

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015

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

### Present:

Cllr C Jeffery	Chairman
Cllr J Hawkins	
Cllr C Gardner	
Cllr Burgoyne	
Cllr M Field	
Cllr S Billing	
Cllr P Kennedy	
Cllr D Dalton	
Cllr P Masterman	

Cllr S Clarke	SNC Cllr
Cllr J Kirkbride	NCC Cllr
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 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.

**174 . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – The following apologies were received and reasons for absence approved: . Cllr M Mc Keown, Cllr A Anderson

**175. 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.

**176. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES** - The minutes of the previous meeting dated 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 were agreed and adopted, proposed by Cllr Billing and seconded by Cllr Masterman .

### **177. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S REPORT –**

- The Chairman asked about the recent A43 Action Campaign meeting. Cllr Field stated that it had been cancelled.
- The Chairman reported that the re-surface of the car park was very satisfactory.

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- Clerk attended SNC Elections Briefing on 10.2.15.
- The closing date for nomination papers to be received at SNC (the Bungalow as the move to Moat Lane will be taking place at around the same time) is **4.00pm on 9th April**. (28 days before the election). Nomination Papers cannot be received any earlier than 26th March and can be obtained from the Clerk. Nomination papers will not be available until 25th March. Electoral numbers will be required for proposers and the candidates.
- Re-location of dog bin from Football fields to RD2/Buttmead – the Clerk had spoken to AH Contracts who had reported that this bin is always full demonstrating its need in its present position. If one is placed on NCC verge a license is required but not if attached to the noticeboard. After discussion it was agreed that a new bin would be purchased and positioned on RD2 near Wellspring. **Clerk** to confirm exact location.

## 178. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Kirkbride reported on behalf of NCC:

- 1.99% increase in budget, work is being contracted out – Elderly Care, and Road Maintenance are examples.
- The Angel Street building is going ahead – it will be needed to provide services. Efficiency still needs to increase.
- A new academy has opened to train social workers. Children’s services continue to improve.

Cllr Clarke reported on behalf of SNC:

- Elections are looming on May 7<sup>th</sup>
- A review of Blisworth Conservation Area is taking place lead by Liz Knight, consultation will follow/.
- Dave Allen, SNC Transport is in contact with Northampton Motor Cycle Club concerning the parking for the Annual Wild and Woolly Event.
- The Joint Core Strategy policies have been used to win 2 appeals where land supply was an issue.
- SNC have produced an accommodation guide for this area and booklets for employers on SNC services and Job Clubs.
- A saving of £12 million has to be made over the next 10 years, so this will result in more shared services with Cherwell.
- The Council tax has been frozen again.

## 179. PLANNING

- i) S/2014/2468/EIA – proposal by Howdens for 248,200 square metres of employment (B1 & B8) development to accommodate a new ‘campus’ facility with off-site highway improvements, landscaping and earthworks. Location : land west f M1, J 15 and west of A508, south of Collingtree. See minutes from Extraordinary meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. The Howdens team had agreed to do a traffic count in the village. Cllr Masterman will review the previous census and then the roads and timings to be surveyed will be agreed.
- ii) Progress of other recent applications : no other applications

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## 180. Local Matters

- i. Rights of Way – Reports of any problems – Mr Tim Noble had submitted a report to the Chairman. He has walked all the paths recently, some of which are very wet due to the time of year. RD 13, RD 15 have blocked drains on them which are the responsibility of the land owner.
- ii. Lighting
  - Colin Gardner reported that the Courteenhall lamps on the wooden posts have still not been cleaned. **Clerk** to report again.
  - Clerk had sent E-on a second request to repair PL34 on Stoke Road
- iii. **Play Area –**
  - o Progress of grant application for new equipment – see later in agenda
  - o Play area inspection – Report back – no high risk issues raised. Some work needed on surfacing which is on-going.
- iv. **Traffic/Highway Issues –**
  - o **Stoke Road** – NCC Highways review stating it does NOT warrant a 30mph restriction
  - o **White lines along edge of road in Stoke Road-** the Chairman suggested obtaining a quote from Arnolds.
  - o The Chairman had received a written report from Ann Goss, Highways Warden on all the Street Doctor issues she had raised in the last 12 months. He thanked her on behalf of the Council for all her efforts.
  - o Speed Watch Campaign - Mark Redding reported that he now had 350 signature in support of the Speed Watch Campaign and thanked the individuals who had made such an effort to get them. The training date is 1.8.15 at Caroline Chisolm School and the speed gun will be available from 15.8.15 – 19.9.15, shared with Roade.
- v) **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**
  - There has been a spate of carjacks recently.
  - It had been agreed and TheClerk had informed Mark Reeding of the decision of the Parish Council to purchase 25 alarms at a price of £10 each, a total of £250 and then sell them at £2 each.
- vi)
  - i. **Allotments- the Chairman reported that there were 7 outstanding rents to be obtained and the Football Clubs £150.**
  - vii) **Dog Bin** – request to re-site bin from football fields to Buttmead where it crosses RD2 – see Clerk’s Report.

## 181. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing

### Out:

- i. NCC – Return of agreement on authorisation of seat between 25-27 Northampton Road
- ii. E-on – second request to repair PL34 on Stoke Road
- iii. AH Contracts – request to relocate bin

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- iv. Cllr Kennedy – information on Accounts for Grant Application for cemetery gates
  - v. Mark Redding - South Northants Homes Grant for Shed Alarms
  - vi. Helen Howard - Car Parking on verges in Blisworth
  - vii. E-on – report of street lights outside 27 Wellspring and 32 Greenaway Close
  - viii. Carolyn Young
- In:**
- ii. NCC Highways - road closure taking place on the 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August 2015 and part of Chapel lane
  - iii. NCC Highways, Helen Howard - Car Parking on verges in Blisworth
  - iv. South Northants Council Grants - New Homes Bonus Funding
  - v. NCALC - No "Capping" for Parish & Town Councils
  - vi. Blisworth Scouts - A Family Quiz Night – 27<sup>th</sup> February
  - vii. NCC - Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document
  - viii. NCC Highways - Withdrawal of evening service 8 on certain days
  - ix. Canal and River Trust - Waterway Forums Spring 2015 -16<sup>th</sup> April 2015 – Aylesbury, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – Braunston
  - x. NCC Highways - Bus services 86 (Towcester - Stoke Bruerne - Northampton) and 87 (Towcester - Pattishall - Northampton)
  - xi. SNC Highways - A508 Roade to Alderton closure 9<sup>th</sup> March and 9/10<sup>th</sup> April
  - xii. SNC - Petition calls for changes to HS2 Bill
  - xiii. CPRE - Superfast broadband and mobile phone availability in rural Northamptonshire
  - xiv. Mark Redding - South Northants Homes Grant for shed alarms
  - xv. Mark Redding - Neighbourhood Watch Update
  - xvi. NCALC - Cash For Communities - Meet the Funders Event 5 March 2015 – **Cllr Kennedy** is going to attend.
  - xvii. Myra Inglis from Roade - Howdens application campaign website
  - xviii. NCC - Mobile Library Service – still available on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month that the corner of Buttmead and Wellspring.
  - xix. NCC - Draft Information and Advice Strategy
  - xx. NCC Highways - Changes to bus services 89 and 90/90A
  - xxi. NCALC – Update
  - xxii. SNC – Grand Union Canal Conservation Area Appraisal Adoption December 2014

## 182. FINANCE

### i) Payments – for approval

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
V Hartley	Back Pay for year	21.42		21.42	2323
V Hartley	Salary for Feb	423.53		423.53	2324
HMRC	Tax for above	111.13		111.13	2325
N and P Gardens	Mowing	496.50	99.30	595.80	2326
Glasdon UK Ltd	2 <sup>nd</sup> seat	482.00	96.40	578.40	2327
CPRE	Annual Membership	36.00		36.00	2328
Anglian Water	Allotment water	143.22		143.22	2329

