

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 3rd February 2014

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

Present:	Cllr P Masterman Cllr C Jeffery	Chairman Vice –Chairman - actually
chaired this meeting	Cllr S Billing Cllr M Field Cllr C Gardner Cllr D Dalton Cllr D Burgoyne Cllr K Gray	
	Cllr Mr S Clarke 12 members of the public	SNC Cllr

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.)

132. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE – J Kirkbride, NCC Cllr, Cllr M McKeown, Cllr J Hawkins

133. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – members were asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any items under consideration at this meeting – none declared (Item 138 - Planning Application S/2012/1057/FUL is an SNC matter)

134. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 6th January 2014 and 13th January 2014 (extra meeting for Local Plan consultation). The former minutes were proposed by Cllr Dalton and seconded by Cllr Billing as a correct record and the latter were proposed by Cllr Masterman and seconded by Cllr Dalton as a correct record. Both sets were signed and dated by the Chairman.

135. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – a vacancy has now been declared due to the resignation of Cllr Bartlett. **Clerk** to advertise the vacancy when the next agenda is posted.

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136. MATTERS ARISING – not covered by agenda

137. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS – Cllr Clarke reported on behalf of South Northants Council: Bernadette Owens has taken over from Sean Bennett as Planning Officer for the Chapel Lane development and is pursuing the access road condition. Cllr Clarke agreed that he will encourage communication between her and the Parish Council.

138. PLANNING

- i) S/2012/1057/FUL – land adjacent to Willow House, Towcester Road – removal of trees – SNC Officer, Robert Fallon, SNC Planning Officer who had been in attendance at last meeting had sent notes from meeting – see also Correspondence item at 141 – this item warranted no discussion as it is a South Northants Council issue.

- ii) Chapel Hill Development – S/2013/0225/MAF –
 a) Update on developments over discharge of condition to provide access road for construction off Northampton Road – no update

Update on road crossing provision – JPP Consulting had responded to the request made by the PC to place zebra crossing in front of no 8 High Street saying it is sited in the optimum position based on the existing constraints such as private drives, junctions etc and moves away from the pedestrian desire line to access the school.

JPP Consulting also wanted confirmation from the Parish Council that it does not wish to receive the contribution towards the school crossing patrol. If so, JPP Consulting will now proceed with submitting the zebra crossing designs to Northamptonshire County Council for approval.

In view of this it was agreed that the **Clerk** request a site meeting with the consultants so that the actual position of the proposed crossing can be marked and ensure that residents are informed of the proposals.

- b) JPP Consulting have consulted on street lighting design – PC have responded with no objections

- iii) Progress of other recent applications :
- a) S/2014/0090/FUL – Painters Cottage, 30 Stoke Road – erection of 2 dwellings & detached garages & retention of piggeries to support the vineyard, associated activities and storage of wine – consultations despatched this application was discussed and it was agreed that the Council had the same objections as it had for the previous application. The parking/garage is outside the village envelope and there are traffic concerns on the Stoke Road. **Clerk** to send objections to SNC.
- b) S/2014/0036/FUL – JBJ Ltd, JBJ Business Park, Northampton Road – replace 5 fire damaged industrial units – consultations despatched – the Parish Council agreed that as the same foot print was proposed it would have no objections – **Clerk** to respond to SNC.
- c) S/2013/1691/FUL – Blisworth Hill Farm, Stoke Road, Anaerobic Digestion Plant – consultations despatched
- d) S/2013/1658/FUL – New Tunnel Hill Farm, Stoke Road – Two Storey side extension (granny flat) – site visit complete

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- e) S/2013/1476/FUL 13 Courteenhall Road – demolition of existing lean-to conservatory. Construction of single storey rear extension – Approved

139. SNC Local Plan Consultation – see minutes from PC meeting held on 13.1.14 – response sent off to SNC.

140. Local Matters

- i. Footpaths – Reports of any problems – RD2 (bridleway) been reported to R of W who had responded – the Clerk had been informed that no action was required. However it was agreed that **Clerk** report again stressing that it is the middle section of the path which has pot holes and it was thought R of W had only checked each end.
- ii. Lighting – Reporting of street light faults – reported broken shield over PL outside 11 Chapel Lane – not sure whether repair been carried out. Street light in Buttmead out – **Cllr Dalton** will let Clerk know location, **Clerk** to report.
- iii. Play Area – **Cllr Dalton** reported that the reinforcement of the grass is on-going. He will get a quote from BACA for the material. The Clerk has booked the inspection with Wicksteed leisure.
- iv. Traffic/Highway Issues –
 - Proposed Parking Restrictions on Courteenhall Road and Greenside/Stoke Road – further consultation from NCC.
The proposed parking restrictions at both areas were discussed in conjunction with the plan and it was agreed that the Council was in favour of them. **Clerk** to respond to NCC.
 - Update on drain problem at Cemetery gates in High Street- Cllr Dalton had been monitoring this issue regularly in the last month. Work had been carried out on the blockage and the culvert had supposedly been cleared so the flooding issue should be resolved. At some point the foul sewer and the storm drain had been accidentally been connected. It is an Anglian Water issue and Cllr Dalton agreed to pursue the matter with him. Cllr Masterman pointed out that if the footpath was raised at this point it could result in a step.
 - Request for consideration (via Milton Malsor PC) of speed limit on Northampton Road between Blisworth and Milton Malsor – this matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would support the proposal. **Clerk** to respond.
 - Stick and Flick dog faeces control – this item had been placed on the agenda after a request at the last meeting to ‘air’ the idea of this method of control. It was felt that it would not be practical.
- v. Parish Plan Progress – report had emailed to Clerk:
As many people are aware it is not currently possible to enter the Old Cemetery from the High Street and everywhere is waterlogged. As a result we may not be able to keep to our plan of holding an event at the end of March to celebrate the installation of the Interpretation Board. It is hoped that the Parish Council is being kept up to date on the progress with the repairs and will keep the Group informed.

At our last meeting it was agreed that our Chairman would accompany Stephen Clarke to a meeting with the Head of Strategic Policy and Regeneration at South Northants District Council to discuss the situation in relation to the promised Best Village signs. Councillor Clarke has written to him to ask for

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that meeting but we have not had any update. It is hoped that a way forward can be obtained whereby two signs can be attached to the proposed new Village Sign.*

*This meeting is still being pursued.

- vi. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Cllr Burgoyne reported that Mark Redding had attended a Police meeting. Tara Cookesammy has had an operation but is now at her desk from 10 – 4. The parking of cars outside the old Police House on the High Street will be monitored. Phone fraudsters are still at large.
- vii. Village sign project – On-going, Cllr Jeffery to order frame and contact a contractor about installation.
- viii. Request for Cemetery seat – Pauletted Kennedy is now dealing with this issue.

141. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

Out-going Letters/emails:

- i) Mr A Andrews – Formal Complaint against Parish Councillor the informed response from the PC was:
 - a) Blisworth Parish Council is not a Planning Authority and Enforcement of Planning regulations
 - b) is **not** within its remit.
 - c) Failure to observe planning conditions does not constitute a breach of the Code of Conduct.
 - d) The Parish Council is not responsible for the Code of Conduct or investigation of complaints about the conduct of individuals within its council.
 - e) Complaint needs to be made to SNC Standards Board as the matter is not a PC matter.
- ii) SNC – Andy D’arcy – response to Local Plan consultation

In-coming letters/emails:

- i. Mr A Andrews – Formal Complaint against Parish Councillor also request for financial information re Section 137 expenditure and display of Receipts and Payments of the PC on the website – clerk responded to the questions – S 137 budgeted figure is the limit not necessarily what is spent. The R and P Annual Return is not on the website but is displayed on the notice board and can be viewed by request.
- ii. WNJCS – proposed main modifications consultation – not affecting Blisworth directly
- iii. NCALC – confirmation of booking request for 2 for ‘Legal Ease’ course – 18.3.14, 10-12 noon - £34 per delegate – see Finance
- iv. Invitation to South East Waterway Forum (previously ‘User Group’) – 8.4.14 and 15.4.14 (circ) – Alan Andrews is attending from the Canal Partnership.
- v. SNC – Club Development (circ)
- vi. Robert Fallon, SNC – notes from last PC meeting which he attended
- vii. Jane Percival – request for reports to be available on website – these have now been emailed through to Mason Masterman for placing on the website.
- viii. N and P Garden Services - Grass Cutting arrangements for 2014/5 – it was agreed that this company be used again for 1 year at an increase of £17.50 per visit. Clerk to inform N and P Garden Services.

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- ix. **Request by resident (not at meeting) for consideration of compulsory purchase of area by gardens near canal by SNC and PC and then managed by Canal Partnership and PC – this item was discussed but there was no site map/specification and so lack of clarity. It was suggested that a further approach is made to SNC with the proposal by the resident.**
- x. Cemetery Seat – see Village issues
- xi. Request for 40mph speed limit between Blisworth and Milton Malsor – see Highways items
- xii. Request for copies of PC minutes and agendas from March, April, & May meetings – despatched.

142. FINANCE

- i) **Request of £500 donation from S137 towards Blisworth Canal Festival from the Blisworth Canal Partnership towards set up costs. – After discussion it was resolved that the Council would give £300 from Section 137 to the Partnership, Clerk to prepare cheque for the next meeting.**
- ii) **Consideration of payment for Clerk and Councillor to attend Legal Ease course at NCALC - £34 per delegate – it was agreed that the PC would pay this as part of its training budget;**
- iii) Re-surfacing of Village Hall Car Park – £360 invoice now received for work done at entrance – **Cllr Jeffery** will speak to contractors as surface is still uneven.
- iv) **Consideration of N and P Garden Services quote for 2014/5 to increase by £17.50 per month - it was resolved that this company be used again for 1 year at the increased rate. Clerk to inform N and P Garden Services.**
- v) Decision whether to remain members of CPRE and pay £29 annual membership – it was agreed that this subscription be paid, as councillors had attended the planning workshops and found them useful.
- vi) Payments – for approval

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
E-on	Light Maintenance	215.67	43.13	258.80	2210
E-on	Supplies	697.81	139.56	837.37	2211
Shire Lumsden	R & A printing	90.00		90.00	2212
Cllr Jeffery	Stationery Expenses	37.14		37.14	2213
Cllr Jeffery	Reimbursement for grit bin in Church Lane	226.94	37.82	226.94	2213
V Hartley	Salary for Jan	414.64	-	414.64	2214
HMRC	Tax for above	103.60	-	103.60	2215
N and P Gardens	Mowing	474.00	94.80	568.80	2216
# AH Contracts	Empty dog bins	119.10	99.25	19.85	2217
Neil Faulkner	Re-surfacing car park	360.00	60.00	300.00	2218

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143. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

- i. **Stoke Road Footpath Proposal – Clerk to write again to NCC Helen Howard and request promised signs warning of pedestrians.**
- ii. **Blisworth Arm Parking – Bollards had been installed without license – Clerk to apply retrospectively through Andy Hudson at NCC.**
- iii. **Clerk to report the missing Stoke Bruerne and Northampton signs outside 2 Stoke Road.**

144. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS (Including AGM and APM)

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This agenda can be found on the Blisworth Website

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