

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES

### Meeting of Blisworth Parish Council

held at **7.30pm** on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

in the upstairs room of Blisworth Village Hall.

<b>82</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	
	Vice- Chairman:	Cllr C Jeffery
	Councillors:	Cllr S Billing, Cllr Mrs M Field, Cllr C Gardner, Cllr Mrs J Hawkins, Cllr D Dalton
	By Invitation:	Cllr S Clarke (SNC), Cllr B Ingram (NCC)
	In Attendance:	Mrs A Bartlett (Clerk)
	Members of the Public:	7
<b>83</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
	Cllr Mrs P Masterman – Personal commitments	
	Cllr Mrs K Grey – Family commitments	
	Cllr Mrs M McKeown – Personal commitments	
	Mrs D Burgoyne – Personal commitments	
<b>84</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b>	
	None	
<b>85</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:</b>	
	The Minutes of the previous meeting of 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2012, having been circulated, were approved by the Council as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposer: Cllr Mrs J Hawkins Seconded: Cllr D Dalton	
<b>86</b>	<b>ONGOING MATTERS</b>	
	<b>Drug dealing</b> – PC Tara Cooksammy has confirmed that she is aware of drug dealing in the village and will be patrolling the area, she would like some vehicle registration numbers if anyone is able to collect them without getting seen or verbally abused. Registration numbers can be handed to the Parish Clerk or any Parish Councillor anonymously and they will be handed to Tara.	
	<b>Sun, Moon and Stars</b> – A letter has been received from Calvin Bell, Director of Development at SNC regarding the Council's thoughts on the development of the site. This has been reproduced at Appendix 3.	
	<b>Best Village Competition</b> – Blisworth has won the titles of Best Newcomer, Best Large Village and Best Village in Northamptonshire in the competition run by ACRE. A cabinet for displaying the trophies has been donated to the village hall and the trophies are insured by ACRE. At the same ceremony, two awards were received under the Wildlife	



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	Trust Conservation Churchyard Award Scheme for Blisworth Baptist Church and the Parish Church of St John the Baptist. The Parish Council requested that their congratulations to the village were recorded.	
<b>87</b>	<b>BUSINESS ITEMS</b>	
	<b>Audit for the year ended 31 March 2012</b> – The findings of the external audit were agreed and approved unanimously.	
	<b>Electoral Review of Northamptonshire Draft Recommendations</b> – Cllr Steven Clarke (SNC) and Cllr Sally Townsend (SNC) explained the changes further. It was suggested that the Parish Clerk should contact the villages that it is proposed that Blisworth is to be grouped with and ask for their comments. The item will be revisited at the next meeting. Cllr Clarke offered to provide the comments from SNC for information as soon as they are available.	
	<b>Wind Turbines and the U.K.'s Planning System: Fit for Purpose?</b> – It was agreed that Cllr Mrs McKeown would attend the training.	
	<b>CPRE Planning Road Show for Northamptonshire</b> – It was agreed that there were no suggestions to put forward at this time.	
	<b>Round and About</b> – Find out if practical – notice in coffee shop. Beryl to speak to doctor and put poster up.	
<b>88</b>	<b>PLANNING:</b>	
<b>i</b>	<b>APPLICATIONS</b>	
	<u>S/2012/0896/FUL</u> Unit 8 Prospect Court Courteenhall Road Blisworth Change of use of part of unit from B1 (meeting room) to sui generis (dispensary) Response Date: 17/08/2012 Response: Item deferred until interim meeting	
	<u>S/2012/0806/FUL</u> Rock Cottage 8 Stoke Road Blisworth Two storey side extension Response Date: 31/07/2012 Response: No objections.	
	<u>S/2012/0781/LBC</u> Highcliffe 6 Northampton Road Blisworth Conversion of existing integral garage into habitable accommodation. Provision of new conservation roof lights in house and replacement windows Response Date: 26/07/2012 Response: No objections subject to the following comments - Although the property is in the conservation area, the lights would not be seen from the public highway and providing the are in keeping with the roof colour the Parish Council would have no objections.	
	<u>S/2012/0780/FUL</u> Highcliffe 6 Northampton Road Blisworth Change of use of part paddock to accommodate new detached domestic garage and tractor store. Conversion of existing integral garage into habitable accommodation. Provision of new conservation roof lights in house and replacement windows Response Date: 26/07/2012 Response: Objections	



