

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 3rd April 2017

Held in the Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr Jeffery Chairman
Cllr J Hawkins Vice Chairman
Cllr C Gardner
Cllr S Billing
Cllr D Dalton
Cllr A Anderson
Cllr Burgoyne
Cllr Lee
Cllr Rose
Cllr Field

Cllr S Clarke SNC, Cllr Kirkbride NCC Cllr Hywell Davies, SNC
10 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.

193. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – THE FOLLOWING APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE APPROVED – Cllr Kennedy

194. 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.

- **Cllr Dalton - Application No. S/2017/0672/FUL**
None other was declared.

195. A RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 6th MARCH 2017 was passed – Proposed by Cllr Dalton and seconded by Cllr Field.

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

- i.** Mark Redding had written to the Council just after this agenda had gone out

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requesting help with funding of the purchase of Stop Rail Central banners at a cost of £400 for 10. It was agreed that this would be acceptable and the item would be **on the next agenda.**

- ii. Blisworth Allotment and Gardeners Association – Jane Percival had written to the Council just after this agenda had gone out requesting support for grant application to South Northants Homes Bonus to purchase the items stolen in the burglary. It was agreed that the **Clerk** send a letter of support from the Parish Council.
- iii. Doctor Surgery parking – The Chairman had produced and distributed posters requesting considerate parking.
- iv. A Petition demonstrating concern about the state of the roads has been circulated in the village to be returned by 10.4.17 – for submission to NCC.
- v. The Chairman informed the meeting that he would be retiring at the next meeting but would like to remain a Councillor. Those present were asked to consider the position of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

197. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS –

Cllr Kirkbride reported that this is her last meeting. She thanked the Council for always giving her a welcome. She was sympathetic about the road conditions and hoped that the Highways do some permanent repairs over summer. The new NCC building is running a bit late - staff are in reduced space until the move which will hopefully be by the end of April 2017.

This should rejuvenate the town centre as there are 2000+ staff.

She wished the Council well with the fight against rail link and hoped her colleagues would also support the cause.

Cllr Jeffery thanked Joan Kirkbride for all her work over the last few years.

Cllr CLarke reported that SNC expenditure is reduced. He will report on Sun Moon and Stars later in the agenda. An appointment has been made – a new Joint Chief Executive - Yvonne Rees starting in the summer.

198. VAS DEVICE INSTALLATION – Update on licensing

Clerk has sent application into NCC Highways.

199. PLANNING

For circulation at this meeting and comments:

- **Application No. S/2017/0758/FUL**
Proposal Two storey rear extension
Location 56 Courteenhall Road – problems with shared access to no 54.
No objections from PC – **Clerk** to submit to SNC
- **Application No. S/2017/0672/FUL**
Proposal First floor side existing garage and conversion of garage to habitable space.
Location 102 Connegar Leys
No objections from PC – **Clerk** to submit to SNC

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- **Application No. S/2017/0615/FUL**
Proposal Two storey rear and side extension with porch
Location 5 Westbrook
No objections from PC – **Clerk** to submit to SNC
- **Application No. S/2017/0608/FUL**
Proposal Single storey side and rear extension
Location 10 Towcester Road
No objections from PC – **Clerk** to submit to SNC
- **Connegar Leys garages** – there had been an enquiry from a resident as to whether parking bays are to be made due to demolition of parking in garages? The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Wayne Campbell, Planning Officer who said that SNC asked the developer to carry out a survey of the users of the garages, it was found that only 1-2 were being used for car parking by local residents, therefore it was decided that the developer had no liability to create additional parking.

The statement was "the parking problem is already an issue and it is not the developers liability to solve it!"
- **For current applications and information – see register below**

178. Update on Planning position with SNC for Sun moon and Stars

Cllr Clarke read an SNC report which he agreed to send to Clerk.. It will be attached to these minutes.

Cllr Lee – stated that she felt there was a conflict of interest – recollection that the requirement for a large development was to make it financially viable but SNC have set the sale price. Parish Council have not seen how price was agreed so it is not transparent. Cllr had no further comment to make.

179. RAIL CENTRAL PROPOSALS

- UPDATE AND REPORT ON LATEST POSTION - meeting in May (15 or 22nd) date still to be confirmed by Ashfield Land who have been informed it will be a public meeting but no questions from floor.

Mark Redding gave an update on the continuing work of SRC

UPDATE IF ANY FROM ROXHILL PROPOSALS (RESPONSE BY PC submitted) – no response as yet from Roxhill.

180. Local Matters

- **Rights of Way**
 - Reports of any problems
RD 3 – no diagonal path created so pedestrians go up the side, access still possible albeit on an incorrect route.
RD4 – at junction of RD16, bridleway and Knock Lane very muddy – not passable
 - Correspondence from Rebecca Miller – Northamptonshire Local Access Forum are looking to recruit new members they advise the

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county council, as well as district and borough councils, on the management of the county's public rights of way.

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/rights-of-way/Pages/northamptonshire-local-access-forum.aspx> - **Clerk** to send to send to Tim Noble, Foot path Warden

- Definitive Map and Rights of Way Improvement Plan (hard copy) – to be completed by 1.7.17. Clerk to send to Tim Noble, Footpath Warden and Mike Burgoyne who has also volunteered.
- **Lighting –**
 - Reports of any faults: none to report
- **Traffic/Highway Issues Reported:**
 - Reported Weight Restriction signs in Courteenhall Road – Reference 855199 now reported as a Local traffic only sign – 7.3.17
 - **Station Road –** concealed entrance sign request - reference is 862620 reported 7.3.16 – response was suggestion of site meeting – The Chairman agreed to a meeting. **Clerk** to liaise with NCC.
 - Huge pothole outside school – Reference 855201 – now repaired
 - Buttmead/Connegar Leys – numerous potholes and bad surface – Reference 855203
- **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme –** New Co-ordinator needs to be recruited.
- **Allotments –** Rent collection update – £155 paid into bank. **Clerk** to chase Football Club for payment and produce the new tenancy agreement between Mr Leadbitter and PC and annual bill of £300 for the Parish Field.
- **Play Area –** annual inspection report from Wicksteed – **Cllr Dalton** agreed to carry out the works – (fixing replacement bolts). Wicksteed's quote was for £86.60.
Cllr Dalton reported that the entrance to gateway needs repairing – **Cllr Dalton** to approach Les Carter to reinstate soil and turf and put down some plastic re-enforcement.

181. COMMUNICATIONS –

Outgoing

- i) **Blisworth residents** re state of roads (2 requests)
- ii) **Rail Central** – requesting presentation on 15/22nd May (no response as yet)
- iii) **Ann Addison**, Milton Malsor PC – expression of support for Parishes Against Pollution

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- iv) **Allseasons** – arrangement of site meeting for grass cutting (will strim not spray)
- v) **Aylesbury Mains** – Acceptance of quote for £1652.08 ex VAT for new lights and request to proceed with work including light in Stoke Road
- vi) **Steve Barber, NCC Highways** – following up installations requirements – Clerk has sent payment, application and insurance details as requested for license
- vii) **SNC** - Request for extension to Planning Apps S/2017/0615 and S/2017/0608
- viii) **Archdeacon of Northampton** re Boundary of Closed Cemetery – thanking him for arranging and hosting cemetery meeting
- ix) **Archdeacon of Northampton** re Boundary of Closed Cemetery – use of beech not dog wood for planting hedge. (copied to J Morley and Parish Councillors)

Notable correspondence In-coming and Circulated to councillors:

- x) **NCC** - County Council Values & Principles
- xi) **CPRE** - Spring Road Show mailing - March 2017, Cllr Hawkins booked on to Road show 27th April at 6pm at Great Houghton Village Hall.
- xii) **NCC** - March's news from my county council
- xiii) **ACRE** - How Northamptonshire ACRE can assist Parish Councils
- xiv) **Resident from** village Enquiry as to whether parking bays are to be built along Connegar Leys to compensate for the loss of the garages which have been demolished for more houses
- xv) **NCC – consultation – Library Services** - The Library Service is asking customers about its online library services. As part of this consultation, customers will be asked to rate the services they use, and will be able to put forward suggestions for improvement
- xvi) **PCSO Stephanie Bacon** – South Northants police update
- xvii) **Progress Group** - PROGRESS GROUP CONSTITUTION – see agenda item
- xviii) **Wicksteed** - Play Area inspection report
- xix) **Northants Highways** - Definitive Map and Rights of Way Improvement Plan – questionnaire to be completed by 1.7.17
(hard copy to Mike Burgoyne)

182. FINANCE

ii) Cheque payments to agree:

Name	Details	£ Total	VAT	Net	Chq
AH Contracts	Dog bins				2532
Anglian Water	12.11.16 – 7.3.17	147.87		147.87	2533
V Hartley	Salary for March	490.52	-	490.52	2534
HMRC	Tax for above	44.40	-	44.40	2535
Aylesbury Mains	See quote of 16.2.17 – 3 new units and Light 42, Stoke Rd re-lamp and clean	2011.30	335.22	1676.08	2536

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Wicksteed Leisure	Annual Inspection	54.00	9.00	45.00	2537
Ann North	PPG Printing costs	57.98		57.98	2538

- Bank Balance at 24.3.17 - £23942.26

183. PROGRESS GROUP –

- REPORT for this meeting

- Finance report remains the same - Balance - £511.00. Some expenses to be presented.
- The Group hope to send representatives to the seminar on the Local Plan Part 2 and will then look at producing a survey to find out how the residents would like the village to develop in the future.
- The Group asks the Parish Council to consider their revised Constitution.
- The Best Village entry has been handed in to ACRE. Thanks to the team who worked so hard on it. Date for judging is 27th April. Request for cut at that time. CJ will see if he can organise someone to manually remove at his cost.
- Thanks to all the residents who took part in the Litter Pick.- looking to get a litter free village.
- Janet – Football Club new club house needed. Needs to get up to date with accounts. Security. Collect rubbish.

- **Review of Constitution** – new draft circulated prior to meeting. The constitution must state that the Progress Group is a Working Party not a sub- committee of the Parish Council.

- pollarding of lime trees in cemetery - Clerk reported that the invoice has come in today

184. Wifi contribution – details for Pre-School Account for setting up payment of £8.87 per month to Pre-School for wifi Standing Order now set up with bank.

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

No update available. Delayed by staff sick leave – may be available next meeting.

186. CLOSED CEMETERY BOUNDARY – Report from meeting held on 21st March with Archdeacon. It was a **very productive meeting – the Archdeacon was sympathetic and will allow a temporary fence and the planting of a hedge. Archdeacon can use delegated powers so it does not have to go to the Diocese for a decision.** It was agreed that dogwood be used for the hedge but further to the meeting after discussion with 2 landscapers the Chairman suggested a beech hedge would be preferable because dogwood would need to be coppiced so the hedge effect would be lost. This had been put to the Archdeacon and the other councillors by email. There had been no comment from the Archdeacon but his secretary had **emailed the Clerk today to say that the planting could go ahead.** The Chairman had obtained a quote for the work from Allseasons for £900. The work needs to go ahead as soon as possible as the timing for planting is virtually at an end for this season. Clerk to accept quote tomorrow and request that work goes ahead asap.

Cllr Anderson to water which he agreed to do.

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Cllr Lee stated that the Parish Council needs to know the limit of responsibilities and what the arrangement for the take over from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) from a historical perspective. The Clerk stated that as the 3 month period before it was handed to SNC to manage it was now the PC responsibility to manage although it is owned by the Diocese. The PCC has no responsibility for the cemetery. It was agreed that the planting should be carried out before going back to the Archdeacon referring to the points made by Cllr Lee for details on the transfer.

187. NEW WEBSITE – Update

Wifi now in hall.

188. CLEANLINESS OF BUS SHELTER, NEXT TO THE ROYAL OAK – Cllr Burgoyne had reported that the shelter was extremely dirty and smelly. The Clerk stated that Brafield pay a local resident to clean their shelters for about £200 per quarter. Cllr Jeffery had mentioned to Les Carter. There may be a rough sleeper – if this is sop it should be reported to Cllr Clarke.

189. EMERGENCY PLANNING – Possible production of plan – Cllr Burgoyne looking into this.

189. SUPERFAST BROADBAND – WHOLE VILLAGE STILL NOT CONNCECTED

R and A – 8 streets been reported. Would like to extend it to whole village. Nationally supposed to be 95% of village covered by end of 2017 but it appears this will not happen.

190. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Cllr Gardner – SN Homes have a supply of wood chip if anyone wants some – free delivery.

Cllr Anderson – wondered why the decision to park the mobile speed van just inside national speed limit going out village on Towcester Road had been made.

Cllr Burgoyne – Dog bins often over flowing **Clerk** to check with AH Contracts on how often the bins are emptied.

Cllr Hawkins – church yard wall – **Clerk** to report to PCC


Cllr Jeffery – Roads Petition to be handed to NCC – Graham Tebbit / Nick Spores –

Cllr Jeffery to liaise with Jane Percival

191. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION - Topics of interest had been covered by agenda

**192. DATE SET FOR NEXT MEETING - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –
Tuesday 2nd May 2017 Meeting Closed 9.35pm**

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<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Received</u> 	<u>Status</u>
<u>S/2017/0758/FUL</u>	56 Courteenhall	Two storey rear extension	3/20/2017	4 - Consults

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	Road Blisworth NN7 3DD			Despatched
<u>S/2017/0666/COND</u>	Land off Connegar Leys Blisworth	Condition 3 [Samples of Tiles] Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 3 of planning permission S/2015/2614/FUL [Demolition of existing redundant garages and associated hardstanding to provide 2no. affordable 2 bedroom housing and 2no 1 bedroom affordable housing].	3/15/2017	10 - Approved
<u>S/2017/0667/COND</u>	Land off Connegar Leys Blisworth	Condition 4 [Samples of Bricks] Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 4 of planning permission S/2015/2614/FUL [Demolition of existing redundant garages and associated hardstanding to provide 2no. affordable 2 bedroom housing and 2no 1 bedroom affordable housing].	3/15/2017	10 - Approved
<u>S/2017/0668/COND</u>	Land off Connegar Leys Blisworth	Condition 13 [Construction Method Statement] Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 13 of planning permission S/2015/2614/FUL [Demolition of existing redundant garages and associated hardstanding to provide 2no. affordable 2 bedroom housing and 2no 1 bedroom affordable housing].	3/15/2017	10 - Approved
<u>S/2017/0672/FUL</u>	102 Connegar Leys Blisworth NN7 3DF	First floor side existing garage and conversion of garage to habitable space.	3/10/2017	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2017/0633/LDP</u>	Elgin 1 Greenside Blisworth NN7 3BY	Certificate of proposed lawful development comprising of single storey rear extension to existing workshop.	3/6/2017	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2017/0608/FUL</u>	10 Towcester Road Blisworth NN7 3BL	Single storey side and rear extension	3/1/2017	7 - Info/Amendments Received
<u>S/2017/0615/FUL</u>	5 Westbrook Blisworth NN7 3EN	Two storey rear and side extension with porch	3/1/2017	5 - Site Visit Complete by case officer

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**Appendix to BPC minutes 3.4.17
South Northants Council**

STATEMENT FOR BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

3 April 2017

Sun Moon and Stars – Current Status
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Purpose of the statement

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Parish Council on the current status of the sale of the Sun Moon and Stars to Mr Fuller (of Thomas Betts & Co)
- 1.2 The sale of this asset has been complex and protracted for a number of reasons including:
- Lack of interest from developers in progressing the scheme when seeking a buyer;
 - Providing a scheme that structurally preserves a Grade II listed building in need of significant repair;
 - Commercial viability issues;
 - Requirement for additional bat surveys which have necessitated the planning process being delayed to accommodate the additional survey requirements and the sales contract timescales being changed to accommodate this;
 - Requirement for an insurance indemnity to be sought by the buyer with regard to restrictive covenants, rights and access due to the long period that the property has been uninhabited.
- 1.3 On Thursday 29th September 2016 Mr Fuller received formal approval of his planning application to deliver a scheme on the site consisting of 9 units, 6 flats, 1 house and 2 maisonettes. The scheme will further provide for appropriate parking, bin stores, brick boundary walls, access gates and the necessary landscaping as part of the proposal. This followed the decision of the SNC Development Control Committee on 22nd September 2016 to approve the application and an associated application for listed building consent subject to conditions. For information, and to ensure full separation of SNC's local planning authority function from its land owning function, those members of the Development Control Committee who were also members of the Council's Cabinet left the Committee meeting and took no part in the Committee's debate or determination.
- 1.4 On Friday 31st March 2017 the transfer of the site was completed and the asset is now owned by Mr Fuller who is making plans to address the immediate remedial issues and plan his redevelopment programme.
- Mr Fuller would be pleased to meet with the parish council at a future meeting to discuss his plans for the site. He can be contacted by email and SNC will make his email address available to the parish clerk.
- 1.5 South Northamptonshire Council will be continuing to monitor progress on the delivery of the site and our Property and Investment team led by Commercial Director, Karen Curtin will be keeping in contact with Mr Fuller.

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