wall. **Clerk** to respond that PC has no objections.

197. WEBSITE DEVELOPMENTS

Cllr Kennedy reported that the DOMAIN NAME FOR WEBSITE is Blisworth village.org and has cost £65.41. The University is hoping to hold a presentation on its use. The cost of hosting will be reasonable.

198. LOCAL MATTERS

- i. **Footpaths** – Reports of any problems - The verge in front of the gate adjacent to the allotment entrance along Stoke Road is drying up.
- ii. **Lighting**
 - o Report of street light faults - none reported
 - o Testing certificates and Blisworth Parish Lighting Inventory from Aylesbury Mains had been received. 3 lights are in need of attention.
 - o **Clerk** to confirm that Light 46 at top of Chapel Lane, PC to confirm CPO 45WATT SIDE ENTRY lantern is still the preferred choice
- iii. **Play Area**
 - Report of any safety issues further to routine inspections
 - Annual inspection of equipment took place on 22nd March, report circulated –
 - Corrosion breach at guardrail support of the free standing slide is medium/high risk and the Council has 3 months to rectify the fault. Cllr Dalton reported that Wicksteed’s cost of repair would be £865 + VAT but this is not economical based on its age. It was agreed that he would obtain quotes from Kompanto replace it. Funds from the New Homes Bonus Grant could possibly be available.
- iv. **Traffic/Highway Issues**
 - a) Comments were made about the bad state of the pavements and roads in Buttmead and Connegar Leys.
 - b) **Clerk** to invite Mr Barber from the Road Safety team to the next meeting to get more information on VAS devices.

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- c) NCC had written in the last couple of days requesting work for the **Enhancement Gangs**. **Clerk** to respond :
- *Bollards between Home Close and Eastfield need painting*
 - *Steps on path between Chapel Lane and Westbrook need painting and weeds need clearing on the boundary with the Royal Oak*
 - *Kerb stones in front of the school on the High Street need replacing*
 - *Footpaths which need siding out by Stoke Road allotments, Pond Bank and Westbrook*
- d) Ann North had submitted a request that the VAS device on the Stoke Road be moved to where the existing 30mph sign is so that is more effective when the zone is extended. **Clerk** to put this request to Helen Howard.
- iv. **Neighbourhood Watch** – Clerk had emailed and spoken to Sarah Sharpe as new co-ordinator.

199. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing, previously circulated to councillors

Out:

- i) NCC, Highways – Acceptance of proposed 30mph zone on Stoke Road
- ii) SNC – Request to apply for designation of Neighbourhood Area under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Included a document about the Amenities of Blisworth
- iii) SNC - Letter of support for grant application by Blisworth Canal Partnership
- iv) NCC Highways – application for annual grass cutting grant (£771.88)
- v) Ashfield Land, Jamie Harrop informing him of attendance by Parish Councillors at Workshop on 16.3.16

In and circulated to councillors

- i. **NCC Highways** - Self Purchase Scheme of VAS devices (2nd circulation) – see Highways item above.
- ii. **NCC Highways** - Consultation on the proposal by Northamptonshire County Council to amend the 2015 road works permit scheme
- iii. **Resident** - Street Lighting Replacement programme, for information
- iv. **Resident** – flooding at Blisworth Arm, for information
- v. **Ashfield Land, via Mark Redding from SRC** - Workshop 16th March 2016
- vi. **SNC - DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA FOR BLISWORTH** from Jennie Johnson, SNC Planning Policy Officer – requesting further information
- vii. **Anglian Water** - Help us reduce pollution in your parish!
- viii. **NCALC** - The Northants CALC Councillor Survey 2016
- ix. **Northants Association of Youth Clubs** - NAYC LINK event 23rd March
- x. **Canal and Rivers Trust** - Invitation to Canal & River Trust South East Waterway Forum - Spring 2016 = 19th April at Braunston
- xi. **SNC - Invitation to Local Plan Part 2A Consultation Briefing Sessions**
- xii. **NCC** - March's news from my County Council
- xiii. **SNC** - Bin collections unaffected by Easter Bank Holidays

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- xiv. **SNC** - Council encourages healthy habits for children over Easter
- xv. **NCC** – consultation on Children’s Centre Services Consultation 2016 - Education
- xvi. **NCC Highways** - TTO 15-16-663 Chapel Lane/Gayton Road Blisworth, Road closure for Canal Festival
- xvii. **SNC** – Agenda for Central Ward and Parish working group
- xviii. **Red Cross** - Help wanted for Red Cross week
- xix. **CPRE Northamptonshire** - Spring Road Show 2016, 12th May – **Cllrs Hawkins and Burgoyne** to attend. (Clerk has booked one place and will book one more)
- xx. **Clerk** - information on Neighbourhood Plans

200. PARISH PLAN REPORT

- Letter and Amenities information sent to SNC request to apply for designation of Neighbourhood Area under section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- Response requiring more information on local businesses and organisations who could be interested - Ann North had submitted this to SNC. The Chairman thanked Ann for her input.
- Clerk had circulated information on Neighbourhood Plans – the **next** stage in the process of forming a Neighbourhood Area. She stated that it was important that Council was aware of the implications of a Neighbourhood Plan and due consideration was made.
- Best Village Competition – entry submitted, many thanks to Pat Masterman for her efforts in this project.
- A final invoice from Skaino Services for £580 will be submitted for payment at the next meeting for work done on the cemetery gates.
- Cllr Kennedy reported that Mr David Snape has donated 30 plants and 3 Silver Birch saplings for the cemetery which is the second time he has been so generous. **Clerk** to write and thank him and an entry will be made in Round and About. **Cllr Billing** offered to help plant them. Also the compost bays need to be made. Many Thanks to Cllr Kennedy for her work in the cemetery.

- **Statement of Account at March 2016**

Balance B/F- £581

Annual Allowance from PC - £200

Balance C/F - £781

Awaiting invoice for work done on centre Holly tree

201. FINANCE

i) Current Bank Balances at 24.3 .16 - £24929.88 , Business Reserve Account - £5096

ii) Payments – for approval

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Chq	Payee	Details	Gross	VAT	Net
2431	V Hartley	Salary for Mar	£436.13		£436.13
2432	HMRC	Tax for Mar	£93.20		£93.20
	N and P Garden services	Mowing	£595.80	£99.30	£496.50
2433	AH Contracts	Dog bins			
2434	Aylesbury Mains	Test and certify street lighting	1335.60	222.60	£1113.00
2435	B Osborne	Pay Roll	58.50		58.50
2436	David Jack	Pollarding of lime trees at cemetery	540.00		540.00
2437	E.Walker Tree Care	Repairs to Chapel Lane fence	250.00		250.00
2438	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Annual Play area Inspection	54.00	9.00	45.00
2439	NCALC	Good Councillor Guide	28.50		28.50
2440	E-on	Supplies since 1.1.16	1224.26	204.04	1020.22

iii) Annual Return – to be completed by 30th June 2016 at the latest.

202. DEFIBRILLATOR – Cllr Hawkins reported that the School had agreed to an installation in porch of school. It will cost £999.

203. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Cllr Kennedy –

- Urged councillors to read the NCALC Update which is produced every 2 months as it helpful and readable – particularly the current edition on items of planning.
- She is still chasing the movement of the sign in Buttmead with SNC.
- She offered thanks to Valerie Hayward for her work on the planted boxes on the High Street.

Cllr Dalton – Wanted clarification that CIL is available for housing only.

Cllr Anderson – commended that work done in the cemetery.

Cllr Hawkins – reported that Blisworth School is participating in the Litter Pick in the Clean for the Queen project. Cllr Kirkbride agreed to give some funds from her Councillors Empowerment Fund for prizes.

204. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION for this meeting

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- Request to put the funding of repair of the track to the Playing Field on the agenda. The Scouts are willing to contribute funds as well. **Clerk** to put on agenda.
- The representatives from the Diocese have been invited to visit the cemetery. An entry has been made to the Best Churchyard Competition.

205. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS – AGM - Tuesday 3.5.16

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY – 23rd May 2016 at 7.30pm. The Chairman will put this in the Round and About.

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