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	<p>The plans show that this proposed 4 car detached garage and tractor store it to be 2.5 times as large as the existing garage, over 2 metres outside the curtilage of the garden extending into the paddock area beyond and higher than the existing brick storage building located in the corner of the garden. The planning advice states that the new garage, if accepted was to be subservient to the existing barn which we feel it will not be. The Parish Council feels that the proposed development is too overpowering and out of the curtilage of the building.</p>	
	<p><u>S/2012/0815/FUL</u>  10 Towcester Road Blisworth  The proposal consists of demolishing an existing garage and side extension, and constructing a new 2 storey side extension, and a new garage.  Response Date: 30/07/2012  Response: No objections</p>	
	<p><u>S/2012/0774/FUL</u>  Algate Church Lane Blisworth  Single storey rear extension, alterations to rear dormer and replacement windows  Response Date: 23/07/2012  Response: No objections</p>	
<b>ii</b>	<b>DECISIONS – All decision notices can be found on the SNC website</b>	
	<p><u>S/2012/0663/LDP</u>  86 Connegar Leys Blisworth  Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension  Approval</p>	
	<p><u>S/2012/0701/FUL</u>  20 Chapel Lane Blisworth  Change of use of land to caravan storage (part retrospective)  Refusal</p>	
	<p><u>S/2012/0696/LBC</u>  Elm Tree House 11 Courteenhall Road Blisworth  Replace current softwood casement windows in main building with traditional oak leaded lights. Also, install same to two re-openings on the gable end and the third dormer. Replace current softwood windows to later extension to the building with a simpler design i.e. single glazed oak frames without leaded lights.  Approval</p>	
	<p><u>S/2012/0606/FUL</u>  3 Church Lane Blisworth  Two storey rear extension  Approval</p>	
	<p><u>S/2012/0536/NMA</u>  Land off Chapel Hill Farm Chapel Lane Blisworth  Non-material amendment to revise the position and design of chimneys and flues. To planning permission S/2011/1501/MAR Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to S/2009/0961/OUT and S/2011/1563/FUL (Residential development for 27 houses and estate road and associated works).  Approval</p>	



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	<p><u>S/2012/0494/EXT</u>          Elm Tree House 11 Courtenhall Road Blisworth          Extension of time to implement planning permission S/2009/0268/P Rooflight and dormer addition to rear elevation          Approval</p>						
	<p><u>S/2012/0485/FUL</u>          43 Buttmead Blisworth          Conversion of garage to habitable room, first floor extension to side with roof over porch, two storey extension to rear and conservatory to rear.          Withdrawn</p>						
<b>89</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>						
<i>i</i>	<b>RECIEPTS</b>						
	<b>Name</b>	<b>Details</b>					<b>Amount</b>
	<b>Total</b>						
<i>ii</i>	<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
	<b>No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Chq</b>
	25	N&P Garden Services	Mowing	£469.00	£93.80	£562.80	2065
	26	AN Linnell	Noticeboard repair	£130.00		£130.00	2066
	27	E-ON	Street lighting maintenance	£215.67	£43.13	£258.80	2067
	28	BDO LLP	Audit	£285.00	£57.00	£342.00	2068
	29	N&P Garden Services	Mowing	£469.00	£93.80	£562.80	2069
	<b>Total</b>			<b>£1568.67</b>	<b>£287.73</b>	<b>£1856.40</b>	
<b>90</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION</b>						
	To note the attached Appendix 1 of items which have been circulated and are available for inspection.						
<b>91</b>	<b>DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS</b>						
	<p>Cllr S Clarke – The new Chairman of SNC is promoting youth employment and has introduced a programme of events for the year instead of a single Chairman's charity. Conservation area review going to take place in autumn with results by end of year</p> <p>Cllr Mrs S Townsend – The SNC Joint Core Strategy launches on 14<sup>th</sup> Aug and will be going out for consultation on 26<sup>th</sup> Sep consultation. Work by SNH is taking place in Connegar Leys this month.</p>						
<b>92</b>	<b>COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA</b>						
	Cllr T Bartlett – Raised questions about the reference in the last minutes regarding the village sign. He requested clarification that the village sign is not the same as the central village feature proposed by the Parish Plan Progress Team. This was confirmed. The subject is to be put on the next agenda to find project leader and agree terms of reference. It was suggested that the Parish Clerk make representations to the Police on the issues of drugs, traffic, speeding.						



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	<p>Cllr C Jeffery suggested that the issue of drug dealing is put in the next edition of R&amp;A. A complaint has been received about the state of the allotments. The subject is to be put on the next agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs M Field – advised that the pavement and layby outside the cottages next to the Sun, Moon and Stars need to be treated with weedkiller. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would contact NCC regarding this. Mattresses have been dumped in the gateway on Towcester Road. It was confirmed that it was either an issue for the landowner or for SNC depending upon the exact location.</p> <p>Cllr C Gardener – Requested clarification on % of affordable homes to be built on the Chapel Lane development. Cllr Clarke was not able to shed any light on it and Cllr S Billing has had no feedback on it. Cllr Bartlett advised that the Enforcement Officer at SNC is willing to assist if there are concerns about breaches of planning permission.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs J Hawkins – Advised that the brambles in churchyard are overhanging the path. Mrs McKenzie (Church Warden) kindly advised that she would deal with the problem.</p>	
<b>93</b>	<b>GROUP REPORTS FOR INFORMATION</b>	
<i>i</i>	<b>Parish Plan Progress Team:</b> Ten volunteers have come forward to assist with the prescription collection service. The details of the system will be published in R&A. A report from the PPPT is reproduced at Appendix 2 of these Minutes.	
<b>94</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2012. 20.57 closed	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.57 hours.	
	<p><b>Signed:</b>  <b>Mrs Alison Bartlett</b> Clerk to Blisworth Parish Council</p> <p><b>Signed:</b> <b>Mrs Pat Masterman</b> Chairman</p>	

