

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 2nd December 2013

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

Present:	Cllr P Masterman	Chairman
	Cllr C Jeffery	Vice -Chairman
	Cllr S Billing	
	Cllr M Field	
	Cllr C Gardner	
	Cllr D Dalton	
	Cllr D Burgoyne	
	Cllr T Bartlett	
	Cllr M McKeown	
	Cllr J Hawkins	
	Cllr K Gray	
	Cllr Mr S Clarke	SNC Cllr
	8 members of the public	

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.)

104. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE – NCC Cllr J Kirkbride, SNC Cllr S Townsend

105. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any items under consideration at this meeting.

106. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 4th November 2013 and Finance meeting 19th NOVEMBER 2013. These having previously been circulated were corrected approved and signed as a true record.

107. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – none

108. MATTERS ARISING – not covered by agenda- none

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109.DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Clarke reported:

- i. Date has been set for the informal hearing for Painter's Cottage planning application as 5.2.14. Public invited to observe.
- ii. Chapel Lane Development – issue of access road to site from Northampton Road – on going (see planning)
- iii. 22 and 24 Northampton Road – application had gone in 2 years ago and is probably permitted development.

110. 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 – see correspondence – letter sent to SNC insisting on retention of Condition 17as part of planning permission.
 - Update on road crossing provision – nothing to report
- ii) Progress of other recent applications :
 - a. S/2013/1527/LBC – 3 Rose Cottage, Courteenhall Road, Remove white UPVC doubled glazed and replaced with hardwood stable door – pending
This application was circulated and discussed – it was agreed that the PC support the application. **Clerk** to respond.
 - b. S/2013/1476/FUL 13 Courteenhall Road – demolition of existing lean-to conservatory. Construction of single storey rear extension – pending
Neighbours have objected due to light impact on no 15 and privacy to no 11. Applicant had written to PC in support of their application. After discussion it was agreed that the PC did not have any objections. **Clerk** to respond.
 - c. S/2013/1404/NMA – 34 High Street – non material amendment to S/2012/1373/FUL – approval

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iii) CPRE –Planning Road show – Report by Cllr Hawkins below (circulated)

The National overview is that 49% Of participants have not adopted local plans.

150,000 homes planned for green belt areas loss of many green areas leading to loss of high quality land. Brown areas too expensive to build on!

Loss of 5year land supply, some conservation areas and listed building sites are being swept aside because of the weight being given to National Plans for housing.

e.g Boundaries...

Areas valued by "Locals" are not now taken into the view. The Government is asking for more homes to be built granting planning regardless of local impact.

It was felt that if Parishes could adopt the Neighbourhood Plan (it can be adopted by local Authorities) The plan can set out what affordable housing can be inhabited by the local population:-

The Plan would give more say re/ what is built!

Protect open spaces,
Commercial infrastructure,

Allotments

Community Planning

Speed Limits

Public ramps

Broad band etc.

People who have expertise in various areas of skill would need to be co-opted on to the project (these should also be enlisted to help the PC to face future difficulties)

The Neighbourhood Plan could be developed from the Parish Plan

The bulk of the work is based on lots of Consultation!

It takes about £15,000 to produce a Neighbourhood Plan! much of this is fees to professionals (hence co-opting them onto the PC for advice)

A Plan of the Village is also essential.

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Wind Farms

New Guidelines were issued in July 2013

Bridleways appear to be no longer protected (no provision for them)

Many single (FIT) turbines now in the system Gov now looking at all applications

The worst excess may be stopped when the subsidies are reduced.

We are advised to get Local Planning to produce Wind Farm strategies

2014

2014 could prove a difficult year a quote "free for all" as it appears the New Planning Policies are not as yet in place.

New Housing appears to be going through on "Appeal"

Conclusion

70 PC's from all over Northamptonshire attended the meeting, the feeling was one of dejection as it was felt that that the Parish Councils "VOICE" is not being heard!

- iv) Local Plan Consultation document – Cllr Masterman had attended the launch of the consultation. The pack for Blisworth had only just arrived on 2.12.13 about 3 weeks after the start. It was agreed **Clerk** to request extension by 1 month to 24.2.14

111. Local Matters

- i. Footpaths – Reports of any problems – a resident reported that RD2 has some potentially ankle twisting surface. **Clerk** to report.
- ii. Lighting – Reporting of street light faults – Lights removed from road to football club have still not been replaced. **Clerk** to report again.
- iii. Play Area –
 - Cllr Dalton reported that he had two quotes for surface 'tiles' to protect the grass - £44+VAT per mat +5% carriage and £474+VAT for a 10m roll. He will get more quotes.
 - Blisworth Play School had donated £450 towards the cost of the recently erected extra fencing. **Clerk** to write and thank them.
- iv. Traffic/Highway Issues
 - The Chairman reported that a volunteer – Anne Goss of Greenaway Close had come forward for the role of **Highways Warden**. She is friends with the contact from Roade and they will attend the induction/training together.
 - NCC – Road Traffic Regulations Act – The Clerk had received the Order for yellow lines in Courteenhall Road and Greenside/Stoke Road. Confusion seems to have arisen as to the exact positioning of the yellow lines. A resident had written in asking the Council to re-visit this issue. However it was agreed that the **Clerk** should contact Helen Howard from NCC Highways and ask her to re-issue a clearly marked plan.
 - Grit bin for Church Lane – NCC will NOT supply bin. PC can purchase a red bin which PC would have to keep stocked.
NCC Highways had quoted the costs for a 160 litre red grit bin at £290. This includes the bin, the first fill of sand/salt mix, delivery and installation. If the bin is intended to go on the **public** highway then a section 185 licence will be required. Salt bag are £4 per 25kg bag. (A 160L bin will hold approx. 8 25kg salt bags). After discussion it was agreed that this was expensive and the PC did not want a red bin so **Clerk** will check costs in BACA tomorrow and report to PC for decision prior to next meeting as snow may be on its way. It was agreed that once the bin was in place residents would be advised it was PC property for public not private use.
- v. Parish Plan Progress – Cllr Hawkins read the Annual Report of the Parish Plan Committee to the meeting.
- vi. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Cllr Burgoyne reported that she had contacted Mark Redding but no report was available. Alan Symonds has now been Police Commissioner for a year and was keen encourage a victim centred justice system.

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- vii. Village sign project – planning permission requirement – the Clerk had enquired of SNC Planning Officer, Amanda Haisman what was required by way of planning permission but it seemed rather vague. It could be that advertisement permission is required although it was also suggested the sign could just be erected? However Statutory Undertakings are necessary so **Clerk** will write to the Gas, Electricity, Telephone and water companies and adjoining land owners with plans showing where the sign is to go to comply with NCC Highways consent.

112. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

Out-going Letters :

- i. Sean Bennett, SNC Planning re Chapel Lane development, insisting on retention of condition 17 as part of planning permission.
- ii. Enterprise Inns – re antisocial issues at The Oak – no response although issue seems to have died down so it was agreed it should be reviewed at the next meeting.
- iii. NCC – application for NCC Urban Highways Mowing Grant for 2014 – completed and returned

In-going emails/letters :

- iv. SNC Local Plan Issues Paper Consultation papers (should arrive by 2.12.13)
- v. Cemetery Trees – Cllr Bartlett re NCC charges for waste removal and Charity Waste Policy – Volunteers had actually cleared the trees and the debris also cleared. The Chairman thanked Cllr Bartlett for obtaining the information which may be useful at a later date.
- vi. NCC Flag competition – circulated
- vii. NCC grit bin for Church Lane – see agenda item – Highways
- viii. NCALC – Finance Update – Legislative Reform Order 2013 will allow PCs to use other ways of making payments other than cheques – resulting in robust internal control measures.
- ix. Resident – concerned with yellow lines in Greenside/Stoke Road (Road Traffic Act - Order gone in)
- x. NCC Newsletter
- xi. Information – Fun Day 21.6.14 12-4pm at the Community Scout Hall – coincides with visit of Michron Theatre.
- xii. NCALC Draft River Nene Integrated Catchment Plan – circulated
- xiii. Military Community Event (25.11.13) circulated

113. FINANCE

- i) Report from Finance meeting held 19.11.13 – separate minutes (Precept – budgeted (£31000)).**
- ii)** Re-surfacing of Village Hall Car Park – Cllr Gardner is applying for a grant to pay for the resurfacing but it could not be done before winter was over. Cllr Jeffery reported that he could get remedial work done at the entrance to the car park costing £300 + VAT which would be sufficient to make the area smoother/safer until after the winter. It was proposed by Cllr McKeown and agreed by the Council that this be accepted. The Council would like some assurance that there will be some preventative measures taken to prevent vans and larger vehicles using it.
- iii)** The Clerk reported that Section 136 Mowing agreement for 2013 had been received - £771.88 from NCC
- iv)** Payments – for approval

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Name	Details	Amount£	VAT	Total	Chq
AH Contracts	Empty dog bins	79.40	15.88	95.28	2199
V Hartley	Salary for Nov	354.30	-	354.30	2200
HMRC	Tax for above	88.60	-	88.60	2201
N and P Gardens	Mowing Sept	474.00	94.80	568.80	2202
Anglian Water	14.8 – 7.11.13	231.02	-	231.02	2203

£145 collected and banked from Allotment Rents
£450 received from Play School for Play Area fencing

Bank Balance at 18.11.13 - £34,435.15 (£5090.45 in deposit account)

114. CANAL AND RIVER TRUST – consultation on Strategic Waterway Plan for next 10 years this had been circulated. Cllr Burgoyne will respond.

115. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

- Cllr Bartlett – reported that the SNC Broadband Survey was not very helpful as the speed varies in different parts of the village. He will feed back to the Chairman.
- Cllr Jeffery suggested following up the letter to Courteenhall Estates re the Stoke Road footpath – **Clerk** to action.
- Cllr Burgoyne will give a printed copy of the Heritage Society Scrapbook to the Clerk for archiving.
- Cllr Field asked Cllr Clarke what if anything was happening with the Sun, Moon and Stars especially with the contradicting 'For Sale' and 'Sold' signs. Cllr Clarke had nothing to report.

116. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – 6th January 2014 meeting closed at 9.45pm

Comments from residents:

- Wreford Christmas Lights will be turned on 7th December, opening by Father Christmas
- Cllr Burgoyne asked whether the broken pub sign is to be replaced?

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