



BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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AGENDA OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE SUMMONED AND THE PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON **MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2019** IN THE DOWNSTAIRS ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL AT **7.30 P.M.**

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.

Please note item 11 on this agenda – visitors to speak on behalf of Stop Rail Central will be nearer to the start of this meeting.

- 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – To receive and approve apologies.
- 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.
- 4. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 4TH NOVEMBER 2019.**
- 5. CLERK/CHAIR'S REPORT**
Actions carried out as per last meeting.
- 6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS** Report from local Community Police Officer – if available

7. MOORING OF BOATS AND FUMES – to be reported to Canal and River Trust by Cllr Hillier – report in January 2020.

8. STREET LIGHTING – Reports of repairs required.

Reported:

No 4, Buttmead

No 31 Stoke Road

9. CHAPEL LANE BUILDING

i) **Street lighting** – Council has accepted proposal from Eastco Homes – a calculation of their proposed commuted sum of £3,003.35 – based on the recommended (ADEPT) 60 year period and discount factor of 2.2% per year.

Pursuing enquiry from the Parish Council as to whether there is a policy involved with the acceptance of the money – Advice from SNC is that as the Lighting Authority – PC should take legal advice

ii) **Introduction & notification of commencement**– correspondence received (and circulated) stating Eastco Homes have obtained technical and legal approval for the S278 works for the site. The appointed civil engineering contractor (ECL Civil Engineering Ltd) is planning to start works in the new year with a view to carrying out some pre commencement traffic management works before Xmas break.

10. ELECTRONIC PLANNING CONSULTATION – SNC have sourced equipment – laptop, projector, projector screen and stand. Parish Council is in communication with SNC – the value/cost of the projector and with Microsoft regarding the transfer of the licence.

11. RAIL FREIGHT TERMINALS – Update on Stop Rail and introduction to Henry Newby who has taken over from Mark Redding in the position of Chair of Stop Rail Central.

12. GRASS CUTTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2019 – Clerk has sent the Specification and draft Grass Cutting Contract to 3 prospective tenderers for their response in sealed envelopes to be opened at a closed part of the next meeting on 6.1.20.

13. HIGHWAYS

- **Re-surfacing of Buttmead and Connegar Leys** – Should have taken place 7th October to 2nd November
- **Stoke Road – Closed for Anglian Water work from 12.11.19 for 3 days**
- **Request for 30 mph speed limit down Northampton Road to the Railway Cottages including Station road (past the Grafton bridge)**
Request for 30 mph speed limits from Pond Bank up to the fork to Gayton Road.

Response from Helen Howard at NCC is that these two requests will be considered by the speed limit review panel in October.

- **Blind exit from Blisworth Park** on to Station Road – request declined.
- **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 – see Progress Group Report
- **Fix My Street reports:**
Towcester Road verge, reported - Ref 1838425

14. PLANNING –

- See Planning Register below for details of applications presently under consultation.

15. FOOTPATHS –

- Reports of any problems – Clearance of RD2 – work has been ordered

16. TREE/BUSH MANAGEMENT - work to be carried out elder in High Street, and overhanging cemetery trees has been ordered.

17. PLAY AREA – Reports of any issues

18. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME – Updates being sent from Richard Akers

19. GDPR – Gap analysis and Data map – Clerk to update

20. COMMUNICATIONS (not mentioned elsewhere on the agenda)

OUT:

- i) SNC – query over policy for Parish Councils receiving monies from developers – awaiting response
- ii) SNC – Nil response to Homeless Survey of 14.11.19
- iii) Mark Redding – thanking for his tremendous effort with SRC for the past 4 years
- iv) SNC – Request for New Electoral Register

IN:

- v) CPRE - Next year's Northamptonshire Village Awards, circulated
- vi) NCALC – Updates
- vii) NCC - Northamptonshire County Council's Draft Budget 2020/21 consultation – deadline 24.12.19
- viii) NCC - Consultation on proposed school admissions arrangements for September 2021- deadline 27.12.19
- ix) Jane Hill - water supply to the allotments now off – will turn on again in the Spring and will pass the word round to plot holders.
- x) Cllr Stephen Clarke - SNC News Highlights Oct/Nov 2019

