

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held in the

VILLAGE HALL

at 7.30 p.m. on

MONDAY 1st. NOVEMBER 2010

Those Present:

Chairman:	Mr. C. Gardner;
Vice Chairman:	Mrs. P. Masterman
Councillors:	Mrs. M. Field; Mr. D. Dalton; M. Hawkins; Mrs. J. Hawkins; Mr. A. Hargreaves; Mr. H. Wilkins;
By invitation:	Mr. B. Ingram (NCC); Tara Cooksammy, Andy Scott – Police
Members of the Public:	10
In attendance:	Tony Lack, Parish Clerk

Apologies:

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

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

SNC – Parish Council Elections 5th. May 2011 – Clarification of approximate costs of contested and uncontested elections within the Parish.

SNH – Major Works Briefing Paper – Internal Modernisations – Currently on site in Connegar Leys, Courteenhall Road, Greenaway Close & Little Lane. Proposed for Oct/Nov – Buttmead & Chapel Lane.

School Fence – Copy of letter from SNC to Mrs. Irwin, Headteacher. Much comment has been made regarding the erection of the blue plastic fence with mixed reactions. Several Members stated that the fence was not in keeping with the Conservation Area. Mr. Hawkins stated he thought the new fence was a smart improvement to the area and far better than the white wooden fence that was falling to pieces. Mr. Dalton agreed.

Copy letter from NCC to Mr. Fall regarding the School Bus stopping points in Buttmead. The additional stop is to be discontinued from Nov. 1st.

Neighbourhood Watch – Report received from Mr. Andrews and read to the meeting by the Clerk. Some anti-social behaviour has been reported recently with sheets of glass smashed over the play equipment at the Play Park in Eastfield and youngsters running around on the

roof of the Village Hall. Cold callers from Oxfam have caused concern to local residents by calling after dark. Oxfam do not employ these people directly and have passed the complaint to their training dept. The Parish Council agreed to pay for the hire of the hall for the open meeting scheduled for 9th. November where people can voice an opinion on matters of concern and how they see solutions progressing.

Tara Cooksammy introduced PC Andy Scott as the new Police Officer for the Village. Motorbikes have been reported on the Canal towpath. This is a matter for BW but the Police will respond if complaints are phoned into the Control Room. The National Police Number is 03000 111222. With regard to the Cold Callers there is little the Police can do. It is not illegal.

Canal Partnership – Report received from Mrs. Andrews and read to the meeting by the Clerk. The lock beams are in place opposite the Mill and will be painted in the next few days. The management plan for the proposed Pocket Park has been submitted to BW. The adoption agreement has been signed and work can commence on the embankment. Many villagers have volunteered to help with the planting of 420 saplings donated by the Woodland Trust. The Partnership is looking for donations and sponsorship for benches, tree guards and stakes. Lady Vaughan has reclaimed a large area of the slope and moved large machines into the area wreaking havoc by flattening a 3-4 metre wide roadway stretching for over 100 metres. Neither SNC nor BW was made aware of the work being carried out. BW and SNC are investigating the issue. Mrs. Masterman asked how much money was made at the Canal Festival weekend. Mr. Chapman stated the figures were about to be published. The delay in doing this was due to late monies being sent in. The details will be put onto the website.

Chairman's Items:

The Chairman raised concerns regarding post codes for community areas. Notices should be put onto building stating what the post code is to assist people visiting.

Planning:

S/2009/0961/OUT – Land at Chapel Lane – Recommendation of Case Officer – Recommended for approval subject to conditions. PC not invited to attend and speak at Committee. Sally Townsend agreed speak on behalf of the PC in a final attempt to get the footpath installed as a condition of approval. There has been no response to the Parish Council request for 106 agreement details. Issues such as lighting have been seemingly ignored. The Clerk was asked to chase a response to the letter of complaint sent recently.