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		18.11.14 – 10.2.15				
#	VHPA	Towards cost of re-surface of car park	5000.00		5000.00	2330
	Wicksteed Leisure	Annual Inspection	45.00	9.00	54.00	2331`
	E-on	Repair&install pole bracket, PL 59, Stoke Road	375.00	75.00	450.00	2332
	Blisworth Village Hall	Hall rental for Dec,Jan and Feb	27.00		27.00	2333

#see below

Bank Balance at 26.2 .15 - £ 40797

- ii) Authorisation of agreed £5000 (at meeting of 3.11.14) payable to the Village Hall and towards cost of re-tarmacing of the village hall car park.
- iii) Agreement of Tenancy arrangements for Parish Field – Cllr Gardner and Cllr Jeffery will have a look at the maintenance needed on the field

### 183. Prioritization for funding – Parish Council discussed the following:

- South Northants Council has received three applications for New Homes Bonus (NHB) for the Parish of Blisworth, as detailed below, that will be considered at the next Grants Panel on 23<sup>rd</sup> March:

Organisation	Project	NHB Request
Blisworth Parish Council	Play equipment and safety matting	£2,000
Blisworth Parish Council	Entrance improvements to cemetery and repairs to cemetery gates	£6,380
Blisworth Short Mat Bowls	Electric Bowls Mat Winder	£4,286
<b>Total NHB Funding Request</b>		<b>£12,666</b>

Blisworth currently has £4,314 funding available through the NHB scheme. From April 2015 it is anticipated that this fund will increase by £5,453 giving a total balance of £9,767.

After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Clerk respond to SNC with the recommendation :

Play equipment and safety matting	£2,000
Entrance improvements to cemetery and repairs to cemetery gates	£5,380
Electric Bowls Mat Winder	£2000

As shown the Parish Council agreed the granting more of its funds (£1000) towards the cemetery gates and *possibly* £2000 towards the winder for the Short Mat Bowls.

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**184. PARISH PLAN PROGRESS TEAM REPORT** – no report available.(as there had not been a meeting recently). Reports from the Art Club and the Canal Trust are awaited.

**185. PARISH ASSEMBLY – DATE AND FORM OF MEETING**

It was agreed that this year the APM would take the form of the submission of reports and not a formal evening event as held recently. Letters would be sent to organisations requesting reports and the Assembly would be held on **20<sup>th</sup> May**. A suggestion was made to obtain a report from the Police Commissioner.

**186. South Northants Volunteer Bureau - voluntary 'Parish Police'**

. A suggestion was made to obtain a report from the Police Commissioner. The Chairman reported that there is a new initiative to get horse riders to report fly tipping etc when they are out.

**187. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS**

Cllr Gardner - lorries had churned up the verge at the junction of Connegar Leys and Buttmead.

Cllr Masterman – she had a request to advertise on the website – (not policy to do so) – perhaps this should be re-visited.

Cllr Field – the cracks at the side of Stoke Road are getting worse. NCC Highways are aware of the problem.

**188. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

- Debris from trees have been left opposite the boat yard on Gayton Road – the Chairman will have a look.
- 'Barging around Britain' is going to be televised on 3.4.15
- Road markings on High Street at junctions of Stoke Road and Courteenhall Road need re-painting. Clerk to report.
- Broadband Questionnaire – apply to Clerk for copy.
- Further justification for the 30mph limit in Stoke road had been demonstrated on 18.2.15 as there had been a nasty RTA probably due to excessive speed.

**189. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 13.4.15 (6.4.15 is a Bank Holiday)  
AGM will be held after the election on 12.5.15**

**Meeting closed at 9.45pm**

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