

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 4th June 2018

Held in the Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr Kennedy Vice Chairman
Cllr C Gardner
Cllr A Hillier
Cllr Field
Cllr Billing
Cllr Burgoyne
Cllr Dalton

Cllr S Clarke, SNC

5 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 Hawkins, Cllr Bunker
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 15th MAY 2018 - A RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING** was passed – Proposed by Cllr Field and seconded by Cllr Hillier .
4. **CLERK'S / CHAIR'S REPORT**
 - a) **Website - Clerk had attended meeting with Tricia White and is now 'web master' for the PC.**

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- b) **Late invitation (16 hours notice) to the Scrutiny Management Committee** on 30th May at County Hall. Agenda included the petition review requested by PC. The Committee would have been provided with details of the original petition, the Council's response to it, and the reasons why PC considered that the Council had not dealt with it adequately. The Scrutiny Management Committee will need to determine whether it thinks the Council's response was adequate, taking into account factors such as relevant policies and whether the response was communicated clearly. If the Scrutiny Management Committee does conclude that the Council's response was inadequate it will identify recommendations for actions intended to address this.

Charlie Jeffery attended the meeting and sent in a report:

'As expected the committee found in favour of the council's response stating that the council had correctly followed the NCC guidelines. i.e. that the road had been inspected and that the potholes were less than 40mm deep and no more than 250mm wide "the width I would dispute" this depth and width is below the NCC intervention level!!! therefore the NCC had responded correctly by declining to prioritise the repair.

I did point out that as the asphalt was laid on a previously concrete road and that the standard depth of wearing a course topping is 40mm, this road will never qualify?

The committee has no control over the NCC in authorizing repairs..

The better news is, that I was informed that two days of repair work on the Buttmead and Connegar leys roads is scheduled for the middle of June.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Report from local Community Police Officer – if available
SNC and Cherwell shared arrangements will end. Information just gone out. This was considered unfortunate. Parishes will be given regular updates.
Promoted the Towcester Food Festival 9/10th June. £8 and £6 tickets
SMS – Councillors had noticed people have been working on it today but Cllr Clarke unaware.

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

- a) SNC has sent a copy of the Planning Inspectorate correspondence to them stating:

*Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 55
Application by Roxhill (Junction 15) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange
Adequacy of consultation request*

The Planning Inspectorate had received the above application for an Order granting development consent on Monday 21 May 2018. A decision whether or not to accept the application for Examination must be made by Monday 18 June 2018. A response was made by this PC to Denis Winterbottom at SNC as requested by 30th May composed by Cllr Kennedy. She had stated that the notice was too short. By June 16th should know if Roxhill has its consent order.

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Mark Redding also reported on behalf of Stop Rail Central: Roxhill- Adequacy of consultation comments have gone to Roxhill and they have gone on the Impact Report. After 16th June SRI will call a meeting. Appropriate, measured and non-abusive comments will be considered. The PC will need to register as an interested party.

Ashfield Land – Liaison meeting will be held in July. Will have to decide on who should attend.

University students have done a short film featuring the plight of the residnets most affected. It will have various uses.

Cllr Hillier volunteered to write 2 documents - the formal representation summary and the written representation for Ashfield Land , ready for submission when the application is received. Mark Redding can supply relevant information.

- b) **Community Benefit** requests gone to both developers – Parish Council to discuss response from Roxhill that they would be pleased to meet with the Parish Council and are in discussion with SNC.

Cllr Kennedy explained to those present why this request had been made before pre-planning stage (as per last meeting).

Clerk to write again to Ashfield Land.

Cllr Hillier – SNC will get involved as well. Roxhill had worked on projects to mitigate the effects of development and so PC and the village needs to think carefully about projects they wish to consider and bring ideas to the next meeting.

S106 Agreements will be organised by SNC.

- c) **Parishes against Pollution** – correspondence from Milton Malsor PC – circulated to this Council - requesting joint action which has been initiated by Milton Malsor Parish Council (contact NeilJagger neiljagger@btinternet.com) and Collingtree Parish Council (contact Rod Sellers rod.sellers@sky.com).

