

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Held in the Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

### Present:

Cllr J Hawkins Vice Chairman – Chaired this meeting  
Cllr C Gardner  
Cllr B Rose  
Cllr P Kennedy  
Cllr M Field  
Cllr S Billing  
Cllr D Dalton  
Cllr L Lee  
Cllr A Anderson

6 members of the public

Before the meeting Cllr Hawkins wished those present a Happy New Year.

### 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.

**130. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – THE FOLLOWING APOLOGY WAS RECEIVED AND REASON FOR ABSENCE APPROVED –** Cllr Jeffery, Cllr Burgoyne, Cllr S Clarke – SNC, Cllr Davies - SNC.

**131. 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.**

**132. A RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016** was passed – Proposed by Cllr Dalton and seconded by Cllr Gardner.

**133. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S REPORT – see report.** Actions carried out as per last meeting.

Chairman:(in summary)

*2017 will be another significant year for Blisworth, the emphasis I feel should be on unity! With the*

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*Parish Council Council working even closer with the Community, by uniting support for all the village needs, thus maintaining the individuality along with the historic features of Blisworth.*

*The bequest of £158,000 to Blisworth Community Primary School, an unexpected gift, has enabled the school to pay off the loan for the New Build.*

*There has been some positive development regarding the re/siting of the 30mph signs on Stoke Road!*

*NCC Enhancement Gang – Cllr Rose has formulated a list of suggestions for works which will be put to NCC by the Clerk. Cllr Rose will also co-ordinate the group as he did on the last visit.*

**134. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS** – may include report from local Community Police Officer.

None

The Parish Council agreed that it would appreciate the views of Cllr Steve Clarke on:

- the Local Plan Part 2a report and how it will reflect on Blisworth compiling a Neighbourhood Plan.
- Community Governance Review

It was agreed that the **Clerk** email Cllr Steve Clarke and ask for his views and advice on these matters and request that if he is unable to attend a meeting could he do a written report to the enquiries.

**135. VAS DEVICE INSTALLATION** – Positions still to agreed further to agreement by NCC. Sign now with Cllr Anderson.

**Clerk** to contact K Palmer at NCC re licensing forms. Cllr Dalton looked at sites, only difficult one is Northampton Road due to position of 30mph sign, the others are fine. The location in Stoke Road has recently been affected by the extension of the speed limit. Cllrs Gardner, Anderson and Dalton are liaising on the matter.

### **136. PLANNING**

**For circulation at this meeting and comments:**

- **Application No. S/2016/3150/FUL**  
Proposal Change of use of outbuilding to gift shop (Use Class A1)  
Location Thackstone Cottage 21 Stoke Road  
**No Objections**
- **Application No. S/2016/3151/LBC**  
Proposal: Listed building consent for one non illuminated fascia sign and one non illuminated hanging sign  
Location : Thackstone Cottage 21 Stoke Road  
**No Objections**
- **Application No. S/2016/3186/FUL**  
Proposal: Single Storey rear, side and front extension  
Location: 26 Pond Bank – **Clerk** to ask for extension

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- For current applications and information – see register below
- Receipt of hard copy of Countryside Design Guide from NCALC – circulated.

### 137. RAIL CENTRAL PROPOSALS

- **UPDATE AND REPORT ON LATEST POSITION WITH ASHFIELD LAND**  
**Mark Redding reported :**  
Little information coming through from developers. Just had a meeting tonight. Leaflet drops proposed again. They have 6200 signatures, need 10000 for consideration by the government. Towcester needs to become aware. Feasibility study required to put in to links on one rail track. Setting up meeting with Andrea Leadsom MP who has spoken to Minister of Transport with concerns for Blisworth. SNC liaison meeting on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. Still need volunteers on exit polls from exhibitions and with deliveries etc. The village needs another Action group against the Roxhill proposals.  
**Cllrs Anderson, Kennedy and possibly Cllr Hawkins may attend meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January.**
- **UPDATE IF ANY FROM ROXHILL PROPOSALS AND RESPONSE BY PC**  
**Cllr Anderson** will make a response and liaise with **Clerk** by 16.1.17.  
The council agreed objection should be made in principle concerning development on this side of the M1.