<b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS:</b>	
<b>Rita Garwood:</b>	Raised concerns that one of the Parish Councillors has allegedly complained to SNC regarding the use of her pig sty as a potting shed. Mrs Garwood was advised that none of the Parish Councillors had officially made a complaint on behalf of the Parish Council and that she should contact SNC direct for further information.
<b>Alan Andrews:</b>	Raised the issue of the overgrowing trees on Northampton Road. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would contact NCC and raise the matter again. Mr Andrews requested that the grass cutting be brought forward in time for the canal festival. The street light on Buttmead /Stoke Road still hanging off. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would contact E-ON to get this resolved.
<b>Beryl Andrews:</b>	Raised concerns about dumping on the Courteenhall Road allotments advising that people need to know who to turn to. Cllr Jeffery confirmed that he is the contact.
<b>Alan North:</b>	Requested confirmation that an extra page was required in the next edition of R&A.
<b>Jane Percival:</b>	Advised that extra help would be needed for inserts in R&A. With regard to the Courteenhall Allotments it was suggested that a board with contact number for allotments be installed and that the Parish Council joins the National Society of Allotment Gardeners, they would be able to assist if the Parish Council are considering changes to

charges. On behalf of the Village Hall and Playing Field Association the terms of insurance are required for the Best Village Award cups. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would to speak to ACRE.

**Ann North:** Raised concerns that the footpath along Stoke Road is being overgrown with grass and that the hedge is growing out over the path by the allotments on Stoke Road. Cllr Jeffery agreed to have a look. There is also a problem area up from 85 Stoke Road to the metal gate.

**Maggie Barker:** Queried if the boundary review would affect the school catchment areas Cllr Clarke advised that it would have no effect.

## APPENDIX 1 Monday 6th August 2012

1.	<b>SNVB Information update</b> - July 11th 2012 - Several funding streams, SN VCS Forum meeting
2.	<b>Rural Services Network</b> - Weekly Email News Digest - 9 July 2012
3.	<b>SNC Summer activities for children – SPLAT</b> – Information on the Sports, Play, Leisure & ArTs summer activities in S Northants
4.	<b>RURAL OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN July 2012</b> - A monthly bulletin facilitated by the membership of the Rural Services Network highlighting a selection of current funding, consultation and other opportunities
5.	<b>SPLAT</b> – Summer activities for children including details of Village Games. Posters are on the noticeboards.
6.	<b>Northamptonshire Police Authority</b> – Requesting feedback on policing and community safety. Online survey available at <a href="http://www.northants.police.uk">www.northants.police.uk</a> .
7.	<b>NCALC</b> – Training calendar for July to December 2012.
8.	<b>Northamptonshire Police Community Connect</b> - Appeal for information on recovered safes
9.	<b>SNVB</b> - Information update - July 24th 2012. Summer activities for kids, training volunteers wanted etc
10.	<b>SNC Press Release</b> – Announcing Councillor Andrew Wilby is the new Chairman of South Northamptonshire Council.
11.	<b>Community Safety Partnership</b> – Advising that reports of anti-social behaviour in Daventry District and South Northamptonshire have fallen over the past year.
12.	<b>Rural Services Network</b> - Weekly Email News Digest - 23 July 2012
13.	<b>Northamptonshire Police Community Connect</b> – Reminding people to make sure they never give out any part of their bank details to anyone who cold calls or when you are not entirely confident with who you are dealing with.
14.	<b>Northamptonshire Police Community Connect</b> - Northamptonshire Police Authority, Northamptonshire Police and the Daventry District and South Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership are asking you to have your say by taking part in a consultation to help inform the PCC when setting their priorities for crime and policing for 2013/14.
15.	<b>Rural Services Network</b> - Weekly Email News Digest - 16 July 2012



16.	<b>RURAL OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN August 2012</b> - A monthly bulletin facilitated by the membership of the Rural Services Network highlighting a selection of current funding, consultation and other opportunities.
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**APPENDIX 2**  
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**PARISH PLAN PROGRESS TEAM REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL AUGUST 6th 2012**

- Best Village Competition. We are delighted that Blisworth has at its first attempt won three cups in the Best Village Competition. One is for Best Newcomer, one for Best Large Village, and one for overall winner of the Northamptonshire Best Village Competition 2012. Thanks go to Beryl Andrews, Maggie Barker and Tim Bartlett, who prepared our eighteen page entry. Beryl, Maggie and Pat Masterman were able to attend the presentation ceremony at the ACRE Barn in Hunsbury on a beautiful summer evening when the cups were presented by sponsors Annette and Paul Hollowell.
- Wildlife Trust Churchyard Conservation Scheme. Another success for Blisworth when at the same ceremony at the ACRE headquarters Maggie Barker and I were able to receive from the Bishop of Peterborough two Awards from the Wildlife Trust Conservation Churchyard Award Scheme, one for the Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Blisworth, and another for Blisworth Baptist Church, together with a very encouraging report.