

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 6th February 2017

Held in the Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

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

Cllr S Clarke SNC Cllr
12 members of the public (later 13)

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.

148. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – THE FOLLOWING APOLOGY WAS RECEIVED AND REASON FOR ABSENCE APPROVED – Cllr Rose, Cllr Kirkbride, NCC Cllr.

149. 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.

150. A RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 9th JANUARY 2017 was passed – Proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Dalton.

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

Vice-Chairman, Cllr Hawkins – thanked council for all their work in the last month including Cllr Billing for cutting back the ivy on High Street.

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152. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS – Cllr Clarke:

Notices –

- Unresponsive electors to receive letters stating they will be removed from Electoral Roll. (Mandatory to be registered).
- Local Plan – the rules on areas for development/protection and policies is currently under review. Should be consulting with the public in the summer, should be ready in the 2018 for adoption.

153. VAS DEVICE INSTALLATION – Cllr Dalton reported that he had attended a site meeting on 2.2.17 with Steve Barber, NCC Highways. 4 potential sites were looked at. Mr Barber will do relevant parts of form and return to Clerk for completion with insurance information and details on machine to be added. The project may require the erection of a suitable pole in Courteenhall and Stoke Rd (telegraph poles cannot be used). These will require costing. Towcester Road may have suitable lighting columns which would require permission from NCC Highways Lighting Officer.

154. PLANNING

For circulation at this meeting and comments:

i) Application No. S/2016/3186/FUL

Proposal Single storey rear, side and front extension.

Location 26 Pond Bank Blisworth NN7 3EL –

- no objections – **Clerk** to inform SNC

ii) Application No. S/2017/0131/TPO

Proposal Re pollard lime tree to previous pruning points.

(Approximately 5-6 metres)

Location Old Grave Yard High Street Blisworth (cemetery)

- no objections – **Clerk** to inform SNC

iii) Application No. S/2017/0209/FUL

Proposal Timber double garage

Location Navigation Cottage Blisworth Arm

- no objections – **Clerk** to inform SNC

iv) Application No. S/2017/0288/ADV

Proposal Replacement fascia, project signs, secondary signs and window graphics.

Location 19 High Street

- no objections – **Clerk** to inform SNC

**i) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78**

**Site Address: Candle Cottage Orchard 20 Chapel Lane
Blisworth NN7 3BU**

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Description of development: Residential development for up to 5 dwellings with associated road works and drainage, all matters reserved (outline).

Resubmission of application :

S/2015/0908/OUT.

Application reference: A/2016/1046/OUT

Appellant's name: Mr Marcus Reeder

Appeal reference: APP/Z2830/W/16/3165559

Appeal start date: 16 January 2017

Clerk to re-send the letter of objection to SNC

- **For current applications and information – see register below**

155. RAIL CENTRAL PROPOSALS

- **Ashfield Land meeting on 22nd March at Walnut Tree, 6.30pm**

Mark Redding reported :

- That action now is to oppose both the '**Northampton Gateway**' (the proposal by Roxhill) – and '**Rail Central**' (the proposal from Ashfield Land) in conjunction with other villages in particular Milton Malsor.
- More banners against both developments are being made.
- Letter received tonight from Ashfield Land for circulation.
- Meeting with MP Andrea Leadsom had been cancelled.
- A relevant article had been published in a national newspaper about farming and developments of this kind.
- 13.2.17 – next Stop Rail meeting, Please support

The Chairman :

- Read out a letter addressed to himself from Ben Copithorne of Ashfield Land – it referred to development of the Sun Moon and Stars and was deemed irrelevant.
- Cllr S Clarke had also received correspondence about SMS
- Cllr Burgoyne – had contacted SNC requesting an update on SMS but no information had been made available.
- Ashfield Land had suggested a presentation by Ashfield Land on w/c 6th March – the Parish Council agreed not to have an individual presentation. This would be the same as the presentation to Milton Malsor which Blisworth PC should attend and so there would be little benefit in having a Blisworth one as well.
- Notes from SNC meeting with Denis Winterbottom -13.1.17, attended by Cllr Kennedy had been circulated.
- Response from Parish Council to Roxhill to be submitted.

