

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014

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

### Present:

Cllr AC Jeffery	Chairman
Cllr J Hawkins	Vice Chairman
Cllr S Billing	
Cllr C Gardner	
Cllr Burgoyne	
Cllr Anderson	
Cllr Kennedy	

Cllr Mr S Clarke	SNC Cllr
6 members of the public	

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS:

In the last item on the agenda 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.

**63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – THE FOLLOWING APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED and REASONS FOR ABSENCE APPROVED : Cllr Kirkbride, Cllrs McKeown, Masterman, Field and Billing.

**64. 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 was declared.

**65. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 7th July 2014** – it was proposed by Cllr Dalton and seconded by Cllr Anderson that the minutes were adopted as a true record.

**66. CLERK'S REPORT** – Action points from last meeting carried out. Clerk attended Play Area Inspection Course on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014. She advised the Council that a formal log demonstrating the dates and any resulting comments from the Councillor check of the Eastfield play equipment be maintained. **Clerk** to obtain diary for the purpose for Cllr Dalton. **(The equipment is professionally checked by Wicksteed annually).**  
The Chairman reported that the Clerk had reported the overgrown verge in Stoke Road to NCC Highways but no action had taken place yet.

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## 67. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Clarke reported on the following:

- i. A Scoping opinion had been sought from SNC by Howden's to establish what environmental issues should be raised in connection with a potential planning application for the 2 million square foot ware house south of Junction 15 of the M1.
- ii. Northampton Road development – Parkslope Surgery had reported that they had the capacity to deal with the extra demand from the development and the secondary tier of health care would be consulted.
- iii. Cemetery Gates Drain – a site meeting had taken place which he had attended and NCC Highways had proved helpful.
- iv. Any Proposed Conservation Area of canal between the Mill and Tunnel portal would involve consultation with the PC.

## 68. PLANNING

- i) Chapel Hill Development – S/2013/0225/MAF –
  - Update on developments SNC to discharge of condition to provide access road for construction off Northampton Road ( access road WILL be constructed)
  - Update on road crossing provision – no developments
- ii) Report from Howden's possible application for 2 million square foot warehouse at junction 15 of M1.
  - The Chairman reported that he, the Vice Chairman and Clerk had attended the consultation on 16<sup>th</sup> July. It was proposed that the following points were made in a letter in response:
    - This is a green field site, SOUTH of the M1
    - Land is already available at Junction 16
    - Junction 15 is already overloaded with traffic and frequent accidents result in the closure of the M1 at this point.
    - Proposed 'double round about' would only benefit Grange Park
    - The A508 is already very congested and Roade PC is considering applications for traffic calming.
    - Blisworth traffic would be increased as car drivers would be likely to use the village and Courteenhall Road as a short cut to get to the site from the A43.
- iii) Blisworth Primary School – Proposed Building Enhancement - information circulated. A feasibility study has been agreed. The School had secured about £125,000 and would need approximately a further £25,000 by way of donations such as 106 agreements / fund raising etc. The School welcomed the Council having a look at the proposals.
- iv) Progress of other recent applications :

<u>S/2014/1020/COND</u>	Blaize Farm Blisworth Road Roade	Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 6 (architectural detailing) of planning permission S/2013/1487 (new dwelling).	11/07/14	3 - Case Officer Allocated
<u>S/2014/1021/COND</u>	Blaize Farm Blisworth Road Roade	Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 6 (architectural detailing) of planning permission S/2013/1487 (new dwelling).	11/07/14	3 - Case Officer Allocated
<u>S/2014/1022/COND</u>	Blaize Farm Blisworth Road Roade	Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 6 (architectural	11/07/14	3 - Case Officer Allocated

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		detailing) of planning permission S/2013/1487 (new dwelling).		
<u>S/2014/0904/TLN</u>	Alvechurch Boat Centre Gayton Marina Blisworth	Ancillary development including 4 transmission dishes not greater than 0.6m diameter and swap existing antennae and attach MHAs	19/06/14	3 - Case Officer Allocated
<u>S/2014/0908/TLN</u>	Telecommunications site at Blisworth Road / Courteenhall Road Road	Replacement of 3 No. existing antennas with 3 No. new antennas of marginally smaller cubic volume, fixed at the same height and ancillary development	16/06/14	10 - No Observations
<u>S/2014/0837/FUL</u>	Blisworth House Church Lane Blisworth	Conversion of outbuildings and existing extension to residential annexe. Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new garden room on south elevation.	13/06/14	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2014/0838/LBC</u>	Blisworth House Church Lane Blisworth	Conversion of outbuilding and existing extension to residential annexe. Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of garden room on south elevation.	13/06/14	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2014/0863/FUL</u>	4 Courteenhall Road Blisworth	Garage and car port with home office over Certificate of lawful development (existing)	12/06/14	10 - Withdrawn
<u>S/2014/0858/LDE</u>	Land off Chapel Lane Blisworth	to confirm the start was within one year of decision (S/2013/0225/MAF) condition one.	12/06/14	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2014/0832/PCC</u>	Blisworth County Primary School Courteenhall Road Blisworth	Erection of a 2.4 metre high security mesh fence to replace existing damaged fence.	12/06/14	10 - No Objections
S2014/1173/TCA	13 Courteenhall Road	Fell 2 Christmas trees – for information only		

## 69. Local Matters

- i. **Footpaths** – No reports of any problems  
Chairman is pleased to report that there is a new Footpath Warden – Tim Noble, 52 High Street.
- ii. **Lighting** – Reporting of street light faults – Cllr Dalton reported that PL 19 outside 31 Windmill Avenue is out – **Clerk** to report.
- iii. **Play Area** – Cllr Dalton reported that the first SPLAT session on 31.7.14 was very well attended and are going on 7,14 and 21.8.14 at 1.30pm.
- iv. **Traffic/Highway Issues** –
  - Request for Planters at Bus stop near The Oak – on -going
  - Cutting of overgrown hedge on Northampton Road (3<sup>rd</sup> time) – this was discussed – the Chairman had tried unsuccessfully to contact both landowners. The pavement is overgrown in places.
  - Community Enhancement Gangs – painting done on Westgate steps and thanks to Cllr Dalton for clearance of the weeds.
  - Road safety in connection with clearance of drains – see correspondence. It seems there may be more maintenance of the drains being conducted?
- v. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**  
No report but Mark Redding is hoping to be attendance at the Canal Festival.
- vi. **Village sign project**  
Cllr Hawkins reported that the sign had been unveiled on an easel as the SNC contractors had let the PC down in not producing the frame on time. Despite the problems a very successful afternoon had ensued and Jane Percival was thanked for her article and photograph which she had submitted to the Chronicle and Echo.

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The installation will now take place on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014, unfortunately not in time for the Canal Festival.

- vii. **Historic Wheels and Axis Unit** Positioning within the village – on going
- viii. **Drainage at gates to cemetery** – Cllr Masterman and Cllr Clarke had met on site and Anglian Water are going to place a cover over the drain to make it safer and prevent debris entering.
- ix. **Childrens' 'Litter competition'** – As Cllr Masterman was not present this issue was not discussed – next agenda

#### 70. **Registration of the Royal Oak as a Community Asset**

Cllr Burgoyne reported that she and the Clerk had completed and submitted the application form. It had been acknowledged and a decision would be received by 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

#### 71. **Employment of a 'Village Handyman'**

It was agreed that the **Clerk** will contact Sam Linnell and **Cllr Dalton** will contact Paddy Bartley as used in conjunction they would provide a very useful service for the various maintenance tasks which crop up.

#### 72. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

##### Out:

- i) SNC - Response to planning applications
- ii) Cllr Burgoyne – email to SNC requesting officer to attend meeting re Sun, Moon and Stars. Cllr Clarke reported that SNC is awaiting a pre-application at present but he was disappointed that a Planning Officer was not forthcoming in attending a meeting.
- iii) SNC - Rural Housing Survey questionnaire – completed and returned
- iv) NCC, Highways - Overgrown hedge in Northampton Road (3<sup>rd</sup> time)
- v) Cllr Jeffery letter to Mr Noble re Path Warden
- vi) Cllr Masterman emails to Waste Education at NCC and Jonathan Hazell re Recycling competition for children
- vii) NCC, Highways – overgrown path in Stoke Road ( ref 703714) – Clerk to email Helen Howard directly about the matter.
- viii) Cllr masterman – re drain at cemetery gates

##### In

- i. SNC – 'Lights Out' project – 4<sup>th</sup> August at 10pm to mark the start of WW1 (circ)
- ii. NCALC – Member Services – booklets to distribute to Councillors
- iii. NCALC – Cynthia Spencer Sponsored Cycle Ride -21.9.14 (circ)
- iv. Howdens – Exhibition 16.7.14 ( attended by Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk)(circ)
- v. TADD – request for drivers – poster up, **Clerk** to give details to Jane Percival for R and A.
- vi. CPRE – Family walk and BBQ – 25.8.14, 4 – 8 pm at Grimscote Mill (circ)
- vii. Roade PC – re Howden development proposal – joint forces? (circ)  
NCC/Christopher Taylor re flooding and block drains being a cause of fatalities on the roads (circ)

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- viii. Invitation to exhibition preview of WW1 exhibition – 1.8.14, ‘Shoe Maker Goes to War’ (circ)
- ix. Voter Registration is changing (circ)
- x. NCC Highways Newsletter (circ)
- xi. SPLAT sessions – 31.7.14, 7.8.14, 14.8.14, 21.8.14 at 1.30 – 3.30pm (circ)
- xii. Steve Miller – Village Games, insufficient information at present.
- xiii. CPRE Road Show 30.10.14 -6 -9pm at Little Houghton village hall
- xiv. Mobile Library Review (circ) – notice up, **Clerk** to give details to Jane Percival for R and A.
- xv. Housing Needs Survey- the way the survey is being conducted is changing (circ)
- xvi. SNC – request to promote events on village website – Clerk to forward to John Masterman
- xvii. Road Closure of Stoke Road, Ashton on 11-13<sup>th</sup> August

### 73. FINANCE

#### i) Payments – for approval

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
V Hartley	Salary for June	414.64	-	414.64	2257
HMRC	Tax for above	103.60	-	103.60	2258
N and P Gardens	Mowing	496.50	99.30	595.80	2259
AH Contracts	Empty dog bins replace chq 2230 March	79.40	15.88	95.28	2260
Eon	Supplies	778.75	51.12	829.87	2261
Shire Lumsden	Round and About	108.00		108.00	2262
E-on	Maintenance	215.67	43.13	258.80	2265
B Osborne	Pay roll services	55.50		55.50	2263
AH Contracts	Empty dog bins July	79.40	15.88	95.28	2264

Bank Balance at 24.7.14 - £ 40,099

- ii) Renovation of cemetery gates from Parish Plan Progress Team – Cllr Hawkins circulated at drawing of a proposed design to the meeting.
- iii) It was agreed that the annual website hosting with Liselle Solutions for £35 and domain name for £11.99 should be renewed for 7<sup>th</sup> September.
- iv) The clerk had received a call today as the dog bins were overflowing on Candle bridge and at the tunnel. She had reported it to AH Contracts. It was agreed that in view of the imminent Canal Festival that the **Clerk** request an extra pick up on the canal THIS WEEK as otherwise there could be a bigger issue.
- v)

### 74. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

- i. Cllr Dalton reported that he had noticed test holes being dug in Lady field
- ii. Cllr Gardner wanted the purchase of further purchase of possible play equipment to remain on the agenda.
- iii. Cllr Jeffery reported that the issue of dog faeces has become a problem again and suggested notices being positioned at the Allotments and football fields to encourage removal as this was private land.

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**75. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

- Jane Percival reminded the meeting of the imminent Canal Festival this week end. The Wakelins were combining the car parking field tonight. Programmes are £1 each.
- A resident requested that the concrete bollard at the end of Home Close have 4 reflectors placed on it. **Cllr Jeffery** will get the stickers, **Cllr Dalton** will adhere them.
- A resident had written about the difficulties for disabled people using the footpaths in the village. **Cllr Jeffery** will write a polite request in R and A for considerate parking – leaving space for pedestrians to get by easily.
- RD2 Grass cuttings – no more had been added
- Cleaning of bus shelters – **Clerk** to request that NCC clean the shelters as they are their property.

**76. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING 1.9.14 – meeting closed at 8.51pm in time for 10pm to mark the start of WW1.**

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