

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

Held in the Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

### Present:

Cllr Hawkins      Chairman  
Cllr Kennedy      Vice Chairman  
Cllr Field  
Cllr Bunker  
Cllr Hillier  
Cllr Gardner  
Cllr D Dalton  
Cllr Burgoyne  
Cllr Lee  
Cllr Billing

Cllr S Clarke, SNC  
9 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 Davies 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 Lee declared an interest in Item 7 Chapel Lane. (daughter lives in area). Cllr Bunker declared an interest in Item 7 (lives on Little Lane corner with High Street).
3. **RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018** – the minutes were corrected. **A RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING** was passed – Proposed by Cllr Hillier and seconded by Cllr Kennedy.

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**4. CLERK'S / CHAIR'S REPORT – see appendix  
Chairman – see appendix**

**Clerk -**

- Rectory tree – for information only
- Grit bin in Church Lane – owned by PC

Actions carried out as per last meeting.

**5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS**

SNC STEVE Clarke -

- Update on Household Enquiry form for Electoral Registration which is going on at present.
- Update on future of local councils – 2 Unitary Councils proposed West and North Councils to be created in April 2020.
- Update from NCC, deficit is £60-70 million. Slight improvement made.
- Proposal to close Great Creaton School.
- Ear marked reserve at SNC for Stop Rail will remain.

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

- **Northampton Gateway – Update from Mark Redding. Awaiting date of Preliminary meeting of Gateway. Cllr Kennedy and may be Cllr Hawkins or Cllr Hillier will attend.**
- **Rail Central – Update emailed from Ben Copithorne received on 31st August.**
- **Development consent Order will be going in any time now. The written submission has been completed by Mark Redding in readiness. (proof ready by Cllr Hillier). At this time all residents will be asked to register their objections to the plans. Blisworth PC needs to register their objection and write their submission. Cllr Hillier agreed to write this.**
- **Local Impact report now submitted**

**7. CHAPEL LANE – Parking restrictions during building** – correspondence circulated further to site meeting on 24.7.18. Letter sent to Gary Thorp at NCC further to this meeting. A further meeting held at SNC attended by SNC Cllrs Davies and Clarke on 18.8.18.

Andrea Leadsom MP also written to the Chairman, further to a letter from Cllr Brown stating she has written (enclosed letter) to Kathryn Dunne Infrastructure Planning Head at the Planning Inspectorate requesting a review of the matter.

No further information as yet.

Cllr Clarke has requested Adam Brown to chase up a response from NCC(Gary Thorp)

He is also chasing SNC for a response (Wayne Campbell) and for clarification as to who owns the land.

## 8. PLANNING

### a) The item below has appeared on the Planning Register but the Clerk has received no information about it:

<u>S/2018/1900/106DV</u>	Chapel Lane Blisworth	Application for a Deed of Variation to vary the S106 Legal Agreement entered into in respect of planning permission S/2013/0225/MAF (Residential development for 27 houses, estate road and associated works) [amendments to the Mortgagee in possession clause].
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It was agreed that the **Clerk** write to SNC, Wayne Campbell – copy to Andrea Leadsom MP - for clarification on this application. The Council felt that it would appear that there is an attempt to reduce the Affordable Housing element of the application.

Also to request clarification on who is doing the application – Sage or Orbit Homes.

It was also agreed that the **Clerk** write to Andréa Leadsom thanking for her input with the Chapel Lane parking issues and her referral of the matter to the Planning Inspectorate. Also to refer her to the copy of the letter to Wayne Campbell, SNC (as above) and ask if she could make her own enquiries.

- b) S/2018/1921/FUL - 5 Couteenhall Road, No Objections , **Clerk** to submit to SNC
- c) Application No. S/2018/1964/TCA : Works to trees in a Conservation Area **FOR INFORMATION ONLY** - Proposal Fell one damson tree Location: The Rectory 37 High Street Blisworth NN7 3BJ. Chairman had submitted comments to SNC as a neighbour.
- d) S/2018/18931/TPO  
The Lowndes 17 Station Road Blisworth NN7 3DS – work on trees, No Objections , **Clerk** to submit to SNC

See Planning Register below for details of other applications

## 9. LOCAL MATTERS

- i. **Footpaths** –reports of any problems – Tim Noble has resigned. **Clerk** to put on next agenda
- ii. **Lighting** – 12 Connegar Leys out and 35 Buttmead out – **Clerk** to report, Wellspring repair as per bill below – no quote received. Cllr Kennedy will look into this and the Council agreed not to pay their bill yet.
- iii. **Play Area** – Reports of any issues Cllr Dalton– No issues to report
- iv. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – reports circulated
- v. **Highways** –
  - report sent re debris on Church Lane pavement 952486, 13.8.18, not done yet
  - State of Pavements – this has been a request for the agenda, **go on next agenda**. **Cllr Kennedy** will ask Allsesaons to spray off weeds from 65 – 83/85 Stoke Road. Potholes also bad in same area- **A North** will report

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vi. **Allotments – 2 more let**

10. **'THERE BUT NOT THERE'** - Estelle Rose –Request for the Parish Council to consider where a "There but not There" – a silhouette of a WW 1 soldier to commemorate 100 years since WW1 ended - could be erected - possibly either in the Churchyard or near the School next to the tree with the poppies on. Chairman has responded that they should contact School and PCC. She has forwarded request to School Governors.

**11.NCC Highways - Countywide review of Grit bins**

Proposal to remove the following bins:

Buttmead Road bottom end ( o/s no 8 ),  
Windmill Avenue j/w Buttmead Road  
Connegars Leys o/s 43  
Courteenhall Road opp Greenway Close  
Greenway Close  
Windmill Avenue / Courteenhall Road Jct  
Chapel Lane by Canal Bridge  
Blisworth Arm centre, side of Arm Farm

The Parish can take over the ownership and therefore the replenishment and use of the grit bin. This would entail a transfer of ownership to be agreed. If this is of interest, NCC are asking the Parish/Community representative to make contact before the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to avoid the bins being removed.

**PC agreed that Clerk should write and ask for further information about the ownership of the bins by the PC.**

**12.COMMUNICATIONS (not mentioned elsewhere on agenda)**

**Out**

**Resident – re request to cut back High Street hedges**

**In and circulated to PC:**

- i) SNC - Future Northants Proposals published for consideration by South Northants Council on 30th August

<http://modgov.southnorthants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=117&MId=2739>

- ii) NCALC - Training Courses- Cllr Bunker may go on one.

**13.PARISH PLAN PROGRESS GROUP - Report – see appendix Survey Flier - Fliers giving details of the Open Weekend about the Village Survey on 22nd and 23rd September have been delivered with the September/October issue of R&A. The cost is £72.**

**14. FINANCE**

**Payments – for approval:**

Chq	Payee	Detail	TOTAL £ p	NET	VAT
690	P Kennedy-re-emberse	Maps & leaflets for SRC	214.60		
692	V Hartley	Aug Pay	607.75		

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693	HMRC	Aug tax	33.00		
(694	Aylesbury Mains	Repairs in Wellspring	471.60	393.00	78.60)
query as to what this is for – Cllr Kennedy					
695	Nat Allotment Society	Annual subs	66.00	55.00	11.00
696	SLCC	Annual sub (50%)	73.50		
697	Shire Lumsden	R & A + leaflets	197.00	197.00	

#### OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Bank Balance of Current Account at August 24<sup>th</sup> - £22468.83
- Purchase of computer for Clerk – PC to agree to re-imburse Clerk with cost as Curry's will not accept a cheque.
- Agreed to look into Internet banking which Brafield are about to embark upon.

#### 15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

**Chairman** - asked what plans there are for commemoration of the end of the WW1.

**CG** – Clerk to get name of Housing Association which put up the homes in Lady Field. (Bromford housing Association?– maintenance of street lights.

**MF** - High Street bamb;es –Cllr Kennedy will remove

**DD** – 2 Royal Ensigns flown for September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wrefords, Orchard House and Budd Rose as recognition of Merchant Navy input into war.

**SB** – suggested a facility is made for the sharing of Clerk's email

Mobility bus – monies to be raised and they will approach PC at a later date

**AH** – Station Road pavbement becoming very mossy and will become very slippery.

**Clerk** to report left turn sign on Northampton Road – reported 4.9.18, ref 953947

#### 16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT and FUTURE MEETINGS – 7.30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018,

5<sup>th</sup> November

3<sup>rd</sup> December

#### 17. PUBLIC SESSION

**Allotment Association Membership** – concern that the Council is not getting value for money.

**Grass cutting** - Wellsping and windmill grass not been cutfor 2 months, verge in front of A North's house not being cut

Grass cutting areas need clarification when tenders are drawn .

**CPRE** - will be sending information on Play areas – Clerk to circulate

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Meeting closed at 9.43pm

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**Chairman's notes**

1. it has been brought to my notice that that the continual talking to each other is offensive to some people who attend the meeting! Also to myself, and the Clerk who finds it difficult to record the meeting!

Please will you abstain from the above until the meeting opens up or you ask to speak through the chair.

Thank you

2. Blisworth is a very special village which is reflected in RA it's a hive of activity.

Remember that Blisworth was voted the Best Village in Northamptonshire in 2017!

3. The Canal Festival was a great success, several people who spoke to me wished that they could live in Blisworth! But they can't afford the House Prices ( affordable homes! ) thanks to those who organised it! The Allotments looked superb thanks to Jane and her team! It was good to see young people attending their plots!

I hope that everyone will attend The Survey Meeting to be held here in the Village Hall between 10 and 4 on September 22nd and 24th Sept Thank you to all of those who have put this together Especially the PC Progress Groups Survey Committee! I hope that there will be a good response!

4. I would like to thank Paulette for all of her input in Stop Rail and to Mark Redding and his team, there efforts at the Canal Festival were so worth while and so needed.

5 A reminder that much of Blisworth is in a Conservation Area Therefore applications for tree work have to be submitted to SNC!

6. Chapel Lane and Little Lane parking problems still continue to be on going! Thank you Simon for your input also Cllr Adam town Cllr Clarke and Cllr Davis.  
More on this later.

This is a significant year for Blisworth on reading RA one realises how united as a Village we are. This we need to be!

**Clerk's report**

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## Planning Register at 28.8.18

Application Number	Location	Proposal	Received <input type="checkbox"/>	Status
<u>S/2018/1921/FUL</u>	5 Courteenhall Road Blisworth NN7 3DD	Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and alterations of window and doorway to original house	21/08/2018	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2018/1900/106DV</u>	Chapel Lane Blisworth	Application for a Deed of Variation to vary the S106 Legal Agreement entered into in respect of planning permission S/2013/0225/MAF (Residential development for 27 houses, estate road and associated works) [amendments to the Mortgagee in possession clause].	20/08/2018	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2018/18931/TPO</u>	The Lowndes 17 Station Road Blisworth NN7 3DS	T1 Tulip tree;Crown reduce by approximately 2.0 - 2.5 metres in height and laterally to balance pruning to suitable growth points to retain the flowing lines of the canopy. Crown thin by 15%. Crown lift to a height of 1.8 metres. Works to be carried out in the interest of sound arboricultural practice and to manage the trees at suitable dimensions. T2 Lime;Crown reduce by approximately 2.0 -2.5 metres in height and laterally to balance pruning to suitable growth points to retain the flowing lines of the canopy. Crown thin by 15%. Crown lift to a height of 1.8 metres. Works to be carried out in the interest of sound arboricultural practice and to manage the trees at suitable dimensions. T4 Cedar;Remove lowest limb back to source.G1 Laurel, Holly, Elder & Cotoneaster;Prune all vegetation back to the edge of the drive for the full height of the vegetation. Reduce 3 larger Holly to a height of 4.0 metres. Works to be carried out to manage the trees at suitable dimensions and to clear the driveway. T5 Portugese Laurel;Crown lift to a height of 3.5 metres to clear drive. T6 Yew;Crown lift to a height of 3.5 metres over drive. Remove deadwood and poor pruning stubs over drive only.	15/08/2018	4 - Consults Despatc

### **REPORT FROM BLISWORTH PROGRESS GROUP - September 18**

#### Survey Group

Fliers giving details of the Open Weekend about the Village Survey on 22nd and 23rd September have been delivered with the September/October issue of R&A. The cost is £72, 100 the anniversary of the end of WW1

Village organisations are making poppies to decorate the village and in association with the Heritage Society it is hoped to produce the booklet. It is hoped that the Parish Council will provide the wreath.

#### ACRE AGM

I attended the ACRE AGM on behalf of the PC. They were very pleased to announce that the local ACRE is going from strength to strength and are free of debt and in a healthy financial position. Many topics were discussed including rural transport, the Good Neighbour Scheme and housing. They suggested that villages should work with the Rural Housing Association to carry out a free, independent survey of the residents. Villages could then look for a site for

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local and affordable housing. CPRE will be sponsoring the 2019 Best Village Competition and they are looking into ways in which they can encourage more villages to enter.

#### Community Land Trust

The Progress Group had already discussed this before the ACRE AGM and would like to suggest that the PC look into the possibility of using a Community Land Trust as a way of providing affordable housing for the village

#### Litter Campaign

The Campaign's next project is to look at the location of all the litter bins in the village, who supplied them and who empties them and where more are required. It is hoped to provide more using the Litter Heroes 2018 award prize money and volunteers to empty them. They are asking village organisations to sponsor a bin so that the money would go further and more bins can be provided round the village.

They also intend to put up 'Please take your litter home with you' posters.

#### Community Reliance and Support Group

On behalf of the PC we have asked for volunteers to join such a Group in order to look at Emergency Procedures for the Village. Information about the role of the Group is on the Northampton County Council website under Emergency and Flood Plan guidance.

#### 13. Next report to Round and About

- Litter Campaign
- Survey weekend
- WW1 Commemoration
- Request for volunteers for Community Reliance and Support Group

Ann North  
Secretary  
Progress Group

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