156. Local Matters

- **Rights of Way** – No reports of any problems

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- **Lighting**
 - Windmill Av 19-22 – reported prior to this meeting
 - Certificates received for new lights in Courteenhall Road
- **Traffic/Highway Issues –**
 - **Reports of heavier lorries in the village**
 - Weight restriction signs broken- Courteenhall Road – **Clerk** to report
 - A North – reported that she had spoken to the NCC Officer who checks potholes when complaints made. Possibly put in request at end of financial year. **Clerk** to send another email to NCC Highways to complain about Buttmead in particular.
- **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – new way to exchange information**
<http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodwatch.co.uk/>.
New neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator needed
- **Allotments – Rent collection update – some rents still coming in**
- **Play Area – Decision on whether to get Wicksteed to carry out annual inspection – It was agreed that the arrangement should continue – Clerk to book an unaccompanied inspection.**

157. COMMUNICATIONS –

Outgoing

- i. Request for grass cutting quotes from :
Allseasons
Brown and Barden
Grownd Care
N and P
- ii. SNC – Response to Community Governance Review
- iii. Complete Ground Management Ltd – Acceptance of quote for pollarding cemetery lime trees
- iv. NCC - Community Enhancement Gangs - requests for work as agreed at last meeting
- v. To PC - New grass cutting requirement - Stoke Road extra 30mph zone
- vi. Cllr Clarke – Request for advice on Local Plan Part 2a report and how it will reflect on Blisworth compiling a Neighbourhood Plan and Community Governance Review
- vii. Cllr Gardner - Allotments Plan
- viii. NCC – Request for clarification on license application for VAS machine
- ix. Resident – re formal complaint re cemetery
- x. NCC – query re Census strips in Chapel Lane - Martin Draper

In-coming

- xi. Northants CALC - New External Auditor for Northamptonshire Announced
- xii. SNC - Housing Policy Update
- xiii. NCC - Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update: Proposed Modifications - Invitation to Join consultation
- xiv. NCC - January's news from my county council
- xv. NCC - Stay Well This Winter
- xvi. Andrea Leadsom MP - Update on Northampton Gateway- off blog
- xvii. Letter of complaint from resident re cemetery including relevant information

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- xviii. To PCC (from Clerk) Revised village confines
- xix. CPRE - Litter Heroes Awards – does Parish want to take part in Great British Spring clean –PG doing this
- xx. Resident in village – Dust bin lorry damage 24.1.17, forwarded to SNC
- xxi. NCC - Proposed 30 mph speed limit extension – Courteenhall Road
- xxii. Rail Central LLG - January update and invitation to highways-focused meeting on Weds 22 March
- xxiii. SNC - Stoke Bruerne Village Design Statement - Consultation

In coming

Notable correspondence In-coming and Circulated to councillors:

158. FINANCE

ii) Cheque payments to agree:

Name	Details	£ Total	VAT	Net	Chq
Northants ACRE	Best Village entry	35.00		35.00	2516
AH Contracts	Dog bins	133.39	22.23	111.16	2517
CPRE	Annual sub	36.00			2518
V Hartley	Salary for January	490.72	-	490.72	2519
HMRC	Tax for above	44.20	-	44.20	2520
N and P Garden	Payment for Jan	595.80	99.30	496.50	DD

- Bank Balance at 24.1.17 - £27438.84
- Request for £31000 precept made to SNC

159. DECISION BY PC WHETHER TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM – it was agreed there was no need to exclude anyone.

160. AGREEMENT OF GRASS CUTTING ARRANGEMENTS WITH REFERENCE TO RECENT QUOTATION

The quotes for grass cutting in the village for the next season from Brown and Barden Landscapes, The Groundcare Company, N and P Garden Services(present contractors) and Allseasons were discussed and compared. Each contractor had received the same specification from the Clerk. It was agreed to accept the quote from Allseasons for £5310 excluding VAT.

161. PROGRESS GROUP –

- REPORT –

- *Finance Report – no expenditure c/f £511.00*
- *The Group considers that we should wait for the publication of the Local Plan Part 2 before making a recommendation on the merits of a Neighbourhood Plan but in the meantime will be examining those plans already in place and finding out whether any of them have been challenged.*

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- *The Group intend to present a revised version of their Constitution for consideration by the Parish Council at the March meeting.*
- *A meeting has been arranged on 8th March to start the process for our entry to the Best Village 2017 and hope that as many of the PC as possible will attend.*

- **Review of Constitution** – see report

- **pollarding of lime trees in cemetery** – accepted quote from MrHalliday

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

Cllr Clarke reported that he is awaiting response

163. FORMAL COMPLAINT TO PARISH COUNCIL FROM RESIDENT WITH REFERENCE TO ISSUES SURROUNDING HABITAT MANAGEMENT IN CEMETERY.

A complaint had been made by email by a resident concerning the unresolved boundary issue between 64 Pond Bank and the cemetery, and location of the bug hotel and compost heap.

At the June 2016 meeting the Councillors were to have a look at the location of the bug hotel and compost heap. At the following meeting the PC discussed location of bug hotel and compost heap and it was agreed that neither should be moved. Reference was made to the Silver Award that the cemetery had been awarded by the Northants, Beds and Cambs Wildlife Trust in the Churchyard Conservation Scheme.

The Chairman was sympathetic to the boundary wall issue. Discussion became heated. The Diocese would not allow a panel fence so wall needs to be built but tree roots (from Conservation/Area/TPO) are in the way.

The Chairman had spoken to Mr Halliday, from Complete Ground Management Ltd (who is to pollard the trees) to request that he removes the debris and level ground to allow planting of shrubs as a screen or some form of netting to minimise the impact.

Cllr Dalton stated that the PC must make enquiries to diocese to find out what would be allowed (not the complainant). Mr Morley stated that he had correspondence regarding the agreements with the Archdeacon. The Clerk requested that these be made available.

In conclusion Mr Morley requested that:

- Stone from previous wall will have to be moved
- Soil will need adding to stabilise trees.
- Hedge will have to go on graveside of fence to be continuous from wall to rubble of stone
- A further response to his complaint

The Chairman stated that the PC would:

- Look at levelling bank with contractor
- Look into obtaining permission/faculty from diocese for reconstructing the boundary.
- Remove remains of wall

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Cllr Gardner – declared his support for Cllr Kennedy for her hard work on the cemetery. This was backed by the other councillors and many of the public present.

164. NEW WEBSITE

Cllr Kennedy reported that the new website was ready to go live. Blisworthvillage.org It has a split screen for PC or village life and will be shown to Best Village meeting this week, just awaiting details.

There is now written Agreement that the logos belong to the Parish Council. Parish Council has awarded a budget of £1000, spent £350. Chris Capewell will continue to be the administrator. Cllr Kennedy proposed that he should be awarded a contribution of £350 for all his work. This was agreed by the Parish Council. He will be in attendance at next meeting.

165. ANNUAL INSPECTION OF PLAY AREA DUE – GO AHEAD WITH WICKSTEED AGAIN – see item 156 above

166. SUPERFAST BROADBAND – WHOLE VILLAGE STILL NOT CONNECTED

There is still bad service in some parts of the village. **Cllr Clarke** said to let him know where the ‘not spots’ are and he will report, particularly business units who are having difficulties.

167. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS

Cllr Dalton –

- Thanked Cllr Billing for dealing with a fly tipping issue on the football grounds
- Concern at amount of littering in the village cigarette ends, particularly Northampton Road (Near the old site of Youngs) A resident had reported this. The suggestion was made to see if ‘no litter village’ signs are available from SNC – check on website
- Need to check ‘No cold callers’, NHW signs at entrances to village

Cllr Gardner-

- Huge pothole opposite school – **Clerk** to report
- Connegar Leys pot holes – **Clerk** to report again

Cllr Burgoyne –

- Felt Parish Council should be part of the debate re unitary authority – perhaps for discussion at APM.
- Should Parish Council have a Parish Emergency plan? She will look into this.
- Information should be available on ‘How to get rid of nuisance calls’ - BT have recently produced advice on this – **Chairman** will put in R and A.

