

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Held in the Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

### Present:

Cllr J Hawkins      Chairman  
Cllr Kennedy        Vice Chairman  
Cllr C Gardner  
Cllr D Dalton  
Cllr A Hillier  
Cllr Burgoyne  
Cllr Field

Cllr Hywel Davies, SNC Cllr, Mark Redding SRC  
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. 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.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – The following apologies were received:  
**Cllr Jeffery, Cllr Lee, Cllr Billing, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Clarke - SNC Cllr Brown - NCC**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** – members were asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any items under consideration at this meeting.  
**Cllr Hawkins – Art group correspondence re request for donation to South Northants Art Trail – item 10**
3. **RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2017.**  
The minutes were adopted proposed by Cllr Dalton, seconded by Cllr Kennedy.
4. **CLERK'S / CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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Actions carried out as per last meeting.

The Clerk reported that she had received information and a poster about a group called Towcester Heartbeats which supports people with heart conditions. It was agreed the information would go in R and A, **Clerk** to send to Jane Percival.

The Chairman reported that Blisworth had been awarded £150 for the runner up prize in the CPRE litter pick this money will be awarded to the Blisworth Litter Campaign.

She had also been in touch with Wayne Campbell from SNC Planning and Stephen Clarke, SNC Councillor regarding the following:

#### **Solar Farm community benefit:**

Wayne Campbell has been in contact with the applicant / agents for the last application registered on this site and requested a meeting to discuss the issue of the unilateral undertaking and the payment attached to this document. He is currently waiting for a response from the applicant in terms of agreeing a meeting date.

#### **Chapel Lane, Appeal, report from Wayne Campbell:**

The appeal statement relating to this site has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate along with a further response following a request by Orbit Homes for an award of costs to be levied against the Council. Orbit are stating that as the Council refused the application without any professional evidence / support the Council have acted unreasonably and as such delayed the approval of the application. If the Planning inspector finds in Orbit's favour the Council will be liable to pay the cost of Orbit's consultants. He has responded by stating that the Council have not acted unreasonably in considering the application or in refusing the proposal. However he awaits to see if the Inspector agrees with the Council or with the appellant.

#### **Sun, Moon and Stars:**

Wayne Campbell is not dealing with this site it is Amanda Hasiman. The last application was approved on 26 September 2016. Condition 1 of which required works to commence within a period of 3 years although there are a number of pre-commencement conditions for which he can't see any evidence of them being discharged.

#### **Best Village signage:**

Steve Clarke has emailed the appropriate SNC officer to request contact details of our supplier and is awaiting his response. In the meantime, he would suggest it might be worth getting three quotes in order to ensure best Value for Money.

#### **Old Sewerage Works:**

Opposite Railway Cottages on Northampton Road I – Steve Clarke has asked SNC Planning Enforcement to take an initial look at the site and liaise with NCC as appropriate and will be in touch with further news when I have it.

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

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## 6. RAILFREIGHT TERMINAL – UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE CURRENT STATUS IN PARTICULAR :

- **In response from request by SRC consideration by PC in taking an active role in the POLLUTION aspect of the development.**

Mark Redding – He outlined that the area in which the Parish Council could become involved would be in the measurement of Air pollution which is an item to be submitted for the application. The pollution would be connected with increased Housing and transport. Some measurements cannot be made. Needs a co-ordinated approach with an individual from this council. Equipment is not expensive. Mark Redding will guide the PC, and send information to the Clerk. Not suitable to be added to litter campaign.

A vote was taken and it was unanimous that support be given by the Parish Council.

- Report on Village walk around both sites – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017 – successfully attended by approximately 400 people.

## 7. REPORT ON WINNING OF BEST VILLAGE COMPETITION

Blisworth had won the Best Medium Village, and Best Overall Village in Northamptonshire and thus had won £1000. The Chairman read the address she had previously made to the village. Blisworth was best overall village in Northants. Suggestion boxes will be placed around the village for people to suggest ideas on how to spend the winnings.

## 8. PLANNING

- **Sun, Moon and Stars – See Chairman’s report above.**

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Architect – Nicholas Fuller, requesting a timeline for work to be done and expressing the concern of the PC that the building is deteriorating. **Cllr Burgoyne** will draft a letter for heading up by **Clerk**.

### Applications for circulation:

- **S/2017/1722/FUL** at 64 Pond Bank – Proposal : new dwelling attached to existing dwelling – PC had 3 concerns:
  - i) New house would not have access to canal
  - ii) end of cul de sac parking issues
  - iii) When work was done on previous extension, 62 Pond Bank was damaged.**Clerk** to submit to SNC these concerns with no objections
- **S/2017/1873/FUL**, 51 Stoke Road – Proposal: Two storey side extension – **Clerk** to submit no objections to SNC
- **S/2017/1716/FUL** at 4 Connegar Leys, extension - **Clerk** to submit no objections to SNC

See Planning Register below for details.

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9. **VAS DEVICE** – Now installed. Data is demonstrating valuable information about speeding and numbers of movements. Clerk had received licence which was signed by Clerk, witnessed by Cllr Dalton. Cllr Dalton reported that the machine had been delivered without a battery charger – Clerk will contact Morelock signs to see if one could be sent.  
Letter to be sent to adjacent residents to thank them for their help with setting up the machine.

#### 10. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM BLISWORTH ARTISTS FOR FUNDS TOWARDS ART TRAIL

The possibility of making a direct contribution to the SNA October Art Trail was discussed at length. Clerk to write to Art Group stating that it was agreed that the Council would want more information on how the money would be spent and whether it would be specifically for Blisworth before the Council could make a contribution.

In the meantime it would be worth applying to South Northamptonshire Council Grants Team for a sum from the New Homes Bonus scheme which village organisations can apply for directly.

11. **AGREEMENT ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING OF DIRECTORY** – Cost of Printing - £162.00, there is no VAT to pay.  
It was agreed that this would be paid when the invoice from Shire Lumsden is received.

#### 12. LOCAL MATTERS

- i. **Footpaths** – reports of any problems - none
- **Lighting** – Reports of faults :
  - PL18 – Access hatch insuecure, **Cllr Gardner** will report
  - PL no 1 opposite 31 Connegar Leys – light on in day time – **Cllr Gardner** will report.

Invoice now received for £580.67 for new column at junction of Stoke Road and Buttmead. DNO(connection cost) invoice to follow for £1295.

- ii. **Play Area** – reports of any issues - none
- iii. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** –
- Agreement to purchase high visibility jackets for volunteers – it was agreed that **Cllr Burgoyne** will speak to Philip Thornton to find out what is required.
  - Report had been circulated
  - PCSO Cooksammy – Website links – Clerk had sent to website
- iv. **Highways** –:
- a) **NCC SURVEY OF GRIT BINS** – one in Chapel Lane opposite pub will be removed as deemed not fit for purpose. Clerk to write and request that this bin is replaced as it was very necessary for safety. (NCC are maintaining one on Chapel Lane hill and monitoring others)
- b) **Community Enhancement Gangs** – visiting on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

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### **Need to prioritise list which has been submitted:**

- Side out footpath in front of the Church wall on High Street
- Side out Northampton Road footpath up to Station Road
- Clean village entry sign on Northampton Road
- Clean weight restriction signs on corner of Church Lane / High Street
- (Cut back vegetation obscuring 'Children Crossing' sign on Northampton Road
- Paint steps between Westnbook and Chapel Lane
- Paint bollard between Eastfield and Home Close
- Refurbish seat at the bus stop on Elm Tree corner).

**Cllr Dalton** agreed to take on the liaison between NCC and the Parish Council and meet on the day for the first 4 items above. The bracketed items above were deemed not possible for this group.

### **13. WEBSITE - Clarification on the Governance of the Two Websites for the Village.**

It was agreed that the PC would run the Parish Council site with the webmasters – Cllr Kennedy and Mason Masterman. The Clerk advised the PC that NCALC advice is that the PC has control over their site to comply with the Transparency Laws.

The 'Life' website would be run by Trisha White.

### **14. WEBSITE LOGO – The Clerk circulated a letter head with the new logo. It was agreed that it could be used.**

### **15. PARISH COUNCIL TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO JOIN ACRE - £35 It was agreed that the Parish Council would join and pay the fee tonight.**

### **16. COMMUNICATIONS**

A) Correspondence – Emails/letters outgoing and ingoing:

#### **Out –**

- i. Resident of Connegar Leys concerning parking
- ii. NCC – Request for road narrowing sign and 'SLOW' on Station Road Ref: 891633 – this request was turned down as lack of accidents. Cllr Gardner will follow this up as Bugbrooke has a similar bridge with signs.

#### **In and circulated:**

- iii) NCC - Rights of Way Improvement plan survey – deadline 3.8.17
- iv) NCC - July's news from my county council
- v) Rail Central LLG - summary note of 18 July meeting on Rail
- vi) NCALC - Notice of Annual General Meeting - 7 October 2017
- vii) NCALC – Update
- viii) PCSO Cooksammy – Website links
- ix) Hard copy of letter from A Leadsom MP – congratulations on winning Best Village competition.

### **17. PARISH PLAN PROGRESS GROUP – REPORT**

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*The Group will be responding to residents' concerns about litter in the village by some of the members starting a Blisworth Litter Campaign. Advance publicity will be made available at the Football Club Fun Day.*

*We are pleased to support the Football Club in their efforts to replace the Clubhouse. They are looking for assistance from many sources including the Football Association.*

**18. ALLOTMENTS – Report from walk round by Cllrs Jeffery and Billing and Clerk on allotments which are not worked.**

**Clerk** to send letters to individuals.

**19. REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SAFETY – STATION ROAD, consideration of a further Speed Watch campaign**

**20. PARKING IN CONNEGAR LEYS – correspondence from resident, concern raised since building commenced**

**21. FINANCE**

**i) Payments – for approval:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Chq</b>
<b>E-on</b>	<b>¼ Jan – Mar</b>	<b>1398.23</b>	<b>2571</b>
<b>E-on</b>	<b>¼ Ap – June</b>	<b>1542.19</b>	<b>2572</b>
<b>V Hartley</b>	<b>Salary for June</b>	<b>490.72</b>	<b>2573</b>
<b>HMRC</b>	<b>Tax for above</b>	<b>44.20</b>	<b>2374</b>
<b>AH Contracts</b>	<b>Dog Bins</b>	<b>133.39</b>	<b>2375</b>
<b>Aylesbury Mains</b>	<b>Jct Stoke Rd &amp; Buttmead</b>	<b>580.87</b>	<b>2376</b>
<b>Allseasons</b>	<b>July mowing</b>	<b>738.00</b>	<b>2377</b>
<b>ACRE</b>	<b>Annual Sub</b>	<b>£35.00</b>	<b>2378</b>

**OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Bank Balance at July 24<sup>th</sup> - £27,326.98**

**Agreement to pay for Litter Campaign leaflet at next meeting**

**22. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS**

**Cllr Hillier** – Informed the meeting that there is a defibrillator at the Parkslope Surgery

**Cllr Dalton**

- concern about overgrown brambles on corner of High Street and Church Lane – **Cllr Field** will contact resident.
- Planters – Mick Wreford will donate monies from the Hollowell Steam Rally for planters on Towcester Road.

**Cllr Gardner**

- Memorial Plaque on side of cottage near pub needs repairing. He will ask Sam Linnell if he could do it.
- Grants available from SNC for play equipment
- **Clerk** to request again an extension to 30mph speed limit on Gayton Road up to electricity sub station and on Courteenhall Road just beyond farm.

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**23. PUBLIC SESSION**

- A resident thanked the Parish council and the public for all their help in locating his elderly mother recently.
- It was proposed that extra pages would be allowed for the reporting of the Best Village Competition in the Round and About
- There would be a request made to Mr Carter to do the pavement weeds before the Canal Festival on 12<sup>th</sup> August.

**23. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT and FUTURE MEETING – 4.9.17**

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