21. PROGRESS GROUP REPORT – see addendum.

22. FINANCE –

i) Payments and Receipts -

Balance at 22.11.19 – £48793.03

Less unrepresented payments £0

Payments for Approval:

Chq	Payee	Detail	Gross	VAT	Net
807	Blisworth Friendship Groups	Section 137 payment agreed	30.00		
808	Aylesbury Mains	Replacement of stopped Chq 763	539.52	89.92	449.60
809	V Hartley	Sal for Dec	741.46		
810	HMRC	Tax for Dec	26.60		
811	Aylesbury Mains	Invs 19234, 19273, 19334, 19404, 19508	568.20	94.70	473.50
812	E-on		1540.93	256.82	1284.11
	Total (inc DDs)		3517.60		

- Monthly Standing orders for Wifi - £8.00, direct debit for Website - £8.39 and Anglian Water £54.50
- **Available Balance after payments made - £45275.43**
- Clerk's Pay rise for 2019 – 50 hours per month now at £13.15 per hour at the OLD SP of 27. This is an increase of 33.5p per hour for 7 months which is £117.25

23. VILLAGE HANDYMAN – Clerk has outlined insurance parameters to be adhered to by Council if appointing a Handyman. Progress Group has produced a poster asking for volunteers which has been circulated and needs approval.

24. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS COMMENTS

25. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS – 6th January 2020

26. PUBLIC SESSION

Signed

Date

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u>S/2019/2281/TCA</u>	Old Grave Yard High Street Blisworth NN7 3BJ	1. High Street (opposite the Sun, Moon and Stars). Footpath/wall. Remove three Elder and one Sycamore and remove arising's and treat stumps.2. Two Limes (pollards) located at bottom of the Church yard adjacent to no 47 Pond Bank. To re pollard both trees and remove arising's.	15/11/2019	4 - Consults Despatched

Planning Register at 26.11.19

This agenda can be found on the [Blisworth Parish Council Website](#)

PROGRESS GROUP REPORT DECEMBER 19

Dropped kerbs - Helen Howard is due to meet us on Friday 22nd so I will report on the visit at the PC meeting. David Wilson, Anne Goss and Ann North met with Helen Howard of Highways and she was most helpful.

Funding for dropped kerbs is a priority so she looked at our top 10 and will put them forward for consideration and planning. She says that we should put in for the others identified once the first ones have been accepted.

In terms of footpaths/pavements they are the responsibility of Highways but their funds are so limited that it is unlikely that the weeds etc will be dealt with. We must however continue to put them on Fix My Street along with the potholes. She felt that our initiative to get volunteers to assist with cutting back verges and digging out the weeds was the best way forward. Even Highways are not able to use any effective weedkillers due to Health and Safety.

The works for Buttmead/Connegar Leys are still at the top of the schedule but the adverse weather has meant delays.

The Survey Group hope to have the Survey ready for distribution and on line completion in the New Year.

Handyman

Now we have details of the parameters for using volunteers under the PC's insurance we hope that the poster asking for pledges of assistance can be displayed.

Friendship Club

Arrangements for the Christmas Meal are well underway with donations from Groups in the Village and are still hopeful that the PC will make a small grant. The East Hunsbury group are totally funded by the Parish Council. The Group have a bank account and a Constitution and have been given

advice on where to apply for start- up grants. The guests at the meal will be canvassed as to what activities they would like and their views on setting up such a Club.

Outdoor Equipment

The Group have information about other villages who have had grants for similar projects and will contact them for details.

Village website

There is now a page structure in place for a 'No Planet B' section. Ian will be looking for content and then the village will be able to share their tips around sustainability and the environment.

75 years on for VE and VJ day

The group are considering what can be done to commemorate these momentous occasions. Perhaps the Councillors have some ideas.

Village Competition 2020

It was agreed that the new initiatives such as BFG should be consolidated before entry into the Competition. Planning for the the 2021 Competition should begin next summer.

Ann North

Secretary

Progress Group