### 138. Local Matters

- **Rights of Way** – Reports of any problems,
  - Farmer has put in a footway so walkers can avoid wet and muddy area on foot path up from the Mill alongside the canal. **Clerk** to thank him.
- **Lighting** – Reports of any faults: 3 new lights installed. Light at on alley way between Buttmead and Greenside is ineffective.
- **Traffic/Highway Issues Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – Updates circulated. Speed limit in Stoke Road extended - see correspondence
  - Muck on Towcester Road as before Christmas – **Clerk** to report
  - Cardboard dumped on Courteenhall Road, **Clerk** to report.
- **Allotments** – Rent collection some still coming in. **Clerk** to send plan to Cllrs Gardner and Dalton.

### 139. COMMUNICATIONS - outgoing and ingoing

#### Out going

- SNC** - Fly tipping in Station Road – reported.
- NCC Highways** - Stoke Road, Blisworth - Speed reduction Order (Now in place)
- Canal and Rivers Trust** - running of canal boat engines on the stretch of the Grand Union Canal behind the houses of Pond Bank, request for polite notice

#### Notable correspondence In-coming and Circulated to councillors:

- NCALC – Countryside Design Guide publication**
- Northants CALC** - eUpdate - Nov/Dec 2016
- Stop Roxhill** - New website – Cllr Kennedy advised it was worth a look.

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- iv. **Rail Central LLG** - advance copy of Community Update leaflet - as per November update
- v. **Cllr Kennedy – email** – clarification over Chapel Lane site meeting.
- vi. **Strategic Rail Freight Interchanges** - Rail Central & Northampton Gateway SRFI proposals – with regard to meeting with other Parish Councils
- vii. **NCALC** - No capping for 2017/18
- viii. **SNC - VERIFIED TOTAL:** Rough Sleeper Estimate for South Northants on THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2016 – 3
- ix. **Neighbourhood Watch** - SCT newsletter
- x. **NCC** - NCC draft budget and council plan published
- xi. **SNC - Community Governance Review** - would you like your parish to be involved?
- xii. **Canal and Rivers Trust** – response to iii above - Operative team have been to the location and we will be installing a new sign in the New Year.
- xiii. **The Rural Services Network** - Rural Health Conference 2017 – 28.2.17- more for public bodies.

#### 140. FINANCE

**i) AGREEMENT OF BUDGET FOR 2017/18 – Agreement and Resolution to apply for Precept for 2017/18** – The amended budget was approved and the Council resolved to approve the budget of **£31000** that is appended to these Minutes, proposed by Cllr Gardner and seconded by Cllr Dalton. The Council then resolved to apply for a precept of £31,000 from SNC to cover the amount required by the budget.

#### ii) Cheque payments to agree:

Name	Details	£ Total	VAT	Net	Chq
AH Contracts	Dog bins	133.39	22.23	111.16	2508
Shire Lumsden	R and A printing	120.00		120.00	2509
V Hartley	Salary for December	490.52	-	490.52	2510
HMRC	Tax for above	44.40	-	44.40	2511
N and P Garden Services	Payment for Nov mowing	595.80	99.30	496.50	DD
Aylesbury Mains	Repairs	932.64	155.44	777.20	2512
P Kennedy	Refund High Street plant Expenses	11.00		11.00	2513
B Osborne	Pay Roll Expenses	60.00		60.00	2514
E-on	Supplies Oct-Dec	1429.28	238.21	1191.07	2515

- Bank Balance at 23.12.16 - £31212
- Applied for NCC grass mowing grant for 2017

#### 141. PROGRESS GROUP –

- REPORT – none available at this meeting
- Review of Constitution – not discussed
- Quote for pollarding of lime trees in cemetery

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- Cllr Kennedy reported that the advice had been to do just do 2 trees. Ian Haliday was very helpful. Advised work on no 58 High Street as lime tree is encroaching. No need to work on High Street one. Quoted £400 + VAT. This was **agreed** by the Council. Permission required and Mr Haliday will also obtain necessary permission on one of the trees. He also advised on the ivy growth.
- Best Village competition – to be arranged, application to be completed by the end March 2107.
- Neighbourhood Plan - A meeting of some members of the PG will take place tomorrow to try to formulate ideas for consideration as to whether Blisworth needs a Neighbourhood Plan?The findings will be presented at the next PC meeting in February.

**142. Response from Cllr Clark re the community benefit from the Knock Lane – solar farm – none available.**

**143. NEW WEBSITE**

Cllr Kennedy reported that it is progressing well with Blisworth life and PC division as requested.

**Address:** [parish.blisworthvillage.org](http://parish.blisworthvillage.org)

Cllr Kennedy had met with Tony Marsh who wants the village archives to be held by the PC. Presently the site is held by a host in Texas and is paid up to 2018. £140 is needed to reimburse Tony for the current period of hosting and storing the data until 2018. The future cost will depend on who the PC choose to do this work .

Cllr Kennedy intends to speak to Dick Hennesy is ask if the Heritage Society may be interested in the proposal.”

Cllr Kennedy has said PC not opposed to it cannot take it on until PC website up and running and this was agreed by the PC.

**144. Community Governance Review – Participation, deadline 20.2.17 – refer to item 134 – advice from Cllr Clarke.**

**145 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS**

**Cllr Rose** – confirmed that he would co-ordinate the work of the Enhancement gangs and list would be submitted by 24.2.17.

**Cllr Dalton** – liaise on VAS

**Cllr Gardenr** – Enquired as to whether there was any information on Sun Moon and Stars – no information

**146. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

**Jane Percival** –

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- There is an open meeting for this year's Canal Festival on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm. Hoping for good attendance.

#### Ann North –


- Request for an early APM as possible to allow for Best Village competition.
- PC to let PG know if they want them to look into Community Governance Review, ready for next meeting. This was agreed by PC
- Looking at preliminary responses re Neighbourhood Planning.

#### 147. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 6.2.17, meeting closed at 8.47pm Planning Register at 3.1.17

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<a href="#"><u>S/2016/3186/FUL</u></a>	26 Pond Bank Blisworth NN7 3EL	Single storey rear, side and front extension.	22/12/2016	2 - Valid
<a href="#"><u>S/2016/3151/LBC</u></a>	Thackstone Cottage 21 Stoke Road Blisworth NN7 3BZ	Listed building consent for one non illuminated fascia sign and one non illuminated hanging sign	20/12/2016	4 - Consults Despatched
<a href="#"><u>S/2016/3150/FUL</u></a>	Thackstone Cottage 21 Stoke Road Blisworth NN7 3BZ	Change of use of outbuilding to gift shop (Use Class A1)	20/12/2016	4 - Consults Despatched
<a href="#"><u>S/2016/2987/TCA</u></a>	50 High Street Blisworth NN7 3BJ	Mature Prunus - Crown reduction by 3m in height and spread and remove deadwood.	30/11/2016	5 - Site Visit Complete by case officer
<a href="#"><u>S/2016/2979/FUL</u></a>	Land south of Traquair Station Road Blisworth NN7 3DS	Track across field to access existing stables (retrospective).	29/11/2016	5 - Site Visit Complete by case officer
<a href="#"><u>S/2016/2866/COND</u></a>	49 Stoke Road Blisworth NN7 3BZ	Condition 3 (Roofing Samples) Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 3 of planning permission S/2015/3039/FUL (Demolition of existing garage, replace with new double garage, rear first floor extension and single storey rear and side extensions)	14/11/2016	3 - Case Officer Allocated
<a href="#"><u>S/2016/2867/COND</u></a>	49 Stoke Road Blisworth NN7 3BZ	Condition 4 (Paint white all new windows/doors) Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 4 of planning permission S/2015/3039/FUL (Demolition of existing garage, replace with new double garage, rear first floor extension and single storey rear and side extensions)	14/11/2016	3 - Case Officer Allocated
<a href="#"><u>S/2016/2868/COND</u></a>	49 Stoke Road Blisworth NN7	Condition 5 (White Rendering) Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 5 of planning	14/11/2016	3 - Case Officer

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