Blisworth Parish Council to decide whether they want the combined group of parishes being registered with the Planning Inspectorate as an ‘interested party’ in the assessment process. **PC agreed Clerk to go ahead to register immediately.**

Cllr Hillier pointed out the noise from reversing vehicles will be very considerable and further grounds for objection.

7. PLANNING

i) **Chapel Lane –**

PC sent letter to Mr Draper form NCC Highways concerning the proposed restricted parking for residents.

PC sent letter to Mandy Lumb, SNC Heritage with PC concerns on bell mouth of Little Lane remaining wide after building work completed and the impact on Jasmine Cottage. No response as yet.

ii) **32 Northampton Road Blisworth - appeal summary** **For circulation and discussion –**

- **Application No. S/2018/1096/FUL** - Proposal - Timber lean to extension to main building (retrospective) Location - Blisworth Marina Blisworth Arm Blisworth NN7 3FG
No objections from the PC, Clerk to submit response to SNC

See Planning Register below for details of other applications

8. LOCAL MATTERS

- i. **Footpaths** –reports of any problems –**Clerk** to contact Mr Noble. Some paths are virtually impassable due to vegetation. Suggested possibility of forming a voluntary group for maintenance.
- ii. **Lighting** – need to decide whether there are any lights which need updating.
- iii. **Play Area** – Reports of any issues Cllr Dalton - Play area looks good. Postal address required in case of emergency. **Cllr Dalton** agreed to register.
- iv. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – reports circulated
- v. **Highways – NCC meeting last week re petition – attended by Charlie Jeffery – see Clerk’s report**
Pavements round top of Connegar Leys into Buttmead.
End of Pond Bank is in need of repair. The surface is in need of replacing.
Clerk to report to Street Doctor.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Out:

- i. NCALC - Agreement for the Provision of DPO Service
- ii. NCC Highways – Mr Draper concerning Chapel Lane Parking – Planning
- iii. Roxhill and Ashfield Land – request for consideration of Community Benefit.
- iv. Nicholas Fuller (owner of Sun Moon and Stars) - Invitation to attend a Blisworth Parish Council meeting – now responded that work will start next Spring. Cllr Clarke will check when application was made with reference to the 3 year limit.
- v. Mason Masterman- Thank you letter for work on website
- vi. NCC – Meeting at County Hall re Petition sent in last year about potholes.

Received- Hard copy letter from Seafarers UK – request to fly a Red Ensign on 3rd September – Merchant Navy Day – Cllr Dalton will look into this and item will go on next agenda.

10. PARISH PLAN PROGRESS GROUP - Report –

Cllr Hillier had written on the Litter Campaign group. (also to go to CPRE with photos).

11. GRASS cutting Update - 2 letters of complaint received – Contractor has cut the grass today. Clerk reported on recent discussions with Tim Judkins.

Cllr Billing agreed to take over from Cllr Jeffery as liaison person with him

12. FINANCE

Payments approved:

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Chq	Payee	Detail	Net	Total	VAT
664	Allseasons	May cut	£530.00	£636.00	£106.00}
668	Allseasons	May cut	£162.50	£195.00	£32.50}
670	Wicksteed	Inspection	£45.00	£54.00	£9.00
671	V Hartley	Sal for May		£560.20	
672	HMRC	Tax for May		£ 61.80	
673	R Illing	Construction of planters		£450.00	

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Bank Balance of Current Account at May 24th - £31,678.95 (
- Internal Audit carried out by John Marshall, NCALC on 25th May 2018 – report circulated and adopted by the Council.
Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2017/18 and other documents to go on website and PKF Littlejohn – new external auditors
New ICO required for council due to resignation of Cllr Jeffery.
Clerk to send rent letter to Mr Leadbitter.

13.FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

CG - Courteenhall Rd – 30mph zone to be moved past beyond the farm –**Clerk** to write to Helen Howard.

DD – Stoke Road - Concerned that PC has paid NCC for certificate to run our VAS device and now it is outside the 30mph zone.

MF - Rubbish along the side of the Towcester Road and High Street – debris is going to block drains, Clerk to report to street doctor.

DB Towpath – both sides of Candlebridge. Needs to be reported to Canal and Rivers Trust. **Cllr Burgoyne** will report to Canals and Rivers Trust.

14. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT and FUTURE MEETINGS – 7.30 pm 2nd July 2018,

6th August if it needs to be held?

3rd September

1st October

5th November

3rd December

15.PUBLIC SESSION

- Terrapins been deposited in canal. Ecological and health risk due to salmonella. A resident is trying to remove those he can and take them to the correct holding.
- 22nd June – Micron at the Rectory
- Height of grass in the middle of the A43 is very high and needs cutting.

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Appendix to 04.06.2018
REPORT FROM BLISWORTH PROGRESS GROUP June 18

Litter Campaign - Blisworth Litter Campaign Day 22 May 2018

Following last year's success as runner-up in the CPRE Litter Heroes competition, it was felt that a more continuous focus on littering should be developed within the village.

For this purpose, a Litter Campaign Group was formed in June 2017, under the guidance of the Progress Group, itself a working group of the Parish Council.

It has six members and meets monthly to discuss achievements and the progress of current projects, and to develop future ideas.

The aim of the campaign is to:

- Develop Blisworth as a litter-free zone
- Promote public awareness about littering
- Foster education to prevent littering
- Encourage action to remove litter from within the parish

Achievements since starting:

- Production of a campaign leaflet that was distributed to all households in November 2017 as an insert into the Parish Council newsletter
- The development of a cohort of over fifteen volunteer litter pickers who now collect litter on a regular basis from around their area within the village such that most of the village is covered
- The purchase of a good supply of litter picking equipment using money generously donated by a parishioner for this purpose
- The development of a Litter Citizenship Scheme for the pupils of Blisworth Community Primary School which was launched on 22 May 2018 at the start of the Litter Campaign Day

The idea of the Litter Citizenship Scheme is to offer this award to all the pupils in the school. By accepting, each pupil makes a promise that:

- I will not drop litter
- If I see any friends or family dropping litter I will politely remind them to put it in the bin
- I will support the aim of the Litter Campaign to make Blisworth a litter-free zone
- I will try at times to be a helper in organised litter picks

On becoming Litter Citizens each child receives a signed and dated "Certificate of Litter Citizenship" which they also sign and date below the four promises. They also receive a supporting colourful 35mm sized badge with the logo "Bin all litter I'm PROUD of my village"

The prize money from the Litter Heroes competition in 2017 was used to contribute towards the purchase costs of the badge making machine and paper cutter, which is identified as a community asset to be used by any groups within the village.

The Litter Citizenship scheme has been supported by the teachers and parents at the school and will be continued yearly with each new set of pupils receiving a certificate and badge.

The Campaign Day on 22 May 2018 was set up to launch the scheme.

BBC Radio Northampton sent Tom Percival to Blisworth school to obtain several live radio interviews, between 8 and 9 am for the Breakfast Show, about the Citizenship Scheme and the general

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problem of littering. He interviewed Tony Hillier from the Campaign Group, Deputy Head Yanna Townsend, and a selection of lively chatty pupils just before they were called in for school assembly. At school assembly, Sue Cox from the Campaign Group, introduced the scheme which was enthusiastically received by the pupils.

After lunch, year 5 pupils accompanied by teachers walked to the playing fields to engage in a supervised litter pick of the field, along with other volunteer litter pickers from the campaign. After this when the pupils had returned to school, the volunteers carried out further litter picking in three hot spot areas: Northampton Road, canal tunnel car park in Stoke Road, canal towpath from Blisworth Mill to Blisworth tunnel entrance.

The specific events of the Campaign Day and our continuing Litter Campaign, as described, forms the basis of our entry into the 2018 CPRE Litter Heroes competition.

Survey Group

At today's meeting we agreed to invite the Village to an Open Weekend on 22nd and 23rd September in the Village Hall to canvas ideas on areas to be covered by the Village Survey. This will also be advertised with a flyer inside the September/October R&A and on the Blisworth Noticeboard on Facebook. We will set up an email address and encourage anyone not able to attend the Open Weekend to send us their ideas. We intend to try and make it clear as to what we can and cannot achieve. We will also identify what was achieved following the Parish Plan so that residents will feel that responding to a survey can have positive outcomes.

Ann North
Secretary
Progress Group

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