



# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

Held in Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30 pm

### Present:

Cllr Bunker  
Cllr Dalton  
Cllr Field  
Cllr Gardner  
Cllr Wilson  
Cllr Billing  
Cllr S Clarke, SNC

Clerk and 9 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.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – Cllr Bunker was elected, proposed by Cllr Field , seconded Cllr Wilson.**
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –** The following apologies were received: Cllr Hillier, Cllr Hawkins, Cllr Davies SNC.
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.  
**None was declared.**
4. **RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 6.1.20 and 2.12.19**  
The minutes were approved and signed.

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## 5. CLERK/CHAIR'S REPORT

- **Electronic Planning Equipment - clarification will take place at training on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

Actions carried out as per last meeting.

## 6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

- **Clerk** to check who else could receive minutes for police

**Cllr Clarke :**

**report on discussion with Wayne Cambell further to PC queries: –**

**Commuted sum** – advice to taken up with County Engineers – matter for consideration when developers have finished and are off the site when adoption of the road occurs.

**TTRO and Parking – see item 9** - confusion as changes have been made including the parking in Candle Bridge Cottage. Query whether there is sufficient capacity in the pub car park as it has to be used by shop/pub. Wayne Campbell has agreed to respond to PC correspondence. No advice available yet. It is only a temporary parking restriction, notices should be displayed. There are 2 on telegraph poles but communication has been poor.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Clarke for his information.

Cllr Clarke suggested raising issues with NCC Highways.

## 7. MOORING OF BOATS AND FUMES – May be report from Canal and River through Cllr Hillier.

**Cllr Field brought up the issue of boats being permanently moored adjacent to her land.** She asked Cllr Clarke if SNC Enforcement Team could look into this. Advice was that it should be taken up with CRT who would then pursue it with SNC Enforcement.

**Clerk to write on behalf of Parish Council to CRT.**

## 8. STREET LIGHTING – Reports of repairs required.

Reported:

- 9 Buttmead
- Reduction of bills due to use of LED lighting
- **Clerk** to write to AM to get updated list of lights – which have been replaced with LEDs and which thus obtain reduction.
- Mead View lights now working.

## 9. CHAPEL LANE BUILDING

- i) **Street lighting** – Update on offer (accepted in principle) from Eastco Homes, Cllr Bunker has correspondence between NCC Highways and Eastco Homes which has been circulated to councillors  
**SB liasised with Adoption Team at NCC – Section 38 Agreement** does not cover the lighting individualy. They would wait to see if PC will adopt thembut if PC does not adopt them NCC would not adopt anything – sewers, road etc. Advised to check with Electrical Engineers – (AM) and see if the lights and the installation of them are satisfactory. Maintenance programme for 2 years after which if everything is satisfactory PC would then adopt them.
- ii) **Parking Restriction** –

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**Cllr Bunker** reported that Royal Oak which East Co Homes are hoping to utilise, has a limited number of spaces. East Co Homes' suggestion is that it would provide residents of Little Lane and Chapel Lane who have not got off road parking but Cllr Bunker had pointed out that parking is also required for the chapel, nursery and others. No response received yet.

The Council agreed that the **Clerk** should write back to Eastcco Homes and state that the terms of the initial TTRO have not been adhered to and that this amount of parking at the Royal Oak is not satisfactory. Chapel Lane and Little Lane are closed except for access for 4 weeks from 2.2.20.

Plan is to widen the road while site is developed and then when building completed the extra width would be converted to footpath.

**10. ELECTRONIC PLANNING CONSULTATION** – Clerk has received projector, projector screen and stand. Attending training on 13.3.20 at The Forum. Obtain quote for 3 year warranty.

**11. RAIL FREIGHT TERMINALS** – No updates available

**12. GRASS CUTTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2020** – Clerk has written to N and P Grass Services confirming that they have won the contract and included Contract for signature (running from 1.2.20- 31.1.21) and Specification. Also Clerk has informed other tenderers that they were unsuccessful. Standing Order arrangements to be set up for payment to N and P.

