

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 4th July 2016

Held in the Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr C Jeffery Chairman
Cllr C Gardner
Cllr M Field
Cllr Rose
Cllr Billing
Cllr Anderson

Cllr S Clarke, SNC Cllr
5 members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS:

In the last item on the agenda of meeting residents were 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.

46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – THE FOLLOWING APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE APPROVED: Cllr Dalton, Cllr Burgoyne, Cllr Kennedy, Cllr Hawkins, Kirkbride.

47. 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. – none was declared.

48. IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 6th June 2016 SHOULD BE APPROVED, proposed by Cllr Billing and seconded by Cllr Rose.

49. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk :

- Actions carried out as per last meeting

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- Requested care in taking issues of concern to council meetings so that they are discussed and then any actions to be taken are known to the meeting and the public.

Chairman –

- Got details on VAS machines from another source as nothing forthcoming from NCC.
- Co-option of new councillor – the Chairman reported that three people are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor – there is one vacancy. Clerk advised the meeting that in other councils normal procedure is for prospective councillors to write a short piece about themselves which is circulated to the Parish Council for their perusal. A decision is then made by the Council as to which is the preferred candidate.

50. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Clarke reported:

- i) Economic growth Strategy – to be adopted on 25th July
- ii) Splat Scholl holiday activities – details on SNC website
- iii) Open consultation on the 'Cambridge – Milton Keynes – Oxford: 'growth corridor' call for evidence', published 16 May 2016. The National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) was established in October 2015 with Andrew Adonis appointed as its interim Chair. The commission will carry out independent and unbiased assessments of the UK's long-term infrastructure needs and monitor the government's and industry's progress in meeting them. It will periodically publish a National Infrastructure Assessment looking across all key sectors and geographies. That will identify the UK's long-term infrastructure requirements and prioritise the most important projects for further development. It will give clear strategic direction to industry and government and provide a firm basis for planning and investment.
The link to the survey is:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/cambridge-milton-keynes-oxford-growth-corridor-call-for-evidence/cambridge-milton-keynes-oxford-growth-corridor-call-for-evidence>

51. PLANNING

- i) Chapel Lane – update on dates for SNC Development Control Meeting.

Meeting took place on 12th April re viability study. Basically have to continue to fight for Northampton Road access.

- ii) Sun Moon and Stars – Clerk had requested that SNC let the Parish Council know why there is such a delay before the application is brought before the Development Control meeting and give an indication as to when some progress can be made – no response as yet.

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Cllr Clarke reported that the expiry date 30.9.16 so DC meeting could be in August.

iii) S/2016/1412/FUL – 41, Buttmead, for consultation

Proposal Proposed single storey rear extension and a first floor side

extension to the existing dwelling. **Clerk** to obtain extension

iv) S/2016/1532/FUL – 26 Pond Bank,

Proposal – single storey front side and rear extension - **Clerk** to obtain extension

iii) For other applications – see register below

52. RAILFREIGHT TERMINAL – UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE CURRENT STATUS INCLUDING:

- **Oxalis Planning Correspondence** - The Chairman reported that correspondence had been received by the Clerk this morning for an alternative rail central depot near to Collingtree on the A508 (on land where previous withdrawn application by 'Howden's) by Roxhill – propose a by-pass for Roade and direct road to M1 and A508. Covering letter from Oxalis Planning – circulated (see letter). Scheme is smaller than Ashfield Land scheme (75%) and can be concealed more by landscaping. Scoping opinion to be taken in July. Would welcome a meeting for discussion. Agreed **Clerk** to invite him to next steering group of SRC – on a date tba.
Cllr Anderson – Felt that argument is the same and application very similar to the Rail Central Scheme. Rail capacity still not discussed. Slightly better location.
- **Decision on content and distribution of flier to residents** – Cllr Kennedy not present. SRC volunteers would help deliver. **Cllrs Kennedy and Anderson** will liaise and decide on content and distribution arranged later.
- Position of SNC and update from Liaison group
- Letter from Clerk to Ben Copithorne, Rail Central re Omission of attendees of Blisworth PC at meeting of 31.5.16
- Possible use of S137 monies to finance Stop Rail Central. Clerk had asked Internal Auditor who referred Council to Danny Moody at NCALC.
- **It was agreed that the Clerk to Ask Danny Moody for advice on the usage of up to £5000 of S137 to aid the SRC funds.**

53. Local Matters

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- Rights of Way – Reports of any problems – report received on footpath opposite towpath from High Street bridge towards tunnel mouth. Chairman will call on landowner. Outside Willow House has been cut back.
- Play Area - Progress of new equipment – Report submitted from Cllr Dalton, Grants committee today – 4.7.16 and will then commence project with Kompan.
- Traffic/Highway Issues – Clerk had enquired when 30mph speed limit order on Stoke Road would be installed. Response was that it has been advertised and there were no objections. The objection period ended week commencing 20th June so request gone to the project engineer so that the site works can be progressed.

Stoke Road – next to Allotments, overgrown for 20m. **Cllr Billing** agreed to trim.

- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – nothing to report
- Allotments

54. COMMUNICATIONS - outgoing and ingoing

Out going

- SNC – Local Plan response submission
- SNC – Enquiry re delay on Chapel Lane DCC meeting
- Rail Central – omission of Blisworth representation at meeting

In-coming

- Clerks and Councils Direct
- CPRE - 90 Years of CPRE: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Wednesday 6 July 2016, Programme and Registration Form (Further to request from Cllr Hawkins)

Other items recorded under relevant items of this agenda

55. FINANCE

i) Cheque payments agreed:

Name	Details	Amount	Chq
V Hartley	Salary for June	423.53	2358
HMRC	Tax for above	105.80	2359
AH Contracts	Dog Bins	166.74	2360
B Osborne	Pay roll	60.00	2361
N and P	June mowing	595.80	DD

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J Hawkins	Re-imbersement	£50.00	2362
GAVIN JONES	Electrics for defibrillator	£381.60	2363 quotation
SLCC	Annual Subscription	£77.00	2363

iii) Monies received:

50% precept - £15500, £150 from Blisworth Football Club for rent for land, £50 from Cllr Kirkbride, Empowerment Fund, £300 rent for Parish Field

Bank Balance at 24.6.16 - £38152.50

iv) Internal Audit Report – circulated –Progress Group should be referred to as a 'Working Group' not a sub – committee.

iv) Street Lighting – Courteenhall lamps renewed. Overhanging branches, **Clerk** to ask NCC Highways to cut back.

Cllr Gardner suggested that consideration be made to modernise the existing lights so they emit more light and are cheaper to run in the long term.

Priority to change mercury lights as they fail.

v) Joining of Local Government Pension Scheme - Should Parish Council join? – Clerk to get more information for next meeting.

56. PARISH PLAN PROGRESS TEAM

Further to Internal Audit report the Progress Group should be referred to as a 'Working Group' not a sub – committee. As a Working Group then it must be explicitly subordinate and accountable to the PC.

REPORT FROM BLISWORTH PROGRESS GROUP

Revision of the Constitution.

We have been advised by the Auditor to avoid using the term sub group / committee. In future we will be known as a "Working Group" of the Parish Council. One other part of the Constitution we need to consider is its "purpose" we wish to widen the remit to cover the various aspects we undertake.

The sign for lower Connegar Leys is now in place and the Resident has thanked us for our assistance.

The two planters in the High Street have been replanted for the summer. A big thank you to Valerie Hayward for her generosity in supplying 24 plants and her time. Paulette has approached GLN Landscapes, Matt Gamble and he has agreed to put summer bedding in the large planters at the start and end of the village.

Best Village decision will be the 12th July. Cllr Jeffery, Mrs Masterman and North will attend. Awaiting results of Clean for the Queen littler pick.

FINANCE REPORT - no change in the financial statement balance still £551.60.

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57. LOCATION OF CEMETERY COMPOST HEAP

Some councillors had reviewed the present position:

Cllr Field - Not a problem in present position

Cllr Gardner suggested screening with conifers – It was agreed that this was the best resolution.

58. LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION – RESPONSE SUBMITTED BY CLERK

59. DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLATION

Electrician met with Cllr Jeffery. Quote of £318 +Vat agreed. Training sessions tba. The School will liaise and installation will be agreed.

60. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

CG:

- Some potholes filled in Buttmead, but still not good.
- Extension of 30mph zone in Stoke Road – need to monitor to ensure this is done.

SB:

- Northampton Rd – trees overhanging road in both directions, need cutting back – Clerk to report to Street Doctor
- 30 Greenside – verges overgrown, used to be done by resident. Cllr Billing has cut it and it needs doing again. Need to be added to N and P contract. **Clerk** to action.

MF

- High Street – weeds coming from pavements, this is a Highways issue, they have been sprayed.

CJ

- A43 – turning verge very overgrown , **Clerk** to report (REF 821194);d
- Co-option of new councillor – the Chairman reported that three people are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor – there is one vacancy.

61. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Stoke Road – junction of Stoke Road and Church Lane – needs cutting

P M- potholes – yellow paint but no action. Write NCC and ask them to make good. Need photographs and send them in.

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High Street hedge from Shop to Church Lane - greenery overgrown. Dangerous for pedestrians. Names to be submitted to Clerk and Chairman will write.

Speeding in Church Lane – bus been through.

Station Road –

- litter very bad, needs clearing – **Cllr Clarke** will action
- Foot traffic and traffic along Station Road increased – need a footpath. Suggested a traffic count. Chairman will have a look.
- Western Power left poles up after working to put wires underground? Are they to be removed?

62. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 8.8.16 second Monday – closed 8.50pm

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