

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 2nd October 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 Field
Cllr Billing

Cllr Clarke, SNC

6 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;
Cllrs Jeffery, Burgoyne, Lee, Anderson, Cllr Davies, SNC
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 – none was declared.
3. **RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 4th SEPTEMBER 2017 - A RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING** was passed – Proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Billing.

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4. CLERK'S / CHAIR'S REPORT

Clerk:

- Actions carried out as per last meeting.
- VAS data from Towcester Road have been received.
- Meeting with Stephen Mold - PCC for Northamptonshire - 10 October 2017
- Enforcement Notice served 32 Northampton Rd
- Replacement of Stoke Road dog bin
- Rothersthorpe PC - SNC Local Plan 2017

Chairman : She had received a cheque for £150 and a framed certificate for the Litter Heroes campaign which will go towards Blisworth's own Litter campaign being lead by Cllr Hillier.

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

- Request from the Chairman for notes from Local Plan meetings f (had been promised).
- A43 concerns: SNC has been working to try and improve safety with Highways England particularly on the gaps and junctions on central reservations where half of the collisions occur. Looking for funding. Cats' eyes have also added.
Cllrs Dalton and Gardner stated that the original plans for a subway or roundabout should be re-visited. This was agreed.
Cllr Clarke will liaise with the Clerk re local villages who might be willing to support action in this way.

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

- **Air pollution monitoring** – 14 Kits have been delivered.now stored in Clerk's fridge\ Cllr Kennedy will liaise with Cllr Anderson about their positioning. She requested that anyone who writes to object to the plans to copy in Andrea Leadsom MP.
- Update from Liaison group - SRC Community Newsletter has been distributed
- Arrangements for viewing of Roxhill Plans – to be delivered to Clerk and then decision will be made how to make them available to the public.

7. PLANNING

- **Planning Inspectorate APP/Z2830/W/17/3171395: Land at Chapel Lane – report and decision circulated:**

The appeal is allowed insofar as it relates to Conditions 14 and 15 and planning permission is granted for 27 houses, estate road and associated works at Chapel Lane, Blisworth, Northamptonshire in accordance with the application Ref S/2015/2472/MAF dated 15 October 2015, without compliance with condition numbers 14 and 15 previously imposed on planning permission Ref - Appeal Decision APP/Z2830/W/17/3171395

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- **Sun, Moon and Stars** –Clerk sent request to Mandy Lumb at the Heritage Department at SNC to look into condition of building. **Clerk** to contact **Cllrs Dalton** and **Gardner** who agreed to meet with Officer when a response is made.
- **Barn D, Buttermilk Hall Farm, 60 Stoke Road** – requested explanation of why PC objected to last application – Cllr Jeffery letter circulated to be agreed. The Chairman said no response required, simply an acknowledgment of the email. **Clerk** to respond that PC has made comments and matter is now with SNC.
- **Applications for circulation: 13 Courteenhall Road**
Last application was an objection from the PC. Objections still stand as from last time due to safety issues. **Clerk** to respond.

See Planning Register below for details.

8. Local Plan Part 2 Consultation Briefing Sessions at SNC: Report

Cllrs Hilliers and Hawkins reported on the session which was an update from April's consultation. The Plan itself is very detailed and the deadline for consultation is 10.11.17. Housing needs to be assessed. South Northants Council has met its housing quota so there is less pressure on it. Area between Blisworth and Milton Malsor cannot be designated as a green space as it does not have enough points. Cllr Hawkins suggested that the area may have been the site of a historic battle which could add weight to an argument for its preservation.

9. LOCAL MATTERS

- i. **Footpaths** –reports of any problems
- ii. **Lighting** – Reports of faults
 - Clerk has confirmed that Blisworth Parish Council accepts work on RD2 light, road to football club and Courteenhall Road for a total of £4023.60.
 - 26/27/28/29 flat Greenaway Close – Light reported, now working.
 - Light at bottom of Buttmead isout – **Cllr Gardner** will report.
- iii. **Play Area** – reports of any issues – no issues with equipment – had been a request to pick up grass. Cllr Dalton will make another application to SNC Homes Bonus Scheme for funding for more equipment.
- iv. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – nothing to report
- v. **Highways**
 - Request for bus shelter to be cleaned gone to NCC
 - Cllr Adam Brown (not present) was hoped he would report and recommend his findings re/his walk round with Cllr Kennedy (as to the state of Blisworth's Estate Roads) to Highways. **Cllr Kennedy** will contact him for a report.
 - Cllr Hillier reported that pavement along Station Road between A43 flyover and Gayton Arm is covered with moss and very slippery and is also overgrown. Also water sitting on the road at just over bridge and next to gates. **Clerk** to report to Street doctor.
 - 30mph sign still down. Been reported. **Clerk** to report again.

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10. BEST VILLAGE SIGN – been cleaned and altered- see finance. Suggestions on how to spend the £1000 prize money will be collected and they will be reviewed at the next Progress Group meeting. Cllr Dalton had seen Les Carter who will tidy up the area around the village sign. Mr Steeper has volunteered to clean the sign every 3 months. The Parish Council was very grateful.

11. GRASS CUTTING ARRANGEMENTS

- Request from resident to have grass picked up on Eastfield Play area. Cllr Jeffery had agreed this with Allseasons.
- PC to decide whether it wants Allseasons to continue grass cutting next year and if so for how many years contract should last. It was agreed to defer the decision until next meeting when Cllr Jeffery would be present.

12. Dog bins: Update on repairs. **Clerk** to get quote from AH Contracts for a new bin and installation for Stoke Road.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

Out

- i. Friends of the Earth – order for pollution kits
- ii. NCC - requesting that PC takes on liability of grit bin near to the Oak and fills it as required.
- iii. Thank you letter to Jan and Alan Andrews for all their work in the village
- iv. Andrea Leadsom MP – letter of thanks for support and request to bring up Highways budget of county councils in Parliament
- v. Crick, Lilbourne and Kilsby PCs – letter asking what impact has DIRFT had on community life
- vi. Support in application for Application from Blisworth Scouts Club to the New Homes Bonus Local Community Grant (completed form)
- vii. SNC – Mandy Lumb, Heritage – request for onsite survey to check building from leaks etc

In and circulated:(not covered elsewhere in agenda)

- i. Resident - Blisworth Village Life "Transport information" not up to date
- ii. NCALC – Information on Northants CALC AGM
- iii. SNC - Community Safety Partnership Parish Workshop
- iv. F of E – Pollution kits

14. PARISH PLAN PROGRESS GROUP

a) Governance of Progress Group – report from NCALC Auditor further from request for advice from Clerk:

The WG can be constituted (with a small 'c') more or less as currently ie elected members of the Council and of the public with Terms of Reference that ask it to take forward the elements of the Parish Plan by identifying and recommending to the PC what, when, where and how items are to be delivered, for the PC to consider and resolve to do and pay for out of PC funds. The latter is important because the PC retains control of the money and the purchasing / spending, thereby ensuring that any VAT can be reclaimed because the invoices are in the name of the PC which may not be the case if individuals are reimbursed for what they have purchased.

b) Report

The Blisworth Litter Campaign leaflets will be distributed with the October/November Round and About. It is hoped to have a more co-ordinated and structured scheme for regular litter picks and to canvas villagers' views and ideas on problems and possible solutions.

We are very pleased to see the revised and refurbished sign showing the achievements in both 2012 and 2017. We hope that funds can be allocated to ensure that it is regularly cleaned.

The Football Club hope that they will do well in the competition for an increase in the basic Tesco's Bags of Help Award. This will go towards their project for a new clubhouse. Please keep posting the little blue discs into the slot for the village.

The Group consider that the Parish Council should publicise how the funds are spent. Villagers are probably unaware of the cost of the services such as provision of new lights.

We would ask that the PC ask for electronic timetables for our bus shelters. They have been supplied in other villages.

We are looking into the suggestion that we have a village library.

Balance £565.02.

c) Presentation of the Litter Heroes award**15. ALLOTMENTS –**

- Report from Clerk re un worked plots – One plot tenant had given up his plot and it was agreed by the Council that the plot could be re-let to the individual who had volunteered to clear it.
- Complaint about state of overgrown ground behind football club. Janet Steeper stated that the Football Club would clear it as in the past.

16. FINANCE**Payments approved , proposed by Cllr Dalton, seconded by Cllr Kennedy:**

Chq	Payee	Detail	
592	Aylesbury Mains	Repairs to 31b Stoke Rd	£48.60
593	Shire Lumsden	30 directories + postage	£15.00
594	Tangerine Red	Update and clean of village sign	£420.00
595	Blisworth village hall	Room hire - Jan - Sept	£81.00
596	Anglian Water	water for 12.5.- 7.9.17	£161.05
597	B.Osborne	Payroll	£60.00
598	V Hartley	Sal for Sept	£490.52
599	HMRC	Tax for Sept	£44.40
600	AH Contracts	Dog bins	£133.39
601	Allseasons	Grass	£696.00
602	BDO	External Audit	£240.00

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Bank Balance at Sept 24th - **£36525.58**
- **EXTERNAL AUDIT for year ending 31.3.17**– This has been completed.

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There were no matters arising. Annual Return and Notice is up and available on website.

- Precept £15500 and £1000 received for Best Village competition.
- Suggestions to go on next agenda.
- Village Hall internet payments to be clarified.

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Cllr Gardner :

Courteenhall Road street lights – Clerk to ask Highways to cut back branch from the first one going up the hill – opposite Windmill Avenue.

Lady Field – 2 out – one opposite no 23c and one near to the car park.– **Clerk** to contact Grand Union Housing Association.

Cllr Field:

Village been swept but leaves left on Towcester Road near bridge which will block drain. **Cllr Kennedy** agreed to clear them.

Cllr Kennedy :

VAS machine – records. Speed is being kerbed. Average speed is 32mph. Could alter machine so that speed will not be displayed but recorded. **Clerk** to write to Haywards to thank them for data.

18. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT meeting – 7.30pm, 6th November

19. PUBLIC SESSION

JS - Request for support from football Club

AN - Request for priority to be thought for certain roads, pavements – will be forwarded to PK for Adam Brown.

JP - New planter for village suggested on Northampton Road similar to Milton Malsor, suggested further to £2000 donated by Mick Wreford.

JP – Photos in hall need updating.

Meeting closed at 9.55pm

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