### **13. HIGHWAYS**

- **Blind exit from Blisworth Park** on to Station Road – request for SLOW sign to be painted on Station Road. Ref 1899286 with NCC - Fix My Street – NCC have stated it will be actioned in the next financial year.
- **Dropped Kerbs** - Progress Group has submitted request for 10 priority areas for dropped kerbs to Helen Howard, NCC who has made a site visit on 22.11.19 – latest response is that provision depends on finances of new financial year probably later than April. Has been a new dropped kerb installed in Stoke Road by Crief House.
- **Invitation by Fix My Street to site meeting** on 12.2.20 – Cllr Gardner agreed to go.

### **14. PLANNING –**

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- Planning Register – no objections to any of applications. **Clerk** to submit responses to SNC.

#### **15. FOOTPATHS –**

- Reports of any problems – nothing to report.

**16. TREE/BUSH MANAGEMENT** - work carried out elder in High Street, and overhanging cemetery trees by GCM – work completed.

**17. PLAY AREA – Reports of any issues – no issues**

#### **18. ALLOTMENTS – Report of any issues**

- Correspondence received to say that rats are an issue on some plots. Cllr Billing stated that there are no longer any poultry being kept on the allotments.
- Request for allotment – **Cllr Billing** and **Clerk** to meet with Jane Hill. Cllr Billing reported that he will see football Club about Fence which has been repaired in part.

#### **19. PC TO CONSIDER THE USE OF GREEN SPACE IN CONNEGAR LEYS FURTHER TO DISCUSSION WITH NCC HELEN HOWARD.**

The Progress Group suggested that a Stopping Up order could be pursued under The Town and Country Planning Act. Sufficient land would be needed for visibility splays. PC would have to pay and it could be substantial as NCC would have to do various surveys.

It was agreed that a consultation exercise should be conducted. Cllr Bunker suggested putting it on the Annual Parish Meeting Agenda.

**20. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME** – Updates being sent from Richard Akers

**21. GDPR – Gap analysis and Data map** – Cllr Bunker and Clerk to update.

#### **22. COMMUNICATIONS (not mentioned elsewhere on the agenda)**

#### **OUT:**

- i) SNC, Wayne Campbell Planning Officer – queries regarding commuted sum offer for lighting and parking matters in Chapel Lane
- ii) N and P Garden Services – Confirmation of acceptance of quote and contract for 2020.
- iii) Unsuccessful contractors informed
- iv) SNC - Request for precept
- v) Marcus young – enquiry as to cost of new dog bin – Suggested that issue is put to VHPFA. If VHPFA want to decide on location, PC might pay for installation and emptying.
- vi) Mrs Lack – thank you letter for service of Round and About delivery.
- vii) SNC – request for update on position of ACV for Royal Oak – acknowledged and awaiting response

#### **IN:**

- i) NCALC – Updates (circ)

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- ii) South Northamptonshire Local Development Order (LDO) – Consultation – see addendum (circ)
- iii) ACRE – Free networking and coffee morning – 22.1.20 (circ)
- iv) Bernie Tiller (Youth Coordinator) SNYE - Youth focus, Network Lunch. The Forum Towcester 13th Feb 2020 13.30 pm (circ)

### 23. PROGRESS GROUP REPORT – see addendum

**Clerk** to forward link to Fix My Street which reports on its activities  
 Clerk to write to Canal Festival Committee and ask what monies have been given to which groups in the village.

### 24. FINANCE

- i) **Payments and Receipts - Balance at 24.1.20 – £44330.72**  
**Outstanding cheques – 816 - £64.50**  
**Available Balance after payments made - £40449.86**

#### Payments for Approval:

Chq	Payee	Detail	Gross	VAT	Net
819	Blisworth Friendship Group (replace chq 807 and 818)		30.00		
820	Alan North	R and A Exps	94.00		
821	Marcus Young – annual charge	Weekly empty of 7 dog bins	1223.04	203.84	1019.20
822	E-on	Supplies - Oct -Dec	1540.93	256.82	1284.11
823	V Hartley	Sal for Dec	654.30		
824	HMRC	Tax for Dec	3.20		
825	Blisworth Friendship Group	S.137 – set up grant	200.00		
	<b>Approx Total (inc DDs)</b>		<b>3816.36</b>		

- Monthly Standing orders for Wifi - £8.00, direct debit for Website - £8.39 and Anglian Water £54.50
- Clerk has applied to SNC for Precept for 2020-21- £41630
- Parish Council to approve Section 137 payment for Blisworth Friendship Group of £200. Constitution, projected spend for 2020 (circulated to councillors) and bank account details have been sent to Clerk.

### 25. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS COMMENTS

#### CG –

- New Buttmead road sign for Buttmead at T junction with Windmill Avenue.

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- Buttmead Street sign needed at top of Connegar Leys.
- suggested that next Chair is nominated at end of prior meeting. Next meeting will be Cllr Wilson

**Clerk** to order both from 'Fix My Street'.

Discussion ensued and Cllr Dalton agreed to so survey of signs as to what required replacing/displaying.

A developer has been surveying the village with regard to back garden development.

**MF -**

**Clerk** to write to High Street resident– overgrown hedge

## 26. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS – March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020

## 27. PUBLIC SESSION – no issues raised.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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Planning Register at 28.1.20

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Received</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Sta</u>
<u>S/2020/0107/TCA</u>	3 High Street Blisworth NN7 3BJ	Walnut tree - Reduce by approximately 10% to reduce wait and size, crown clean and raise to 5 meters over to clear playground and driveway	28/01/2020	4 - De
<u>S/2020/0085/TPO</u>	April Rise Station Road Blisworth NN7 3DS	T1 Laburnum - Removal to near ground level. T2 Cypress - Removal to near ground level. G1 Cypress and Juniper - Removal and reduction in height. C1 Ivy - Removal to near ground level. C2 Cotoneaster - do not allow to exceed current dimensions	21/01/2020	4 - De
<u>S/2020/0034/TCA</u>	68 High Street Blisworth NN7 3BJ	To structural pollard Willow tree to circa 4-5m and remove Oak tree in hedge line	14/01/2020	4 - De
<u>S/2020/0029/TPO</u>	April Rise Station Road Blisworth NN7 3DS	TPO Tree (05/2005) Tree A - Spruce, Fell	13/01/2020	4 - De

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## PROGRESS GROUP REPORT FEBRUARY 2020

### Dropped kerbs

I wrote to Helen Howard about the dropped kerbs and she has replied to say that it will be dependent on receipt of a new budget allocation. This will not be available until April at the earliest.

### Other Highways Matters

The Progress Group last month asked if the PC would ask Highways for better signage and road markings at the Towcester Road junction. Has this been done?

On Helen's advice I put the problems with the pavements at the top of Connegar Leys on Fix My Street. Last week I received a phone call from Richard from Highways suggesting a site visit. This has been arranged for 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Would any of the Councillors care to join me.

At the end of my last report I was directed to a further information page. This explains that Fix My Street is a charity and that there are free downloads available to advertise their activities, Posters and Flyers to print out etc. I will forward the content to the Clerk and hope that Ian Tack can put it on the website. June will forward to the School and I will do the same for Brownies and Scouts. A lot more than just potholes can be put on the site.

**The Survey Group** Publicity on how to complete the survey either by hand or on-line will be available later this month.

### Handyman

Has there been any response to the posters asking for volunteers? The Progress Group still consider that there is a need for someone who can be asked to do jobs for payment.

### Friendship Club

To clarify the Friendship Group did not ask for a grant, the Chairman at the meeting, Colin Gardner, suggested £200. The Group are applying for grants and will be completing one for next year's finances. The Group's activities were reported on line by the Chronicle and Echo following an interview at last week's meeting. I will forward the link to the Clerk for information so you can read about their success.

### Projects

We believe that the next round of grants from the New Homes Bonus will be available in April. It would be helpful if the Parish Council had some projects costed so they could apply.

### Blisworth Festival

A list of grants made by the outgoing organisers of the Festival has been published on Facebook but without any further accounts. There is concern about the remainder of the funds and how they have been passed to the new organisers. The Festival Facebook site states that information will be available in the next week about whether there will be one in 2020.

Ann North

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