

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 5TH NOVEMBER 2018

Held in Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30 p.m

Present:

Cllr Hawkins Chairman
 Cllr Kennedy Vice Chair
 Cllr Bunker
 Cllr Hillier
 Cllr Gardner
 Cllr Burgoyne
 Cllr Billing
 Andrew Vincent

6 members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS:

In the last item on the agenda of the 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.

Cllr Hawkins explained that in the absence of the Clerk, Viv Hartley she had asked Ann North to do the Agenda and write the minutes. She also thanked Ann very much for taking on the task.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – The following apologies were received: Cllr Lee; Cllr Field.
2. **CO-OPTION OF ANDREW VINCENT TO PARISH COUNCIL**
 Andrew Vincent was co-opted and participated in the meeting. No papers for acceptance were available.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** – members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any items under consideration at this meeting - No declarations were made.
4. **RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 1ST OCTOBER 2018.**

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The following corrections were noted but in the absence of the Clerk they were not passed:

- The Chair agreed that she would circulate her draft 'letter of concern' regarding Chapel Lane for comment.
- Cllr Bunker expressed concern regarding the PCs ability to terminate ownership of Grit bins should they decide to take over ownership.
- Cllr Hillier agreed to speak to Mark Redding and clarify whether Mark was expecting the PC to submit an objection re Rail Central.
- Cllr Bunker asked that the Chair's access to the PC mailbox remain on the agenda for the time being.

5. CLERK/CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair thanked the members of the Parish Council for their support particularly the Vice Chair during the current situation. A meeting of the members of the Parish Council had taken place prior to the formal meeting and they had identified actions that need to be resolved as a matter of urgency. The Chair thanked Cllr Hillier who in liaison with Hilary Spurrier had produced a beautiful book about those servicemen from the village who had died in WW1 with a description of life in the village at that time. It was agreed that the Progress Group would discuss cost of the copies and the size of the print run.

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Report from local Community Police Officer – if available.
No reports had been received.

7. CHAPEL LANE

In response to the PC's letter of concern about the issues surrounding parking etc, responses had been received from both NCC and Sndc. It has been confirmed that NCC did not agree the location of the additional parking. The reinstatement of the bell mouth on completion of the works was discussed and It was agreed that the PC would not pursue the reinstatement. Proposed by Cllr Gardner and seconded by Cllr Dalton. Cllr Bunker will write to NCC to clarify with Andy Leighton as to the situation with the additional parking. Paul Scotney of Eastco Homes Project Management has moved on so there is unlikely to be any building until the end of Q1 in 2019. The section 278 agreement concerning the movement of the 30 mph sign has not been finalised. The PC wish for the sign to be at the turning to the Mill on the far side of the canal bridge. Wayne Campbell's response about Condition 20, access to the site from the Northampton Road, was discussed. For 6 years the Council had held the position and did not let the PC know that a change of ownership of the site meant it was unenforceable. The response should point out the bad communication and the PC should monitor the parking situation. The TTRO should be publicised and residents asked to monitor its compliance.
The response from Paul Scotney was circulated.

8. PLANNING

S/2018/2275/FUL at Oakwood Farm Towcester Road Blisworth NN7 3DL

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Change of use of land from agriculture and the provision of a riding manege and horse walker.

Application agreed.

9. LOCAL MATTERS

I. Footpaths –

- Mike Burgoyne has suggested that although he is no longer able to take on the full duties of footpath warden, if volunteers could be found to walk the footpaths, he would co-ordinate and report any problems to the Rights of Way Officer. Ann North to ask Sndc for contact details of the officer.
- Acting Cllr Morton will ask any dog walkers near his house if they would volunteer to walk the footpaths and report back.
- Cllr Burgoyne will ask the previous Footpath Warden Tim Noble to return the markers.

II. **Lighting – Lights reported:** The Clerk had reported all the light problems with the exception of one at Canal House, Blisworth Arm. Following a complaint from a resident, Cllr Kennedy will instruct the contractor to go ahead. Cllr Kennedy will be asking them to produce a management plan. The light at the Football Club is not yet working although the bill has been received. Cllr Kennedy will chase the contractor.

III. **Play Area –** No issues reported.

IV. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme –** reports have been circulated and are on the website. Four new signs have been purchased.

V. **Highways – Stoke Road works.** Proposals to close Stoke Road in December were discussed. The contractor to be contacted to ensure that residents are informed of the parking restrictions.

VI. **Allotments –** New signs are required

VII. **Planters for Courteenhall Road –** the design of the planter was approved and as there is no cost to the Parish Council, Ann North to inform Anne Goss to go ahead.

VIII. **NCC Highways – review of Grit bins –** Consent forms for taking responsibility of some of the bins have been received. NCC will be responsible for 7 bins and the PC will be responsible for 6 which will need filling next year. Cllr Bunker wanted an exit clause in the handover contract but has received written confirmation that when no longer required they will remove them and reinstate the highway. The PC need to check that they are included in the insurance policy. The one outside the Church needs filling. Cllr Burgoyne pointed out that the one on the footpath to Westbrook should be included on the list. The Council voted unanimously to keep those identified.

10. COMMUNICATIONS (not mentioned elsewhere on the agenda

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- Chair to Adam Brown re Parking in Chapel Lane
- Chair to Danny Moody re Sickness and Absence Policy
- Ann North to South Northants District Council re forwarding emails to Cllr Hawkins during sick absence of the Clerk

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- Chair to South Northants requesting all planning issues to be forwarded to Cllr Billing's home address, copied electronically to Chair
- Chair to Steve Clarke ref response from South Northants about the complaint.

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- Email from Emma Faulkner agreeing to send communications from SNDC to Chairs
- South Northants Hearing Advisory Service re support for grant application – Agreed to support.
- SNAST offer of Neighbourhood Watch street signs. See above.
- Letter from Andrea Leadsom re Local Bus Services and support for Community Buses. To be forwarded to the Scouts.
- Consultation on draft Local Offer for Care Leavers. No response.
- NALC Mini eUpdate- 12.10.18 including warning on email fraud and job vacancies.
- Grants Consultation – Responses to be requested when the Agenda for the next meeting is sent out.

11. RAIL FREIGHT TERMINAL

Mark Redding reported that all those who had registered an interest in Northampton Gateway had until 6th November to expand on their concerns. Ashfield have been asked to resubmit their application and there will be a short delay until we know whether that is acceptable. Mark spoke on behalf of the PC at the preliminary hearing and both Councils are now against the two proposals. He reported on the good meeting held by Andrea Leadsom in Milton Malsor. At the Sndc planning meeting it was stated that the local impact report was poor so it will be amended. The Development Control Group are all against the proposals and Network Rail have been asked to provide a statement of common ground on the two proposals. Cllr Hillier will liaise with Mark on the next stage of responses.

12. PROGRESS GROUP REPORT

Survey Group

The Group will look at all the comments from the Open Weekend and pass on to other organisations any that they can consider for action. The list of topics from the post-it notes will be posted on Facebook's Blisworth sites asking for comments to the email address from hopefully a wider variety of residents. They will then consider those which the Progress Group could action. Early next year they hope to look further into a Village Survey and one for Housing Needs.

100th anniversary of the end of WW1

The poppies decorating the village have been well received and more and more villagers are getting involved in making them. Tony Hillier and Hilary Spurrier have collaborated on the production of the booklet about those from the village who died in WW1 and life in the village at that time. June has painted a lovely poppy for the cover. The booklet is now with the printer and some of the 50 copies in the first run will be donated to various organisations and on sale. Both the wreaths from the PC and VHPFA are on order. The WI display will be put up shortly and includes 100 poppies.

Litter Campaign

- The Assistant Director Environmental Services at SNC Cleansing Manager attended the Campaign's last meeting and were very supportive of provision of more litter bins and a possible

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recycling bin and the idea will be pursued at the next meeting in November which they will also attend.

- They have supplied some robust pickers, two long handled pickers, and some protective gloves on permanent loan
- The Group have contacted several village organisations asking if they would like to co-fund additional new litter bins in the village. The response has been very and substantial donations have been received from the Allotment Association, the Film Club, the Art & Craft Groups and The Mother's Club
- Andrea Leadsom has been informed about the campaign group and four questions about government intentions and policies to reduce littering have been asked.
- Network Rail is being approached about the littering at Station Road yard.

Community Reliance and Support Group

IanTack is progressing well with ideas on how to formulate the Emergency Procedures for the Village. He is considering what are the likely emergencies and will use the Blisworth social media sites to ask for names and skills of volunteers for any emergencies together with offers of useful equipment. Ian has considerable IT skills and his knowledge of website construction and management should prove very useful to both the Group and the Parish Council.

13. FINANCE

Payments – for approval

Chq	Payee	Detail	TOTAL	NET	VAT
708	Ann North HYSO	Survey leaflet	27.97	22.50	5.47
709	E-ON	Lighting	1,509.62	1,258.02	251.60
710	Aylesbury Mains	Repairs (3 invoices)	246.72	205.60	41.12
711	Allseasons		774.00	645.00	129.00
712	V Hartley	Oct Pay	607.75		
713	Aylesbury Mains	Repairs	414.00	347.76	66.24

Budget and Precept Information has been received from NCALC and will be discussed at an early meeting prior to the main PC. A three year plan for lighting should be considered. The pre meeting to be held in the Main Hall and there will be a sign on the door directing the public to the upstairs room for the main meeting.

Community Fund

- Request to SNDC Grants Officer to carry forward balance to next Financial Year.
- Letter to Blisworth Football Club re Grant award – Agreed to find out from the Clerk whether the letter was sent.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS COMMENTS

- Cllr Hillier reported that there has been water on the road near the Marina for some time despite him informing the various authorities. He will write to Anglian Water on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Cllr Gardner reported that he is trying to find out who is responsible for grass cutting and signage for the new homes in Courteenhall Road. It was agreed that he should email both the housing owners and Sndc.
- Cllr Billing is continuing to have problems over boat owners running their engines and causing fumes for residents in Pond Bank. Ann to send a letter to

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Canal and River Trust reminding them of the problem and asking them to ask their tenants to co-operate.

- Cllr Kennedy asked for an annual donation of £100 to Andy Newbury for mowing the wide path in Cemetery. This has saved the PC the cost of using the contractor. It will assist with the cost of maintaining his mower. All agreed providing the payment is within the financial rules.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS – 3RD December

16. PUBLIC SESSION

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Planning Register

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