

# **BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

of the

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

held in the

## **VILLAGE HALL**

at 7.30 p.m. on

**MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup>. MARCH 2010**

### **Those Present:**

Chairman: Mr. C. Gardner  
Vice Chairman: Mr. S. Dunk;  
Councillors: Mrs. M. Field; Mr. A. Andrews; Mr. A. Hargreaves;  
Mrs. P. Masterman. Mrs. J. Andrews; Mr. H. Wilkins;  
By invitation: Mrs. Sally Townsend (SNC); Mr. B. Ingram (NCC);  
Mr. S. Clarke (SNC); Mick Wallace (Police).  
Members of the Public: 6  
In attendance: Tony Lack, Parish Clerk

### **Apologies:**

Mike Hawkins; Tara Cooksammy (Police); Mr. D. Dalton;  
Mrs. J. Hawkins;

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The Minutes of the previous meetings for January 2010 & February 2010, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved by the Council as a true and correct record with the following correction and signed by the Chairman.

Mrs. Field pointed out that in the item regarding the Sun, Moon & Stars (Correspondence) it was Mrs. Burgoyne who suggested that the Parish Council and other village organisations write to the SNC Cabinet to try and accelerate a decision.

### **Matters Arising and Carry Forward Items**

***Affordable Housing*** – No further news.

***Grant for fencing and safety surfacing*** – not retrospective.

***Neighbourhood Watch*** – The village has had a spate of cars being broken into and house burglaries. Dog poo is an increasing problem and SNC is to clean RD2. Problems with HGV's blocking the High Street. A recent traffic survey showed that 1.4 million vehicles per year still use the High Street and 4600 per week are speeding. The crack in Stoke Road is getting wider due to the HGV's. The Clerk was instructed to write to NCC and BWB requesting action.

***Canal Partnership*** – The Partnership is awaiting the decision from Bovril following a grant application for £10,000.00. If the decision goes against then other sources of funding will be

explored. The hedge bordering the car park at the tunnel has been lowered and trimmed and a new sign installed. Planning permission for the proposed lock beams has been applied for. A meeting with BWB and NCC (Pocket Park Advisor) has been arranged for Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup>. March and Mr. & Mrs Andrews are to meet with the Chief Executive of BWB on Sunday next.

**Parish Plan** – Mrs. Masterman reported that 75% (600) of the questionnaires have so far been returned. Inputting of data is 50% complete. Some interesting points are being noticed.

**WNJPU – Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment** – Copy of Milton Malsor’s response.

**SNC – Register of Electors** – Monthly alterations.

**SNC Economic Development Strategy** – Notes of Parish Council Workshop 26<sup>th</sup>. January.

**Mike Hawkins – email** – Update required on Sun Moon & Stars and 106 agreement for Chapel Lane. Cllr Clarke (SNC) reported that the Cabinet will now discuss the matter on the 12<sup>th</sup>. April. The delay is due to SNC allowing the team that prepared the Community Scheme to come forward and present their bid. Other options include the Public Sector Partnership Scheme and the sale of the property to the private sector.

#### Chairman’s Items:

Due to the number of items submitted for R&A the Chairman decided to forgo the “Chairman’s Letter”.

#### Correspondence:

NCC – Subsidised Bus Service Contract Review 2010

Forestry Commission – Events at Salcey Forest – information leaflet.

Energy Saving Trust – Joining Green Communities – information leaflet.

SNC – Invitation to Parish Councils – Interim Rural Housing Policy Presentation – 4<sup>th</sup>. March from 6p.m. in the Council Chamber, Towcester.

South Northants Housing – Major Works Briefing Paper. Nothing for Blisworth.

SNC – Housing 4U – information leaflet.

NCALC – “Update”

BDO - Audit Briefing – Winter 2010.

NCC – Annual Day Conference – Tree Warden service – date to be confirmed.

#### Planning:

##### **Notice of Decision:**

Tree Works at 6 High Street – Approved.

**Applications:**

S/2009/1143/FUL – Willow House, Towcester Road – New dwelling – Officer recommendation – Approval.

S/2010/0007/FUL – Blisworth Playing Field – New Community Hall - Officer recommendation – Approval.