Cllr Kennedy –

Conveyed thanks to Cllr Billing for removing the ivy on High Street.

168. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

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- i) **Station Road** – bridge, **Clerk** to ask for warning sign of hump back bridge. Request that cars are not parked there from boats.
- ii) **CPRE litter Pick** – Estelle Rose is going to co-ordinate, need to do a mid week litter pick – hopefully to have a **WHOLE** community event not just one/two groups.
- iii) Is a VAS device needed in Buttmead ? Could one possibly be added at a later date?
- iv) **Station Road** –
 - o Concern over litter from railway.
 - o Concern raised that heavy lorries are damaging verges in Station Road and the dangers pedestrians with no pavement. **Clerk** to request for pavement.
- v) **CPRE** – A representative from **ACRE's Rural Wellbeing Service** spoke to the meeting. It uses the snvb van to disseminate free information and advice on various issues – health and wellbeing, support groups, financial worries, energy costs, transport and social activities in the villages. It is attending Blisworth on 23rd March and be parked at Eastfield and possibly near the lunch club. The aim is to direct people where to get help as isolation and loneliness is a problem in rural areas.
- vi) There was an Introduction to the village **mounted voluntary police** volunteer. The idea being that horses and riders can see parts of the countryside less accessible to cars and others and can offer security support.

169. DATE SET FOR ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY (must be held between 1st March and 1st June) – 13th March 2017 in Village hall, 7pm THIS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ALTERED TO SUNDAY 19TH March at 2.30pm

170. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 6.3.17

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Planning Register at 30th January 2017

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u>S/2017/0172/COND</u>	33 Towcester Road Blisworth NN7 3DL	Condition 3 [Details of Finished Floor Levels] Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 3 of planning permission S/2016/2366/FUL [Replacement detached dwelling with double garage].	23/01/2017	3 - Case Officer Allocated
<u>S/2017/0173/COND</u>	33 Towcester Road Blisworth NN7 3DL	Condition 5 [Architectural Detailing] Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 5 of planning permission S/2016/2366/FUL [Replacement detached dwelling with double garage].	23/01/2017	3 - Case Officer Allocated
<u>S/2017/0174/COND</u>	33 Towcester Road Blisworth NN7 3DL	Condition 4 [Details of Landscaping] Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 4 of planning permission S/2016/2366/FUL [Replacement detached dwelling with double garage].	23/01/2017	3 - Case Officer Allocated
<u>S/2017/0175/COND</u>	33 Towcester Road Blisworth NN7 3DL	Condition 6 [Details of Surface Water Drainage] Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 6 of planning permission S/2016/2366/FUL [Replacement detached dwelling with double garage].	23/01/2017	3 - Case Officer Allocated
<u>S/2017/0209/FUL</u>	Navigation Cottage Blisworth Arm Blisworth NN7 3EF	Timber double garage	17/01/2017	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2017/0131/TPO</u>	Old Grave Yard High Street Blisworth NN7 3BJ	Re pollard lime tree to previous pruning points. (Approximately 5-6 metres)	16/01/2017	5 - Site Visit Complete by case officer
<u>S/2017/0004/COND</u>	Painters Cottage 30 Stoke Road Blisworth	Condition 9 [Natural limestone] Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to condition 9 of planning permission S/2014/0090/FUL [Erection of 2 no. dwellings & detached garages and the retention of the piggeries to support the vineyard, associated activities and storage of wine]	23/12/2016	10 - Approved
<u>S/2017/0005/COND</u>	Painters Cottage 30 Stoke Road Blisworth	Condition 10 [Brick Sample Panel] Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to condition 10 of planning permission S/2014/0090/FUL [Erection of 2 no. dwellings & detached garages and the retention of the piggeries to support the vineyard, associated activities and storage of wine]	23/12/2016	10 - Approved

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