

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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**AT 6.15 pm – Before the meeting detailed below Elaine O’Leary from ACRE gave a short presentation about Neighbourhood Planning, This covered**

:

- Legislation behind NPs and the changes since they came in
- The current planning process and how NPs fit into that
- Why villages may want to do one
- The various stages involved in doing an NP
- Possible options for help during this process
- Funding
- How to get started

**There was a half hour session for questions and the presentation slides will be sent to the Clerk.**

## **Minutes of the Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Held in the Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

### **Present:**

Cllr C Jeffery      Chairman  
Cllr J Hawkins    Vice Chairman  
Cllr C Gardner  
Cllr B Rose  
Cllr P Kennedy  
Cllr Burgoyne  
Cllr M Field  
Cllr Billing  
Cllr Anderson  
Cllr Dalton  
Cllr Lee

Cllr S Clarke  
12 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. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself.

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**96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – THE FOLLOWING APOLOGY WAS RECEIVED AND REASON FOR ABSENCE APPROVED – Cllr Kirkbride, NCC Cllr**

**97. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS –** members were asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have had in any items under consideration at this meeting.

**Cllr Dalton - Planning item – 20 Buttmead**

**98. PRESENTATION FROM OXALIS PLANNING –** MR JOHN HOLMES from Roxhill Developments was to submit its Environmental Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate soon in connection with its proposed Strategic Rail Freight Interchange to land north of A508, west of M1 and east of Northampton Loop railway line. There were actually 3 speakers as below:

**Ian Rigby, Roxhill Developments**  
**Steve Johnstone, Transport Consultant**  
**Steve Harley, Planning Consultant.**

**Main points raised:**

- The development proposal is known as Northampton Gateway (the same area of land as applied and withdrawn for development of warehousing in Spring 2015 by Howdens Kitchens'), access from A508 and including a Road by-pass. Scoping report gone in.
- 5 million square feet of warehousing
- 6000 jobs on site
- Significant landscaping to screen site
- M1 improvement at J15
- Cross sections show warehousing is sunk into ground so less visible
- Consultation – non statutory starting on Dec 12<sup>th</sup> in Hilton Hotel, Collingtree

Questions, predominantly from the Parish Council and Mark Redding from SRC followed. Concerns were raised over transport and travel arrangements for the workers and HGVS driving through the village. Was there a necessity to have a depot so close to DRFT at Crick? Mark Redding pressed the presenters as to why they had changed their opinion of using rail transport as opposed to lorry. No definite answer was given.

Roxhill responded:

- that they do not foresee both developments taking place. (that of Ashfield Land and Roxhill)
- Still undergoing the research on models to find out what will happen regarding transport.
- East Midlands Gateway, one near Dartford are also being explored for a rail/road link.
- Written to some of land owners, Courteenhall Estates happy with the proposals.

**99. A RESOLUTION WAS MADE TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2016, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Hawkins.**

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## 100. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S REPORT – Actions carried out as per last meeting.

### Clerk:

- Attended Northamptonshire Local Nature Partnership Conference on 12.10.16
- Attended Pensions NCALC course – requires further research.

### Chairman :

- Clearance of vegetation encroachment from bank in Stoke road next to the allotments – offered to get work done including removing of spoil for £150. This was agreed.
- Solar Farm – community payment should now be available as the project has started, asked Cllr Clarke for information, he will get an update.
- VAS machine – team for operate and moving it – Cllr Anderson volunteered to take this on.
- Buttmead Resident – cutting of Highways ground by Parish Council is not possible.
- Stream across footpath next to canal (from The Mill towards the Tunnel mouth) – **Clerk** to contact Rights of Way department for action.

## 101. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS –

Cllr Clarke reported:

- **Chapel Lane Development - Planning Committee** Site visit in Chapel Lane to take place tomorrow 9.30am (not 9am which it was agreed would have given a more realistic impression of the area) –Local residents have submitted useful information. Cllr Hawkins representing PC, Cllr Clarke will be present (not Cllr Davies). He stressed that the Committee must not be drawn into debate, a calm approach will be required. He had stated that it was not the right development for the village at the DCC meeting on 20.10.16 and had raised his concerns with Case Officer.
- **Litter** - He urged people to report litter/fly tipping which was particularly bad in Station Road, and Towcester Road.

