

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015

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

### Present:

Cllr AC Jeffery	Chairman
Cllr J Hawkins	Vice Chairman
Cllr C Gardner	
Cllr M Mc Keown	
Cllr A Anderson	
Cllr Burgoyne	
Cllr Dalton	
Cllr M Field	

Cllr S Clarke	SNC Cllr
Cllr J Kirkbride	NCC Cllr
PCSO T Cooksammy	

10 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.

**144 . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – The following apologies were received and reasons for absence approved:  
Cllrs Kennedy, and Billing

**145. 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.

**146. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES** - The minutes of the previous meeting dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 were proposed by Cllr McKeown and seconded by Cllr Field.

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

The Chairman reported :

- That Stoke Road had been cleared by N and P Garden Services.
- The seat by the Royal Oak had been installed but was to be fixed correctly.
- A43 Action Committee – next meeting 21.1.15 – Cllr Field may attend.

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The Clerk reported :

- All actions from last meeting taken
- She is hoping to attend an Elections Seminar on 10.2.15 at SNC

#### 148. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Report from local Community Police Officer – Tara Cooksammy:

- A report is soon to come out concerning a lot of recent crime incidents – theft of tack and burglaries. Possible trend along the A508 and tending to be at night.
- The police are about to undergo a ‘re-shuffle’ with possible redundancies but no information is available yet.

Report from Cllr Kirkbride:

- NCC Budget is presently out for consultation - £66 million to be saved. Working with Oxon and Bucks to save money.
- Children Services have improved.

Report from Cllr Clarke:

- The Joint Core Strategy was formally adopted on 15.12.14 so it will be used in response to Planning Applications – if a challenge is made it may demonstrate how effective it is.
- The Grand Union Canal Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan as agreed by the meeting of the Policy Committee on April 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 with a modification for the boundary to follow the definitive right of way (RD9) between the north portal of Blisworth Tunnel through to Bridge 51 at Towcester Road has been adopted on 3.12.14.
- Candlebridge – SNC Enforcement team were expecting to remove vehicles by Christmas.
- Howdens Application for the huge warehousing has gone in – even bigger than previously supposed.
- The Blisworth Fun Day coincides with the elections in May!

#### 149. 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
- ii) Progress of other recent applications : see extract from SNC Planning Register
- iii) S/2011/0652/FUL - application for 22 – 24 Northampton Road was discussed and there were no objections. **Clerk** to respond.

#### 150. Local Matters

- i. Footpaths – No Reports of any problems
- ii. Lighting –
  - Acceptance of quote to repair of 37 Greenaway and 15 Greenaway for £1015 each – new tall lights not deemed as suitable. In view of the urgency to get the work started this quote was accepted by email just prior to Christmas. Work should be done this week.
  - Quote for repair of Stoke Road light bracket outside no 34 for £375 (quote circulated)- it was agreed that this quote be accepted. **Clerk** to respond.

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- iii. Play Area –
- Information circulated on possible new equipment for discussion – Cllr Dalton reported that the total cost of the new equipment is £4258 including VAT of £709. He had applied for £2000 from the SNC New Homes Bonus Grant. The cost to the Parish Council will be £1548 if the grant application is successful. (The Short Mat Bowls Club and the Parish Plans Committee had also applied for funds). The decision on the grant will be processed in February with a decision in April. It was agreed that Cllr Dalton will check that the Kompan quote will hold and that the work will be held until the outcome is known. Viv Bartley will do the ground work for £240.
  - Play area inspections – Wicksteed have been in contact about the annual inspection. It was agreed that the **Clerk** arrange an unaccompanied inspection. Cllr Dalton is continuing with the fortnightly visual inspections.
- iv. Traffic/Highway Issues –
- **Clerk** to report damaged Give Way sign on Towcester Road to NCC Highways.
  - Salt bags – Cllr Masterman reported that Church Lane was very icy at times and the grit from the new PC bin is not being used. Concern was raised that salt is needed on the Westbrook path to Little Lane and on Windmill Avenue. The **Chairman** agreed to place some salt in both locations in appropriate containers.
  - Speed Watch Campaign Update - Mark Redding reported that 120 more signatures are required – 300 are needed by 25.1.15. He enquired as to whether the Council felt the campaign worth continuing. It was agreed that it was and some councillors will ‘cold call’ on residents to obtain more signatures.
  - Cllr Burgoyne suggested pursuing a 20mph zone on the High Street. The **Chairman** agreed to ask Stoke Bruerne PC how they recently obtained a 20mph zone.
- v. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – various items of correspondence from Mark Redding.
- vi. Allotments – the Chairman reported that 85% of rent had been received.

## 151. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

Out:

- i. Transport Trust – Peter Stone invitation to attend this meeting re Blisworth Tunnel Red Wheel + response ( invitation declined although should be progress report in new year). A copy of the proposed plaque to go opposite the Mill was circulated to the meeting.
- ii. Blisworth Jogger Fund Committee – confirming that PC cannot hold funds for another organisation.
- iii. NCC Helen Howard re request to extend 30mph zone in Stoke Road + response that item will be considered in January.
- iv. Adorables Nursery re parking in Chapel Lane + response that they have addressed the problem and that it is other drivers causing the problem.
- v. Blisworth Guides – advice to apply to Katie Arnold, SNC Grants for funding – Cllr Kirkbride advised the **Clerk** to inform the Guides that funding might be available from her Councillor’s Empowerment Fund.
- vi. Street Doctor Requests: blocked drain in Northampton Road, acknowledged
- vii. Street Light Requests:
- viii. Acceptance of quote to repair lights at 37 Greenaway and 15 Greenaway for £1015 each
- ix. Play Area Equipment information

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- x. Request from Mark Redding for any signatures for initiation of Speed Watch Campaign
- In:
- i. Play Area Inspection due
  - ii. NCALC – Update circ
  - iii. Stoke Bruerne Canal Corridor Management and improvement – circ
  - iv. NCC News – circ
  - v. Police – Ward Update, circ
  - vi. E-on – 34 Stoke Road bracket repair
  - vii. NCC consultation – Statutory Marriage and Civil Partnerships Regulations – revised delivery locations – circ
  - viii. NCC Consultation – draft budget – circ
  - ix. NCC Consultation – Pharmaceutical Needs – circ
  - x. NCC consultation – Demography Needs Assessment – circ
  - xi. Notification of adoption of West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy – circ
  - xii. NCALC – Precept Capping – circ
  - xiii. NCC – Changes to Recycling Centres – circ
  - xiv. NHS – Public Health Campaign – circ
  - xv. Mark Redding – Speed Watch Update – see Highways item 150 above
  - xvi. Canal and River Trust – South East Newsletter

### 152. Grass cutting contract for 2015

The Chairman reported that the Council was not happy about paying the £5 charge for each cheque payment made to N and P Garden Services. However it was agreed that this company did a good job cutting the grass but the actual areas in the mowing agreement were not certain as none of the original paper work has been located. The **Clerk** to inform N and P Garden Services that the Council will not pay the cheque payment charge next year.

### 153. FINANCE

#### i) Payments – approved:

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
AH Contracts	Empty dog bins	119.10	23.82	142.92	2303
V Hartley	Salary for Dec	414.64	-	414.64	2304
HMRC	Tax for above	103.60	-	103.60	2305
N and P Gardens	Mowing	496.50	99.30	595.80	2306
E-on	maintenance	215.67	43.13	258.80	2307
N and P Garden Services	Stoke Road clearance	135.00	27.00	162.00	2308
NCALC	50% R of W course	22.50		22.50	2309
Glasdon UK Ltd	New seat	868.62	173.76	1042.58	2310
AH contracts	Empty dog bins +supply + install new bin	234.40	46.88	281.28	2311

### Bank Balance at 24.12 .14 - £ 48035

- ii) Renovation of cemetery gates from Parish Plan Progress Team – on going
- iii) Agreement of precept request – the agreement to apply for £31000 had been made at the November 2014 meeting.
- iv) Correspondence from SNC re new Homes Bonus Allocation for 2015 – 16, funding available for Blisworth is £7666.

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- v) **Automatic Enrolment , compulsory pension scheme,**  
This Parish Council's employees just meet the qualifying criteria and it is required by law to complete a Declaration of Compliance which informs the Pensions Regulator what has to be done to comply with legal obligations within 5 months of the 'Staging Date'. Clerk had checked this date and it is January 2017 so there is no urgency at present to obtain Declaration of Compliance. More correspondence will become available as the date approaches.
- iv.) Arrangements for Blisworth Jogger Funds – confirmation letter that PC cannot hold funds for another body.
- v.) Clerk's Salary for 2014/15 – new rates will be applied from 1.1.15 – to comply with the National Agreement the Clerk is paid for 43 hours a month at a pay rate of £12.05 x 2.2% increase making the new rate **£12.31 per hour**. The back pay will be **9.9/37 x £100 = £26.75**

#### 154. PARISH PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

No meeting been held since last PC meeting. A bank account will be opened for the group.

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

- Cllr Anderson and Hawkins commented on the excellent job done at the church in the clearance of shrubs.
- Cllr Dalton reported that a resident of Buttmead had been bagging and disposing of dog waste on the footpath between Buttmead and Courteenhall Road. **Clerk** to write and thank them.

#### 156. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

- Phone scams are still very prevalent so people should remain aware
- A resident asked whether land which had not been maintained by either NCC or PC could be claimed.
- A request was made for white lines to be applied to the edges of the road to reduce the negative affect of potholes and the filling if them with 'gravel'.
- The charging by buisnesses for banking individual cheques was raised with no firm conclusion.

#### 157. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 2.2.15, meeting closed at 8.51pm

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<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Status</u>
	22 to 24 Northampton Road Blisworth	variation of condition 2,4 & 5 S/2011/0652/FUL Sub-division and extension of existing dwelling to form 2 dwellings and relocation of vehicular access) revise elevations & floorplans, re-arrangement of parking & layout plans & boundary treatments & landscaping	10/12/2014	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2014/2278/FUL</u>	Stoke Bruerne Canal corridor between Blisworth Tunnel South portal and River Tove Confluence	Installation of 10 No. Interpretation Panels and 3 No. Directional Signs	02/12/2014	5 - Site Visit Complete by case officer
<u>S/2014/2300/COND</u>	4 Northampton Road Blisworth	Condition 4 [Window details] Application for approval of matters submitted pursuant to condition 4 of S/2014/1509/LBC [Two new windows in south east elevation]	11/11/2014	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2014/2083/TLN</u>	Courteenhall Bridge Blisworth Road Courteenhall (cell ref 18833)	Notification of installation of electronic communications to install 4 transmission dishes not greater than 0.6m diameter, additional cabinets with existing compound and swap existing antennae and attach MHAs	04/11/2014	3 - Case Officer Allocated
<u>S/2014/2016/OUT</u>	Land & Buildings at Candle Cottage Chapel Lane Blisworth	Residential development for up to 5 dwellings with associated road works and drainage, all matters reserved. (Outline)	28/10/2014	10 - Withdrawn
<u>S/2014/1967/TCA</u>	Grafton House 1 Gayton Road Blisworth	Reduce one ash leaf maple by 20%. Remove long low lateral of one crack willow and failed limb in adjacent tree. Fell one ash tree and remove ivy from another ash tree.	22/10/2014	10 - No Objections
<u>S/2014/2031/FUL</u>	4 Courteenhall Road Blisworth	Proposed new detached garage with home office	16/10/2014	10 - Approved
<u>S/2014/1951/FUL</u>	17 Connegar Leys Blisworth	Front porch	07/10/2014	10 - Refusal
<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	02/09/2014	10 - Approved
<u>S/2014/1667/FUL</u>	71 Connegar Leys Blisworth	Construction of two storey side and rear extension	02/09/2014	10 - Approved

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