**Amended Plans:**

None

**Appeals:**

none

**Opportunity to attend Planning/Development Control Committee:**

Willow House – 18<sup>th</sup>. February.

Blisworth Playing Field – 18<sup>th</sup>. February

**Tree Preservation Orders:**

none

**Enforcement Notices:**

none

**Finance:**

The Clerk suggested a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. Hall for taking the minutes at the last meeting and proposed a donation of £30.00 be made to cover her expenses.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Blis. VH&PF Assoc.	Donation for Play Park	1000.00		1000.00
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<b>Total</b>				

**Payments**

Clerk	Salary (Jan & Feb)	766.00		766.00
	Expenses	45.79		45.79
Mrs. N. Hall	Donation	30.00		30.00
Mr. A. North	R&A – Dec. & Feb	70.00		70.00
Anglian Water	Water account	124.69		124.69
A H Contracts	Dog Bin Services – Feb	79.40	13.90	93.30
	& March	99.25	17.37	116.62
St. John’s Ambulance	R&A	56.00	8.40	64.40
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<b>Total</b>				

That the above accounts be accepted and approved for payment:

**Proposed:** Mrs. Field  
**Seconded:** Mr. Hargreaves  
**Agreed.**

### Committee Reports

none

### Any Other Business:

The Clerk was instructed to write to NCC requesting that all bus routes (Buttmead and Connegar Leys) throughout the village be gritted in future.

The Clerk was requested to distribute the minutes earlier whilst the discussions were still fresh in Cllr's minds.

Mrs. Field reported flooding on the bridge was again a problem. A manhole cover in the footpath on Towcester Road has lifted and is proud of the road surface. Cllr Ingram (NCC) would take the issues back to Highways for comment/action.

Roads throughout the village have experienced flooding due to the melting snow. Knock Lane was particularly affected.

Station Road – The pot hole previously reported is getting wider and deeper.

Graffiti on the A43 Bridge first reported to NCC 18 months ago is still there. Cllr Clarke stated he has had no reply from NCC.

Mr. & Mrs Andrews reported they had sent a list of issues to NCC for the Enhancement Gangs to include in their programme of works. The Clerk was instructed to ask NCC for a progress report.

A letter sent some months ago asking for signs to be installed on Northampton Road for Blisworth Arm is still awaiting a reply. Clerk to chase NCC.

The question of a Parish Council Web Site was raised again and it was agreed to invite the person who manages the Canal Partnership web site to the next meeting to discuss the matter further. Mrs. Andrews to provide contact details to the Clerk.

Mr. & Mrs Andrews had met with the NCC Rights of Way Officer regarding issues including bridleways and horses. As a result new signs are to be installed with "Pedestrians Only" signs where applicable.

The next Community Panel Meeting (PC/Police/Neighbourhood Watch) is on 22<sup>nd</sup>. March.

Mud covering the footpaths following the melting of the heavy snows needs clearing. There is a question as to who is responsible, NCC or SNC. Clerk to check and inform accordingly.

**Date of Next Meeting: MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup>. APRIL 2010 at 7.30 p.m.**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

**Open Forum:**

The recent pollarding of the trees at the graveyard did not remove the ivy and basal shoots.

The dog poo problems on the towpaths are largely due to boat owners. Mrs. Andrews has taken this up with BWB.

Mick Wallace (Police) reported a surge in car crime and house burglaries. Advice is being given to residents particularly the elderly in Connegar Leys on crime prevention and other initiatives.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to the Tapestry Group for the excellent work they are doing.

The present landlords at the Royal Oak are leaving. The Brewery is hoping to continue to provide a service.

Cllr Sally Townsend (SNC) reported the Mid Northants Partnership have made a response regarding the Strategic Land proposals and have received a response in return from WNDC. She said she was sad that Bill Dredge is to stand down from his role as co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch but is hopeful that someone will take over the role.

Mrs. Burgoyne stated she was not happy that the three options for the Sun, Moon and Stars were not in the public domain until Thursday last. It is still not confirmed the three options will go before SNC Cabinet on the 12<sup>th</sup>. April.

Meeting closed at 9.04 p.m.

Signed: Chairman:

Responsible Officer:

Date: