

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 7th October 2013

Held in the upstairs room of Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr Mrs P Masterman
Cllr Mr C Jeffery
Cllr J Hawkins
Cllr Mr S Billing
Cllr Mrs M Field
Cllr C Gardner
Cllr D Dalton

Chairman
Vice-Chairman

Cllr S Clarke
7 members of the public

SNC Cllr

75. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – THE FOLLOWING APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE APPROVED: Cllr Mr T Bartlett, Cllr K Gray, Cllr D Burgoyne, Cllr J Hawkins, Cllr J Kirkbride.

76. 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 were declared.

77. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 2nd SEPTEMBER 2013. Cllr C Jeffery proposed that the minutes were adopted, this was agreed and they were signed by the Chairman.

78. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cllr Jeffery had looked into the matter of a better interest rate on a bank account, but the account would have to be in individual names so cannot be done.

The Chairman reported that the Risk Assessment and Allotment Tenancy Agreement had been put on the website.

Clerk to find out from NCC Highways what the purpose of the area of asphalt near the Railway Cottages.

79. MATTERS ARISING – not covered by agenda - none

80. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Clarke advised the Parish Council to keep up to date with developments on the website concerning the Local Plan and the Joint Core Strategy. The Parish Council

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has been invited to a briefing on the 'Issues Paper' Consultation at SNC on 12 or 13th November. The consultation runs from 28.10.13 – 24.1.14.
The Neighbourhood Plans are not really very successful – Yardley Gobion has just shelved theirs.

81. PLANNING

- i) Chapel Hill Development – S/2013/0225/MAF –
 - Update on developments over discharge of condition to provide access road for construction off Northampton Road. Cllr C Jeffery reported that there had been no correspondence since the meeting with Orbit Homes and Sean Bennett from SNC. Concern was raised that the PC was not being kept informed. It was agreed that **Cllr Jeffery** will draft a letter to Orbit Homes, to be sent by the Clerk.
 - A resident reported that she had tried to prevent a lorry driver using Chapel Hill for delivery to the site on 3.10.13.
 - Update on road crossing provision
 - Concern was raised about the proposed zebra crossing as it was felt the resulting lack of roadside parking for High Street residents would be a problem. The question of whether the lighting required for the beacons would be allowed in a Conservation Area. A mini round about at Lady Field might be preferable. The Clerk had written to the consultants for Orbit Homes regarding the Zebra Crossing asking whether residents had been informed and suggesting its position slightly further south. According to residents present they have had no consultation from the engineers. **Clerk** to pursue.
- ii) S/2012/1057/FUL - Land adjacent to Willow House, detached dwelling and single garage additional information regarding trees – update from SNC meeting held on 25.9.13 – This planning application has now been approved.
- iii) Progress of other recent applications :
 - S/2013/1129/FUL – Blisworth Hill Farm, Anaerobic Digester – pending- the Parish Council objected to this application after a vote of 4:3 as it felt there would be unpleasant odours from the plant, and that traffic might be increased on Stoke Road. **Clerk** to respond
 - S/2013/1170/TCA – Rectory – work on trees - for information only
 - S/2013/1254/TLN – Telecommunications Licence Notification – Installation of 1 DSLAM cabin opposite Connegar Leys – pending
 - S/2013/1267/TCA – 1 Church Lane – Whitebeam fell – pending
 - S2013/1170/TCA – The Rectory – work on trees, information only – pending
 - S/2013/1061/FUL - 37 Windmill Ave - Single story side and rear extension - Approval
 - S/2013/1028/FUL - Orchard House, Church lane - garden shed - Approval
S/2013/1028/FUL - Buttermilk Hall Farm, conversion of redundant barns to mixed use development - pending

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- S/2013/0956/NA – West Lodge Farm, Blisworth Road, Courteenhall – variation of conditions 2,3,6 and7 of planning permission 008/00079/WAS to extend time limit for implementation – pending

82. Local Matters

i. **Footpaths** – The Chairman had reported the following items to Street Doctor.

676035 - The grass verge(s) at the end of Pond Bank overgrown onto the footway

676039 - The 30mph sign in Chapel Lane is obscured by the hedge in the garden of the cottage

676242 - The grass verge from 69 - 83 Stoke Road is overgrowing the foot way - also overhanging hedge

AF79169E - Fly tipping at the Blisworth Tunnel Car Park - reported on a Tuesday and was not there on the Thursday!

ii. **Lighting** – Reporting of street light faults – the street light outside 15 and 16 Wellspring had been reported to E-on.

iii. **Play Area** – Cllr Dalton reported that the fence is now completed and ready for payment at this meeting. 50% of the remaining cost has been contributed by the resident (£310) and the Play Group one will follow. Two pieces of equipment(the spinners)are wearing out the ground and some matting and topsoil/turf may be purchased to re-enforce it. A few suggestions were made by Cllr Gardener for younger children equipment.

iv. **Traffic Issues**

- Ref 676241 - The Vehicle Activated sign on the right hand side of Stoke road (as you come from Stoke Bruerne) obscured by the hedge had been reported to Street Doctor by the Chairman.
- **Clerk** to report the cobbles which have come out near the Oak on both sides of the High Street.
- Concern was raised that the VAS camera along Courteenhall Road was being ignored by drivers. **Clerk** to check with NCC to see whether they are monitored.

v. **Parish Plan Progress**

The following report was submitted prior to the meeting:

- *Two members of the Group attended the Conservation Churchyard Award Scheme Forum Meeting to accept the 2013 Silver Award for the Blisworth Churchyards.*
- *A team is looking into the erection of the interpretation board in the Old Cemetery.*
- *We are waiting for a quote for the renovation of the Old Cemetery gates.*
- *hoping that villagers will respond to the Gardening Group's request for assistance by adopting a grave or tree in the Old Cemetery and maintaining them.*

The Chairman reported that one person has responded to request for assistance in the last item. The gardening group has done a lot of work in the area.

vi. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**

The Chairman reported that Mark Redding may put an item in the Round and About.

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- vii. Village Sign project – sign was on display at meeting, and looked very impressive. It now requires a frame to protect it from weathering and NCC require plans. Cllr Jeffery had received a rough quote of £1200 for a hard wood frame. It was proposed by Cllr Dalton and agreed by the council that this quote be accepted. **Cllr Jeffery** will pursue. The **Chairman** will check with Alan Baillie to see whether a breathable varnish can be used to protect the paint. It was agreed that the sign would not be insured at present.
- viii. Church yards Management Plan – The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution as the area does look much better.

83. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

- Courteenhall Estates - Possible formation of footpath in Stoke Road – no response as yet.
- NCC, Helen Howard – enquiring when double yellow lines promised for Stoke Road and Courteenhall Road, response – hopefully in the new year
- Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers for Chapel Lane regarding possible position of zebra crossing.
- Clerks and Councils Direct

84. FINANCE

Payments – for approval

| Name | Details | Amount £ | VAT | Total | Chq |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|------|
| AH Contracts | Empty dog bins | 119.10 | 19.85 | 99.25 | 2172 |
| A Baillie | Village sign | 450.00 | | 450.00 | 2180 |
| V Hartley | Salary for Sept + back pay | 360.59 | - | 360.59 | 2181 |
| HMRC | Tax for above | 90.00 | - | 90.00 | 2182 |
| N and P Gardens | Mowing Aug | 474.00 | 94.80 | 568.80 | 2183 |
| Metrosigns | Legs-cemetery notice board | | | 252.00 | 2184 |
| Signs Express | Panel for sign | 84.00 | 16.80 | 100.80 | 2185 |
| AH Contracts | Empty dog bins | 79.40 | 15.88 | 95.28 | 2186 |
| E-on | Supplies | 697.81 | 139.56 | 837.37 | 2187 |
| E-on | Maintenance | 215.67 | 43.13 | 258.80 | 2188 |
| B.Osborne | Payroll | 52.50 | - | 52.50 | 2189 |
| Colourfence | New fence village hall | 1338.12 | 148.68 | 1338.12 | 2190 |

Bank Balance - £39,472 at 24.9.13

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS –

- i) Consideration of quotes for re-surfacing of Village Hall Car Park

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Cllr Gardener presented different quotes for resurfacing, stating that whatever the Parish Council could contribute the VHPFA would make good use of. The quote for a complete re-surface was £11000 and for just the entrance - £2550. The committee may meet before the next PC meeting for further discussion.

ii) Allotment Issues

Cllr Jeffery and Cllr McKeown will collect the rents. An email had been received concerning pilfering of vegetables and the request for a fence to prevent this and stop dogs defaecating on the area. It was felt a fence would not help but funds could be applied for from the Northants Community Foundation.

iii) Clerk's pay scale – for consideration when budget is discussed.

85. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

- It was agreed that 'The Village Directory' update would be postponed until after next year's elections as there will be changes at that point.
- The Car – Cleaning business at the JBJ Business Units has now gone.

86. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT Meeting – 4th November 2013

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS:

On **close** 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.)

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