**102. PURCHASE OF VAS DEVICE INCLUDING** – payment to be made prior to installation based on proforma invoice as equipment only released after payment - see below. Colour of Faceplate – yellow or white to be agreed. Free batteries - Clerk had spoken to supplier this afternoon and Morelock Signs have honoured the price originally quoted at the beginning of October, and they unfortunately cannot reduce the cost of the batteries from the quote given.

## 103. PLANNING

For circulation at this meeting:

- **Update on Chapel Lane:**
  - Report from DCC meeting held on 20.10.16
  - SNC Committee Site meeting to be held on 8.11.16 at 9.30am – Council can send 2 representatives (Photos of adjacent roads sent again to SNC for this meeting by Clerk on 31.10.16) (See Cllr Clarke report above)
- **Report from CPRE meeting** – Cllr Hawkins read report further to her attendance, the evening was instructive, promoting localism.

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- **Connegar Leys – demolition of garages** (initially unsafe as not fenced off – Chairman had informed SNC and area was fenced the next day).
- **20 Buttmead** – no objections, **Clerk** to submit response
- **Tunnel Hill Farm** – plans not yet arrived. **Clerk** to request extension beyond next meeting date (to 6<sup>th</sup> December).
- **For current applications and information (at 31<sup>st</sup> October) – see register below**

#### 104. RAIL CENTRAL PROPOSALS – UPDATE AND REPORT ON LATEST POSTION INCLUDING :

- SRC Ltd - Second Formal Response to Rail Central's Community Consultation
- Ashfield Land, Rail Central LLG - October update
- Copy of letter sent by Mark Redding re Concurrent SRFI applications (circulated to councillors)
- Letter from Andrea Leadsom MP demonstrating support (consultation response:  
<http://andrealeadsom.com/working-for-you/andrea'sblog/rail-central-phase-one-consultation/946>  
<http://andrealeadsom.com/working-for-you/andrea'sblog/response-from-rail-central-to-phase-one-consultation/947>

Mark Redding reported that there was little correspondence from Ashfield Land recently. Still trying to influence and inform A Leadsom.

#### 105. Local Matters

- **Rights of Way** – Reports of any problems
  - Worsening condition of bridleway/footpath through Stoke Road Allotments – no discussion.
- **Lighting** – Reports of any faults
  - No 5 on Little Lane outside no 2, **Clerk** to report
- **Play Area** – New Slide installed – payment to be made tonight. Cllr Dalton has sent copy of invoice to Katie Arnold for grant.
- **Traffic/Highway Issues** – concerns over speeds in Stoke Road (correspondence received). Stoke road hedge cut back further to correspondence below.
- **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – Updates circulated.
- **Allotments** – Clerk now taken on administering allotments as from this meeting. Rent request letters gone out – for collection on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30 - 7.30pm. **Clerk** to book hall.

#### 106. COMMUNICATIONS - outgoing and ingoing

##### Out going

- SNC** – Register of Interests for Cllr L.Lee
- Mr and Mrs Lee** – request to trim hedge in Stoke Road near tunnel car park (done)

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- iii. **ACRE** – correspondence regarding setting time for tonight’s presentation

**Notable correspondence In-coming and Circulated to councillors:**

- iv. **SNC** - Conservation Strategy - public consultation, Cllr Burgoyne will to draft a response. Circulate to Cllrs and liaise with PK. To be completed by 17.11.16.
- v. **Resident** - concerns over speeds in Stoke Road
- vi. **A Leadsom MP** - Response re 'Visualisations' – SRC
- vii. **SNC** - Free 2 day course - How to Look After Your Listed Building(No one attended from PC)
- viii. **Prime Energy Consultants** - Free Solar & Heat Pumps (for info)
- ix. **Oxalis Planning** – re tonight’s meeting
- x. **Northants Police** - Towcester SCT Newsletter - October 2016 – for info
- xi. **NBC** - What's On at Northampton Museums & Art Gallery – for info
- xii. **Police and Crime Commissioner – Stephen Mold** - Police and Crime Plan Consultation – Cllr Burgoyne completed.
- xiii. **Northants Police** – update on how to report crimes etc – for info
- xiv. **NCC** - Stay Well This Winter – for info
- xv. **NRHA** - Northamptonshire Rural HA - Annual Report 2015-2016 – for info

## 107. FINANCE

### i) Cheque payments agreed:

Name	Details	£ Total	VAT	Net	Chq
Physio Control UK Sales	Defibrillator	£780	£130.00	£650.00	2489(replace chq 2457)
AH Contracts	Dog bins	£133.39	22.23	111.16	2490
E-on	Supplies	1429.28	238.21	1191.07	2491
Morelock signs	VAS for Towcester Rd	2512.80	418.80	2094.00	2492
V Hartley	Salary for October	490.52	-	490.52	2493
HMRC	Tax for above	44.20	-	44.20	2494
N and P Garden Services	Payment for Oct mowing	595.80	99.30	496.50	DD
Kompan	Slide replacement	6339.18	1056.53	5282.65	2495
Shire Lumsden Ltd	R and A printing	120.00		120.00	2496
University of Northampton	website	350.00		350.00	2497

- Bank Balance at 24.10.16 - £43216.02
- Pension – Clerk attended NCALC course 5.10.16, correspondence to follow.

### 108. Ownership of ‘green’ land in Connegar Leys and formation of parking spaces – Cllrs Gardner and Kennedy reported from meeting with NCC – Matthew Clarke:

A feasibility study would be needed. License would be required. Approved contractors must be used. No funds available from NCC. Nether Heyford’s scheme – cost £30000 for 5 spaces.

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It was agreed that SNC could be asked to answer points raised. Write to Planning Officer to see if S 106 could be used, or whether the road could be widened. The Chairman will compose a letter and be sent by **Clerk**.

## 109. PROGRESS GROUP REPORT

### REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL: November 2016

- *The Group welcomed two new members, Linda Lee and Tony Hillier*
- *A new crab apple tree with raspberry colour blossom will be planted to replace the diseased maple*
- *Thanks to Andy Newbury for his help with mowing the Old Cemetery*
- *The village has retained the Silver Award for Churchyard Conservation, many thanks to Paulette and her helpers.*
- *We are looking forward to the Seminar on Neighbourhood Planning.*
- *The School intend to purchase books on allotments and gardening with the Litter Pick Award money.*
- *As we have new members it is a good time to revisit the Constitution and ensure that the purpose reflects the current requirements. Once agreed with the Parish Council, we will sign the new version.*

Mrs Ann North stated that it was agreed that the possible formation of a Neighbourhood Plan would go on next agenda for PG meeting and that they will do a report for Parish Council on Neighbourhood Plans.

## 110. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

**PK – website issues**, to go on **next agenda**

**DD –** stated that the Parish Council needs to be careful not to duplicate evidence from Local Plan part 2 if a Neighbourhood Plan is pursued. **Clerk** to send round Questionnaire to PC again.

## 111. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

- Further to earlier presentation **Neighbourhood Plans** have to be taken into account as they become statutory it would seem a sensible approach to protection.
- **Potholes** - needing attention but very little funds available. Resident will be submitting a letter to Highways
- **Flu jabs**
- **Reporting of crimes – Clerk** to Send Jane Percival update on how to report crimes.
- **Chapel Lane development –** concern that 10am – 2pm window for lorries going to Chapel Lane will probably be proposed - Who will police it? The feeling was that historically parishioners will report and that will be the case again. Need evidence. Enforcement should occur if conditions are breeched.
- **Mark Redding, SRC** - Urged people to write to Andrea Leadsom MP in opposition to the Ashfield Land proposals. Also that the individual who has been working on the effects on the natural environment and habitats is moving which moving from the area.

## 112. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 5.12.16

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