Notice of Decision:

S/2010/0979/OUT – Single storey dwelling at land to the rear of Cliff Hill Farm - REFUSED

Applications:

None

Amended Plans:

None

Appeals:

None

Opportunity to attend Planning/Development Control Committee:

None

Tree Preservation Orders:

Hedgerows Regulations – Hedgerow Removal Notice – Oakwood Farm Towcester Road

Enforcement Notices:

None

Correspondence:

CNALC – eUpdate

Northants Basketball Club – Information leaflet

Police – “Have Your Say” – Consultation on priorities for policing

SNC – Money Advice Service – Information leaflet and posters

NCC – Council Service Posters

SNC – Roade Masterplan – Draft for consultation – www.southnorthants.gov.uk

NCC – The Pocketeer – Newsletter

Tara Cooksammy – Electoral Services Officer to visit the area.

NCALC – Danny Moody – Information regarding budget meetings and Precepts

Letter from Alexis Nightingale requesting she take over the rent of the parish field.

Letter from Diane Burgoyne – Application to join the Parish Council.

SNVB – Poster

Finance:

The recommendations of the recent Budget and Financial Procedures Review (appended to the October Minutes) were accepted and approved by the Meeting. The Precept for 2011/2012 will remain at £25,000.00.

Receipts

<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Payments

Clerk	Salary	398.00		398.00
	Expenses	21.68		21.68
A H Contracts	Dog Bins	79.40	13.90	93.30
J S Landscapes	Grass cutting	250.00		250.00
Paul Chapman	Website	50.00		50.00
Mrs. Masterman	“What You Said” day	77.98		77.98
Mrs. Field	“What You Said” day	20.37		20.37
NatWest	Bank Charges	10.91		10.91
EON	Street Lighting Energy	678.19	118.68	796.87
Eon	Street Lighting Repair	23.47	4.11	27.58
Alan North	R&A	35.00		35.00
St. John Ambulance	R&A	56.00	9.80	65.80
Village Hall & PF Assoc	Parish Plan-hire of hall	62.10		62.10
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Total				

That the above accounts be accepted and approved for payment:

Proposed: Mr. Hawkins

Seconded: **Mrs. Masterman**
Agreed.

Committee Reports

Budget and Financial Procedures Review Meeting. Minutes of the meeting presented and approved by the Meeting (appended to the October Minutes).

Any Other Business:

Trees and bushes on the High Street are in need of trimming back to allow unimpeded access. The footpath from Station Road to Village sign needs clearing of mud etc.

A salt bin was requested for Blisworth Hotel.

Cracks in footpaths around the village are causing concern again.

Straw and horse droppings have recently been apparent on Stoke Road. New gates have been installed and look good although a problem occurred when three horses escaped due to the gap left open while the new gates were being installed.

Concerns were expressed regarding the non attendance of Mr. Dunk at Parish Council Meetings. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Dunk.

Mrs. Masterman reported Westbrook Ally is overgrown with weeds. The Pub has agreed to trim the bushes. The litter bin has not been emptied. She has spoken to Mr. Goodrich at SNC who said there is a dispute over responsibility for the bin. The Clerk was asked to talk to Mr. Goodrich.

Mrs. Masterman reported the discussion at the recent Budget Meeting regarding the publishing of Round & About on a monthly basis as requested by the Parish Plan questionnaire. The opinion was that this would cause many volunteer deliverers to cease delivering. The current editor has stated he will not be able to edit the newsletter monthly due to time constraints. Mr. Ingram stated that the St. John Ambulance, who currently prints the newsletter, would not be able to do so on a monthly basis. Mrs. Masterman said she had a new editor and new volunteer deliverers to replace the present ones. Further discussions to take place regarding the proposal and review the extra costs that would be involved.

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

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.17 p.m.

Open Forum:

A call for support for Youngs Nursery was made. The Clerk replied saying the Parish Council have and would continue to support the Nursery in any way they are able.

Signed: Chairman:

Responsible Officer:

Date: