

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 5th December 2016

Held in the Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

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

7 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. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself.

113. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – THE FOLLOWING APOLOGY WAS RECEIVED AND REASON FOR ABSENCE APPROVED – Cllr Lee, Cllr Anderson Cllr Kirkbride, NCC and Cllr Clarke SNC.

114. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – members were asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have had in any items under consideration at this meeting.

None was declared.

115. A RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 7th NOVEMBER 2016 was passed – Proposed by Cllr Hawkins and seconded by Cllr Burgoyne.

116. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S REPORT – Actions carried out as per last meeting.

- Legal consultation with Land Registry confirmed that the boundary to the track to the allotments and the football field is the wall, hence the verge does not belong to the adjoining property.

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- Salt bins checked and full. Terry Atkins will fill them if necessary if the Chairman is away.
- 30mph zone extension to Stoke Road – **Clerk** to find out reason for delay.

117. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS – may include report from local Community Police Officer.
None available.

118. VAS DEVICE INSTALLATION – Positions to be decided by Parish Council further to agreement by NCC.

A licence from NCC Highways must be obtained for each site. It was agreed that it should be positioned in Stoke, Couteenhall and Towcester Roads. **Cllrs Dalton, Gardner and Jeffery** agreed to look at sites for the optimum location which must be inside the 30mph zone. Subsequently the form will be completed for NCC.

119. PLANNING

For circulation at this meeting:

- **Update on Chapel Lane:**
 - **SNC Committee Site meeting held on 8.11.16 and second DCC meeting held on 10.11.16** – no Parish Councillors were allowed to speak at this meeting.
 - Cllr Hawkins read out her report of this meeting. The fact that the entrance was not suitable was demonstrated at the time of the meeting. Cllr Clarke had been helpful. Other points made by SNC included:
 - Members of the Planning committee unanimously agreed to refuse the applicant's request to change various conditions attached to planning permission which was previously granted in 2014. It was agreed that the proposed construction access road would result in an increased level of traffic along a very narrow lane, giving rise to congestion, pedestrian safety issues, as well as increased noise and harm to the character of the conservation area.

The application was also refused on the grounds that the materials were not in keeping with the rural characteristics of the conservation area, no submission of a legal agreement, and that the development would result in the reduction of affordable housing below the level normally accepted.

- **Applications circulated at meeting :**
 - S2016/2832/FUL – 5 Courteenhall Road, 2 storey side extension – no objections by PC, Clerk to forward to SNC.
 - S/2016/2718/maf – Blisworth Hill Farm, Stoke Road – new 2 storey building for café, meeting room, site office and gym – no objections by PC, Clerk to forward to SNC
 - S/2016/2979/FUL – Land south of Trquair Station Road – track across field to access existing stables - no objections by PC, Clerk to forward to SNC
- **For current applications and information – see register below**

120. RAIL CENTRAL PROPOSALS

- **UPDATE AND REPORT ON LATEST POSTION** –Information circulated.

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- **UPDATE IF ANY FROM ROXHILL PROPOSALS**

Roxhill have done a leaflet drop by post. Exhibitions will take place on 12 and 13th December. There has been an article written in NNPulse magazine.

121. Local Matters

- **Rights of Way** – Reports of any problems – previously reported RL 9 – stream requiring bridge again (next to canal, on right hand side from The Mill).
- **Lighting** – Reports of any faults:
 - PL No 5 on Little Lane – reported - repaired
 - Outside 28 Buttmead – cover is hanging – reported
 - Opposite Windmill Ave by Buttmead road sign – reported - repaired
 - Wellspring - None of the lights are working in street - reported
 - 41 Buttmead - reported

Cllr Gardner had obtained a quote from Aylesbury Mains for 4 new lights to be attached to existing lanterns for £238 each. These would be at the junction of Connegar Leys and Courteenhall Road, outside 7/8 Courteenhall Road and Column no 4 outside 66 Courteenhall Road. The £238 would include the cost for removal of existing lantern and supply a 36W Libra PL – L and test and certification. The Council agreed to accept the quote and go ahead with this work.

- **Traffic/Highway Issues Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – Updates circulated.
- **Allotments** – Rent collection took place on 28th November. Some more yet to come in.

122. COMMUNICATIONS - outgoing and ingoing

Out going

- SNC, Wayne Campbell - re parking situation adjacent to new development in Connegar Leys
- SNC - SNC conservation strategy (completed by Cllr Burgoyne)
- Street Doctor reports
- Morelock Signs – Order for VAS machine
- NCC Highways - request for licencing paper work for VAS machine

Notable correspondence In-coming and Circulated to councillors:

- Response to Local Plan Part 2 from BPC (originally sent to SNC in June 2016)
- Towcester Medical Centre newsletter- sent to Round and About – Jane Percival
- BT – Consultation -Telephone Box Removal - Station Road, Blisworth – no objection to removal.
- ACRE – information re Neighbourhood Plans
- Rail Central LLG - November update

123. FINANCE

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i) AGREEMENT OF BUDGET FOR 2016/17 and Agreement and Resolution to apply for Precept for 2017/18 –

The Clerk introduced a **draft** budget, previously prepared and circulated. After discussion, **the Council resolved to approve the budget of £ 31000** that is appended to these Minutes, proposed by Cllr Burgoyne and seconded by Cllr Dalton. The Council then resolved to apply for a precept of £ £31000 from SNC to cover the amount required by the budget. **The amended budget will be circulated and approved at the next meeting.**

- Bank Balance at 24.11.16 - £34085.86
- Pension – Cost of Declaration to HMRC to be made by Pay Roll Officer - £20

ii) Cheque payments to agree:

Name	Details	£ Total	VAT	Net	Chq
AH Contracts	Dog bins	£166.74	27.79	138.95	2498
AC Jeffery	Edging of Stoke Rd path	150.00	-	150.00	2499
V Hartley	Salary for November	490.52	-	490.52	2500
HMRC	Tax for above	44.40	-	44.40	2501
N and P Garden Services	Payment for Nov mowing	595.80	99.30	496.50	DD
Aylesbury Mains	Repairs	248.20			2502
Anglian Water	Water – 16.8-11.11	112.04	-	112.04	2503
Northants ACRE	Neighbourhood Plans presentation	49.50	-	49.50	2504
Cllr Kennedy	Re-imberse for tree for Progress group	40.60	-	40.60	2505
Dean Davies	Work on website	175.00		175.00	2506
Kieran Morris	Work on website	175.00		175.00	2507

124. PROGRESS GROUP REPORT – submitted by Mrs Anne North:

- *The Group had a wide-ranging discussion about Neighbourhood Planning and a small group will consider the pros and cons of Blisworth doing a Neighbourhood Plan. They will give an interim report to the February meeting of the Parish Council.*
- *The malus (crab apple) tree has been planted and Paulette has installed a post and strap to assist its stability.*
- *We are re-examining the Constitution, in particular the Purpose, and the proposed revision will be put to the Parish Council for their consideration.*
- **Finance**

October balance	£551.60
Purchase of Malus inc 25% disc	<u>£40.60</u>
November balance	£511.00

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125. Response from Cllr Clark re the community benefit from the Knock Lane solar farm.

Not Available. School has not received any funds.

126. Website Issues – There had been confusion over the payment for the creation of the new website. The Parish Council and the Clerk was under the impression the work was being carried out by the University who had been sent a cheque as agreed at the last meeting. In reality work on the logo was carried out by 2 students who had now moved onto other work this academic year and the website work was yet to be finished.

The Parish Council agreed to pay the students a total of £350 to be split 50:50 between them. The Parish Council was disappointed as Northampton University had been recommended by ACRE, **Clerk** to write to complain of lack of action by Northampton University and stop previous cheque 2497 for £350 which had been approved and dispatched in November.

127. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Cllr Billing – **Clerk** to ask for a sign at Southern end of stretch of canal behind garages requesting that engines are not run. (Supposed not to run after 8.30pm). Cllr Kennedy suggested asking Canal Partnership but declined.

Cllr Dalton – Fly tipping - **Clerk** to report boxes dumped Towcester Road south of junction on right hand side going to A43, (reported 9.12.16)

Cllr Gardner – Connegar Leys seat needs repairing – **Cllr Gardner** will ask Sam Linnell, if cost less than £100 he will request that he goes ahead.

Cllr Kennedy

- **planters in High Street** done, cost £11 approved, to be paid next meeting
- **Lime trees in cemetery** – advised to pollard no 2 and no 4 (from gates) to open area up so others grow better. The **Chairman** will look into this.

Cllr Field

- **flooding in Towcester Road again**, **Clerk** to notify Highways that road drains are blocked. **Ref 848398**
- **Debris at bottom of High Street wall** - needs siding out. **Clerk** to ask NCC to do otherwise PC will do it. **Ref 848400**

Cllr Burgoyne

- **Westbrook steps** were not painted by Enhancement gang
- **Bollard between Eastfield and Home Close** needs painting white
- **Northampton Road turning up Courteenhall Road** – Line painting required **Clerk** to report. **Ref 848401**

Cllr Hawkins

- **High Street** parking near Rectory impeding visibility.

128. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A.North

- Milton Malsor been tarmacked – would it be worth trying to get NCC to spend monies in Blisworth particularly Connegar Leys and Buttmead? (NCC has looked at it but said the holes were not sufficiently deep to warrant attention.
- Suggested the formation of a **plan** for lighting upgrade.

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129. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 9.1.17

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