

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held in the

VILLAGE HALL

at 7.30 p.m. on

MONDAY 2nd. AUGUST 2010

Those Present:

Chairman:

Vice Chairman:

Councillors:

By invitation:

Members of the Public:

In attendance:

Mrs. P. Masterman

Mrs. M. Field; Mr. A. Andrews; Mr. H. Wilkins;

Mr. D. Dalton; M. Hawkins; Mrs. J. Hawkins;

Mr. A. Hargreaves;

Mr. S. Clarke (SNC); Mrs. Sally Townsend (SNC);

Mr. B. Ingram (NCC).

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Tony Lack, Parish Clerk

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Mrs. Masterman, took the Chair.

Apologies:

Mr. C. Gardner; Tara Cooksammy (Police); Mrs. J. Andrews;

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved by the Council as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising and Carry Forward Items

Website – The Clerk reported he is in positive discussions with Paul Chapman.

Eastfield Play Park – Additional equipment on order. Acknowledgement of order received.

Noticeboard – Received and installed.

Email from Duncan Wigley (SNC) re Plaque for Sun Moon & Stars – No problem foreseen, mock up requested. Tony Marsh to provide details.

Email from Sharon McMunagle – Request for the removal of bench in Connegar Leys due to noise and littering by youths on motorbikes. It was agreed that the problem was anti-social behaviour and not the location of the bench which has been there for many years. Details to be passed to the Community Police Officer for him/her to talk to the youths in the hope that the situation can be resolved. The Clerk was requested to reply accordingly.

Neighbourhood Watch – A quiet month again. Community speed watch is catching on average 30 speeders each time.

Canal Partnership – The Festival is on track for Saturday next. Jazz night tickets are on sale.

Parish Plan – The Chairman opened the discussion to the public and Sarah Sykes reported on the results of the Amenities section of the questionnaire. The written report is appended to these minutes and the main points are as follows:

Village Churches – Use for other purposes including youth groups.

It was felt that a purpose youth club would be a better option. Scouts and Church youth groups are not necessarily attractive to youths who do not want to be part of a “uniformed” organisation.

Royal Oak – see written report.

The comments were made prior to the new landlord taking over. There appears to be a great atmosphere already and the proposed new signage and exterior redecoration will enhance the appearance making this important village focal point more attractive.

The Shop and Post Office – see written report.

Mr. Kutaria said he had looked at the comments and was already considering some of the suggestions made including upgrading the external appearance.

No. 90 Bus – The Clerk reported that he had spoken with NCC who is revising the bus route with its new operator. A site meeting is to be arranged and the positions of the new stops agreed.

Helen Howard – Details of the new village signs received. The signs are on order and installation should be complete within 8-10 weeks. Second email reporting that the request for double yellow lines on the bend on Courteenhall Road has been refused and the request for local access only signs has been also refused. Alan Andrews said he had emailed the parking manager but had not received a reply.

SNC – Letter of reply regarding the problems at Milton Malsor on land owned by Luff Developments. SNC are aware of the problem and is actively pursuing the matter.

SNC – Major Works Briefing Paper – June 2010 – Internal modernisations programmed for July/August in Connegar Leys, Greenaway Close and Little Lane.

Chairman’s Items:

The Chairman had nothing further to raise.

Planning:

Chapel Lane Development – no further information.

Sun Moon & Stars – Awaiting the results of the impending high court hearing.

Canal Cottage, High Street- no further information.

Notice of Decision:

29 Courteenhall Road – Single storey extension – GRANTED.

Applications:

S/2010/0660/FUL – Six new affordable dwellings – Ladyfield – APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.

S/2010/0828/EXT – 15 Greenside – 2 detached chalet bungalows – Time extension to permission S/2005/0997/P. No observations.

S/2010/0824/FUL – 23 Home Close – Replacement front porch with pitched roof. Replace existing flat roof to garage and extension with pitched roof and extend front of garage to match new porch. No observations

S/2010/0808/LBC – Royal Oak, Chapel Lane – New signs and amenity boards. Replacement lighting. Support as previous application.

S/2010/0921/FUL – 20 Chapel Lane – Two storey side extension. No observations.

S/2010/0913/LBC – Rose Cottage, 3 Courteenhall Road – Replace existing UPVC white double glazes single door with hardwoods stable door with top section glazes. No observations.

S/2010/0929/FUL – Elgin, 1 Greenside – Replace single storey conservatory with single storey extension to rear. No observations.

Amended Plans:

none

Appeals:

None

Opportunity to attend Planning/Development Control Committee:

None

Tree Preservation Orders:

None

Enforcement Notices:

None

Correspondence:

SNC – Cherwell District Council and South Northamptonshire Council – Joint Working Party – Cabinet report and terms of reference.

Andrea Leadsom MP – Details of 2010 MP Advice Centres.

Macmillan Cancer – Request for support with “The World’s Biggest Coffee Morning”.

CNALC – “Update” newsletter received.

Danny Moody (CNALC) – Warning of proposed government legislation to cap precepts.

Finance:

BDO – Audit for the year ended 31 March 2010 – Audit now completed – There were no matters requiring attention.

Sue Parker – Request for grant towards new youth club at the Baptist Chapel. Following discussion it was proposed by Mr. Dalton and seconded by Mr. Wilkins that the Parish Council pledge a grant. The amount to be determined when details of the proposals and overall costs of are known.

For: 2

Against: 2

Abstain: 3

The Chairman cast her vote in favour and the motion was carried.

Receipts

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT Refund	4519.03		4519.03

Total

Payments

Clerk	Salary	398.00		398.00
	Expenses	103.82		103.82
JS Landscapes	Mowing of Eastfield	100.00		100.00

	Mowing of Graveyard	100.00		100.00
A H Contracts	Dog Bins	79.40	13.90	93.30
Mid Northants Parishes	Annual Fee	20.00		20.00
NatWest Bank	Bank Charges	10.00		10.00
E-on	Street Lighting Energy	678.19	118.68	796.87
BDO	Audit Fee	400.00	70.00	470.00

Total

That the above accounts be accepted and approved for payment:

Proposed: **Mr. Andrews**

Seconded: **Mrs. Field**

Agreed.

Committee Reports

none

Any Other Business:

Grass cutting – Although better than last month, the grass cutting around the village still left a lot to be desired.

Mr. Dalton remarked on the late bus (11.40 pm) asking that it be put into the next Round & About that people should “use it or lose it”. At the moment there are only a couple of people using it and the danger is that it may be discontinued.

Mr. Hargreaves pointed out that Mr. Tresham had not started work on the replacement/repair of the fence after promises that work would be completed by 31st. July. Clerk to write a letter prompting action.

Cllr. Ingram reported that resurfacing work is due to start on the A508 and it will be closed from the Junction 15 to Roade from 6am to 10pm Saturday and Sunday for the next two weekends.

Date of Next Meeting: MONDAY 6th. SEPTEMBER 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28 p.m.

Open Forum:

Regarding the redecoration of the Chapel, Mrs. Percival said she had free paint available for community use.

Signed: Chairman:

Responsible Officer:

Date: