

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October 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 A Anderson	
Cllr Burgoyne	
Cllr Dalton	
Cllr Kennedy	

Cllr S Clarke	SNC Cllr
11 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.

**96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Kirkbride**

**97. 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. None was declared.

**98. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS DATED and 1<sup>ST</sup> and 9<sup>TH</sup> September 2014.**

### **99. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S REPORT**

- i. The Chairman reported that he had seen resident concerned with the trees overhanging the street lights in Courteenhall Road and the problem had been resolved.
- ii. The verge from the allotments to the Stoneworks had been mowed increasing the width of the walking area and making it safer.
- iii. The A43 junction vegetation had not been cut back by NCC Highways despite request (see SNC Cllr Report item below).
- iv. Jayne Percival had been in touch with N and P Garden Services about the vegetation in Stoke Road up to the allotments.

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## 100. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr reported:

- i. He had reported the poor visibility issue at the junction of the A43 to the SNC Transport Officer. He had obtained photos and written to the Highways Agency demonstrating the poor visibility due to vegetation, stressing that immediate remedial work was required. He had obtained a response acknowledging that work should be carried out but no timetable was forthcoming. He welcomed the formation of the A43 Action Campaign which could prove constructive.
- ii. SNC had received £75000 from Central Government to promote shared council services.
- iii. SNC are encouraging people to access the website concerning Community Housing Needs.
- iv. A litter lout had been caught in the act in Towcester
- v. A by-election had just taken place in Grange Park.
- vi. Blisworth Village sign has been successfully installed!

## 101. PLANNING

- i. Chapel Hill Development – S/2013/0225/MAF – no new information
- ii. Update on developments SNC to discharge of condition to provide access road for construction off Northampton Road ( access road WILL be constructed)
- iii. Update on road crossing provision – nothing to report
- iv. Decisions were made on the following 3 applications , **Clerk** to respond to SNC:

<u>S/2014/1651/FUL</u>	Unit 6 Prospect Court Blisworth	Change of use from B1 offices to D1 to create a non surgical weight loss clinic	02/09/14	<b>Council objected due to possible increase in traffic</b>
<u>S/2014/1667/FUL</u>	71 Connegar Leys Blisworth	Construction of two storey side and rear extension	02/09/14	<b>Council had no objections</b>
<u>S/2014/1602/FUL</u>	34 Pond Bank Blisworth	Single storey side / rear extension.	29/08/14	<b>Council objected due to concern over neighbour's diminished light.</b>

i) Proposed application for Howden's Development at Northampton Gateway Junction 15 of the M1

Mr Graham Mellor from Buttonwood Marketing Limited in Shutlanger was present at the meeting and he spoke briefly in the Open session of the meeting. He explained that his company was 'facilitating dialogue' between Howdens and the local community. (The company had been involved with the consultation process for the Courteenhall wind farm). Concern was raised about the increase in traffic. He stated that traffic leaving the site would be controlled and not allowed through Roade or Blisworth – however this did not necessarily do anything to control it *accessing the site*. Mr Mellor pointed out that there were about 850 jobs which could be lost to Northampton if permission is not obtained and that land owners at Junction 16 did not want to sell.

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A further consultation is taking place on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at the Hilton hotel in Collingtree from 2.30-8.00 pm which he encouraged people to attend when there will be a traffic specialist available to answer questions.

## 102. Local Matters

- i. **Footpaths** – Reports of any problems - none
- ii. **Lighting** – Reporting of street light faults - none

### iii. **Play Area**

Cllr Dalton reported that he had maintaining the log book for inspection of the play area equipment. He had also obtained catalogues from Wicksteed and Kompan with a view to the Council purchasing further play equipment. He is presently asking the parents for their preferences and will then present more information to the Parish Council. He also agreed to try to renew the hinges of the gate to aid it closing automatically.

### iv. **Traffic/Highway Issues –**

- Correspondence had been received requesting a footpath/warnings of entry to tunnel car park on Stoke Road. The read the letter and it was agreed that the **Clerk** write to Helen Howard from NCC Highways and request an extension of the 30mph zone to the existing sign for horses.
- An invitation had been sent to Helen Howard inviting her to meeting to discuss state of footpaths – see correspondence. She had responded that no provision was made for footpath repairs unless certain criteria were met. She promoted the continued reporting to Street Doctor to request repairs.

- v. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – various items of correspondence

### vi. **Village sign project**

Cllr Hawkins was very pleased to report that the sign had finally been erected and had been well received with lots of positive comments. **Clerk** to write to SNC Adrian Colwell and his staff to thank him very much for their support and assistance during the frustrating issues that delayed the completion of the project.

### vii. **Blisworth Round and About**

Cllr Masterman had looked into the merits of producing a newsletter every month instead of bi-monthly. It would cost the Parish Council an extra £810 and would require more volunteers to deliver it. After discussion **it was agreed that the publication would continue to be bi-monthly.**

## 103. Litter Heroes Award – Children’s Litter competition

Cllr Masterman reported that she has promoted the competition amongst the School, Scouts, Guides, Beavers, and Cubs. A CPRE representative will judge it and there are different prizes for different ages. She has also booked the hall for a Puppet Making session on 1<sup>st</sup> November. She thanked the Village Hall and Playing Field Association for waiving the cost of the hall for the event. Costs now total approximately £380, not far short of the prize money received which enabled this project.

## 104. Registration of the Royal Oak as a Community Asset

SNC has confirmed that the Royal Oak has been added to the list of ‘Assets of Community Value’.

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### 105. Extra dog bin

The Clerk reported that an extra bin would cost £110 + VAT, £30 for pole and £30 for installation. Unit cost for weekly emptying the same as for existing bins. It was agreed that the **Clerk** go ahead and request that AH Contracts install the extra bin on the left hand side of the drive to the Football Club. **Cllrs Jeffery and Dalton** agreed to meet to finalise the position.

### 106. A43 Junction Improvements

Correspondence had been received from Tiffield PC proposing the formation of an Action Campaign to promote a safer junction at Tiffield. It proposed uniting with other parties ( this is being promoted by David Allen from SNC) to have a louder voice and invited Blisworth PC to a meeting at SNC Offices on 20<sup>th</sup> October. **Cllr Clarke and the Chairman** hope to attend.

### 107. Canal Conservation Area Appraisal

The proposal is that the area should follow the track of the old hill railway. The Footpath RD9 is not being diverted and will act as the boundary. The resident from Helligan House (adjacent to the canal) was concerned that the maps being used in the consultation process were not accurate, and that despite the area going through his garden, whose boundary is the canal, he had not been consulted.

Cllr Clarke responded that SNC had not yet finalised a decision as reports are still being produced. A site visit by members of the Planning committee and Heritage Group had taken place but this was not a public meeting.

### 108. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

Out:

- i. Football Club - Bills for water use
- ii. Cubs and Scouts – Bill for water use
- iii. Baptist Church – thanking them for providing refreshments at unveiling of sign
- iv. Helen Howard, NCC – invitation to meeting to discuss state of footpaths + response
- v. SNC – request for notification of planning consultation

The Clerk has requested that she is informed by email of the notification of an application which she can then circulate to councillors so that they are aware of a relevant application. This should help to reduce the time lapse which is occurring due to post etc. and make better use of the available consultation time.

In:

Written correspondence:

- i. SNC, Andy D'Arcy re Grand Union Conservation Area Appraisal – see above
- ii. Stoke Road – suggestions for reduction of speed and warnings of entrance to tunnel car park
- iii. **South Northants Homes – Consultation on parking** – this item was discussed and it was agreed that the **Clerk** respond requesting that the green area in Buttmead /Connegar Leys should be suggested for improvements.
- iv. South Northants Council - Registration of Royal Oak as a Community Asset
- v. List of village organisations – on notice board

Emails:

- vi. South Northants Homes – 'Men in Sheds Project' – Request for any vacant premises
- vii. Improvement Scheme for A43/A5 Tove Roundabout starting 15.9.14

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- viii. Parish Plan Committee – Formal Request for contribution to project to improve entrance to cemetery
- ix. NCALC – PC Elections – Recruitment of Candidates presentation on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 10 -12 noon.
- x. SNC – developments in PC Consultation (Clerk has requested immediate notification by email of planning applications) – circulated
- xi. NCC – salt bags at £4 per bag
- xii. Police – Fraudulent booklet – circulated
- xiii. Canals and River Trust – Annual Partnership Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> October – circulated
- xiv. NCC Public Consultation – Adult Learning – circulated
- xv. Tiffield Parish Council A43 Action Campaign
- xvi. South East Waterway Forums – circulated
- xvii. Removal of Ash Tree at the Stables – courtesy information
- xviii. Response from Helen Howard re pavement improvements
- xix. SNC – New Homes Bonus – request for £7000 for resurfacing of car park
- xx. BRTA Forums – re rail links, circulated
- xxi. A43/A5 Tove bulletin

## 109. FINANCE

- i) The following payments were approved:

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
Shire Lumsden	Round and About Printing	£108.00	-	£108.00	2273
BDO LLP	External Audit	200.00	40.00	240.00	2274
NCALC	Training course	34.00	-	34.00	2275
V Hartley	Salary for Aug	414.44	-	414.44	2276
HMRC	Tax for above	103.60	-	103.60	2277
N and P Gardens	Mowing	496.50	99.30	595.80	2278
AH Contracts	Empty dog bins	79.40	15.88	95.28	2279
B Osborne	Pay roll services	55.50	-	55.50	2280
P Masterman	Recycling Competition printing	116.73		116.73	2281
VHPFA	Hall Hire for meetings	99.00		99.00	2282

Bank Balance at 24.9.14 - £ 51619 (£15500 received from SNC for precept)

- ii) Renovation of cemetery gates from Parish Plan Progress Team – on - going
- iii) Donation from Hollowell Steam Rally via Wrefords of £2000 for seats, (possibly near the Royal Oak) presentation 8<sup>th</sup> October – the **Chairman** will attend this event to receive the cheque. The amount is to cover installation costs as well.
- iv) It was agreed that the **Clerk** raise an invoice for £40 to SNVB for delivery of Village Networks booklet with the Round And About newsletter.
- v) Bills gone out for water use by Football Club and Cubs and Scouts
- vi) It was **agreed that an allocation of £250** for hedge trimming by a contractor around village – some may be refunded by owners, should be made. The areas to be cut are near the Scout hut and the hedge on Stoke Road near the Stoneworks

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- vii) Completion of External Audit 2014 – The Clerk report that BDO had completed the Audit and she had displayed the statutory notice. The report had stated that the new play area fence purchased during the financial year should have been listed as a new fixed asset.

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

Cllr Gardener – he complimented on the clearing of the ivy in the cemetery.

Cllr Field – the plantings on the entry to the village need tidying up

Cllr Masterman – requested that the erection of a seat in the Blisworth Park go on the next agenda.

Cllr Hawkins – concerned about the amount of 'natural' debris consisting of chestnuts etc on the Church Lane.

#### 111. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

- One resident stated that she had had the same response about the state of the pavements from the NCC Highways as the Parish Council had.
- Concern over the dangers of walking the pavement adjacent to 21 -31 High Street due to the overhanging and ground lying vegetation. **Clerk** to write to ask each householder to ensure their plantings do not encroach the path.
- The **Clerk** to send a letter of condolence to Caroline Youngs over the sad loss of her brother David Youngs.

#### 112. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING 3.11.14 (to include the budget).

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## Extract from SNC Planning Register – 29.9.14

<u>S/2014/1651/FUL</u>	Unit 6 Prospect Court Blisworth	Change of use from B1 offices to D1 to create a non surgical weight loss clinic	02/09/14	5 - Site Visit Complete
<u>S/2014/1667/FUL</u>	71 Connegar Leys Blisworth	Construction of two storey side and rear extension	02/09/14	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2014/1654/FUL</u>	Blaize Farm Blisworth Road Roade	Demolition of existing dwelling and garage block and stables and erection of replacement dwelling and new garage block and stables	01/09/14	5 - Site Visit Complete
<u>S/2014/1602/FUL</u>	34 Pond Bank Blisworth	Single storey side / rear extension.	29/08/14	5 - Site Visit Complete
<u>S/2014/1512/FUL</u>	38 Pond Bank Blisworth	Conversion of existing flat roofs over single storey porch and single storey garage/kitchen to pitched roofs using materials to match existing main house roof.	21/08/14	5 - Site Visit Complete
<u>S/2014/1509/LBC</u>	4 N'pton Road Blisworth	Two new windows in south east elevation	19/08/14	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2014/1501/FUL</u>	Grafton Barns Gayton Road Blisworth	Conversion of existing barns and reconstruction of existing single storey sections to create 3 dwellings with garaging. Creation of new access road and erection of three bay car port and car parking. Removal of modern barn to north. Internal and external alterations to barns to accommodate the proposed use. Additional landscaping proposed.	15/08/14	5 - Site Visit Complete
<u>S/2014/1502/LBC</u>	Grafton Barns Gayton Road Blisworth	Conversion of existing barns and reconstruction of existing single storey sections to create 3 dwellings with garaging. Creation of new access road and erection of three bay car port and car parking. Removal of modern barn to north. Internal and external alterations to barns to accommodate the proposed use.	15/08/14	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2014/1353/CON D</u>	25 Greystones High Street Blisworth	Application for approval of details submitted pursuant to Condition 3 (window/door details) of planning permission S/2014/0322/FUL (single storey rear extension).	14/08/14	5 - Site Visit Complete
<u>S/2014/1294/TCA</u>	66 High Street Blisworth	Reduce 1 No. twin stemmed Lawson by circa 4-5m	30/07/14	10 - No Objections

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