

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 13th April 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 M Field	
Cllr S Billing	
Cllr P Kennedy	
Cllr Anderson	
Cllr D Dalton	
Cllr P Masterman	
Cllr M McKeown	

9 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.

190 . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – The following apologies were received and reasons for absence approved: Cllr Burgoyne, Cllr Clarke SNC, Cllr Kirkbride NCC.

191. 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.

192. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES - The minutes of the previous meeting dated 2nd March 2015 were agreed and adopted, proposed by Cllr Masterman and seconded by Cllr Hawkins.

193. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S REPORT – Actions carried out as per last meeting Items mentioned by the Chairman are covered later in these minutes by agenda items.

194. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS – may include report from local Community Police Officer - None was available

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195. PLANNING

Consultation with PC

- S/2015/0540/TCA - Proposal T1 Sycamore - Reduce crown to previous pollard points (25m to 17m). T2 Sycamore - Reduce crown to previous pollard points (25m to 17m). T3 Sycamore - Reduce Crown (20m to 15m). Location Thackstone Cottage 21 Stoke Road
No Objections from the Parish Council. **Clerk** to respond.
- S/2015/0467/LBC and S/2015/0466/FUL
Proposal Listed building consent for replacement oak gates with automated opening.
Location Elm Tree House 11 Courteenhall Road
This application was discussed and there were no objections. **Clerk** to respond.
- An application for a 25 acre solar Farm in Knock Lane has been submitted to SNC since this agenda was posted which will be on the **next meeting's** agenda.

196. Local Matters

- **Rights of Way** – Reports of any problems – nothing to report
- **Lighting** – See Finance on quotations for repairs to street lights.
 - Clerk had received and submitted a request to get the street light outside 16 ladyfield turned on.
 - PL 46 in Chapel Lane not working again, **Clerk** to report
- **Play Area** –
 - Progress of grant application for new equipment – Cllr Dalton reported that he had received the £2000 from the New Homes Bonus grant. He reminded the meeting of the details to which the Council has previously agreed –

Cost of two pieces of equipment -	£4258 inc VAT of £709
Less grant	£2000
Cost to PC	£1548
Add quote for cost of ground works -	£240

The Council confirmed the above agreement and Cllr Dalton will now put the order in to Kompan for the equipment.

- **Traffic/Highway Issues** –
- **Stoke Road** – White lines along edge of road in Stoke Road, this issue has been held due to the sudden death of the contractor.
- **Dangerous Parking in Courteenhall Road** – emails showing photos of cars parked on the double yellow lines had been circulated. It was agreed that the **Clerk** ask PCSO Cooksammy to visit the road at pick up and drop time at the school.
- **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – no report available. Not sure whether Mark Redding has purchased the shed alarms yet. PCSO Cooksammy had submitted annual report and this had been circulated.
- **Allotments** – on going. The work being carried out by Cllr Jeffery has been positively received.

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- **Dog Bin – Clerk had written to AH Contracts to request a new bin for Buttmead where it crosses RD2. There had been a verbal request for this site. Cllr Burgoyne had submitted a request to the Canal and Rivers Trust for dog bin at Mill Bridge and they had installed one already. (The Canal and Rivers Trust will also empty this bin).**

197. COMMUNICATIONS - outgoing and ingoing

In and circulated to councillors:

- i. Resident – Dangerous parking in Courteenhall Road (see Highways)
 - ii. NCALC – Local Council Award Scheme – Panel members wanted
 - iii. Scouts – Fun Day 2/5/15
 - iv. SNC – Kerbside collection of electrical items (must be in a carrier bin attached to the blue bin)
 - v. SNC – irresponsible dog owners. Cllr Masterman had laminated some posters made by the school children and requested volunteers to help put them up.
 - vi. NCC – Women’s Tour coming to Northampton (cycling)
 - vii. NCALC – Update
 - viii. SNC – New Homes Bonus (£406 left for future Blisworth organisations)
 - ix. CPRE – Litter Heroes – this had been forwarded to the School and has been taken up by FOBS who are planning a litter pick in June(not April when the award could be claimed).
 - x. SNC – SPLAT sessions – 31.7.15 and 14.8.15
 - xi. Allotment Tennant – request for tool shed on allotment - agreed
 - xii. Resident – request for improvement to grass land management in Cemetery to enhance environment for wildlife – **Cllr Kennedy** reported that she is going to invite the Northants Wildlife Group for advice for further improvements for wildlife. The bird boxes are being used. She will respond to the resident.
 - xiii. SNC – Confirmation of success of applications for New Homes Bonus for Play Area and Cemetery Gates. The latter project had received £5,380. The Short Mat Bowls Club had received £2000.
 - xiv. SNC – invitation to Parish Councillors to meet at South Northants Council offices to discuss the situation at Willow House and possible ways forward. This would include the status of the existing permissions (particularly following the removal of the trees) and the potential for an alternative development. The Clerk had been contacted by the Planning Officer – Robert Fallon by telephone and email just prior to this meeting who stated the invitation was to a ‘pre-application’ meeting. The wording of the email included:
all pre-application meetings and discussions are strictly confidential (and hence their very existence is also confidential) and I would ask you to consider whether it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to debate this item tonight. I am sorry if this was not clarified to you when Amanda Haisman forwarded her request.
- The meeting at SNC has been fixed for 22nd April 2015 at Moat Lane offices. Some councillors will attend, but not the Clerk.
- xv. Canal and River Trust – Spring Waterway Forums – dates changed :
Thursday 21st May 2015 7pm- 9pm at Aylesbury Circus Fields Basin,

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Stocklake, Aylesbury and Tuesday 26th May 2015 7- 9pm at Braunston Memorial Hall, 42 High St, Braunston Daventry NN11 7HR

- xvi. Youth Ambition Awards 2015 – Cllr Masterman will forward this email to the Scouts, Guides, Brownies and Football Club.
- xvii. Howdens Planning Application - Protest Walk - Volunteers sought to support a mass on – site demonstration walk with each village/parish taking part. Collingtree, and Milton Malsor are taking part and Roade and Quinton PCs have been asked for support . This item will go **on the next agenda**.

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- i. Submission to SNC for request for New Homes Bonus funding
- ii. Letter of thanks to Anne Goss for her work in producing report on Highways.
- iii. Letter of thanks to Carolyn Young for donation of two planters for installation adjacent to the new village seat in the centre of the village.

198. FINANCE

i) Cheque payments agreed:

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
V Hartley	Salary for Mar	423.53	-	423.53	2334
HMRC	Tax for above	105.80	-	105.80	2335
N and P Gardens	Mowing	496.50	99.30	595.80	2336
AH Contracts	Empty dog bins	190.56	38.12	228.68	2337
Shire Lumsden	Round & About	110.00		110.00	2338
NCALC	Subs and Audit	766.22		766.22	2339
B. Osborne	Payroll Services	55.50		55.50	2340
Bartley Landscape & Maintenance	Installation of seats	650.00		650.00	2341
E-on	Maintenance	215.67	43.13	258.80	2342
E-on	Supplies	683.96	136.79	820.75	2343
P Kennedy	Re-imberse for costs of materials for planters	17.00		17.00	2344

ii) Monies received:

Bank Balance at 26.3 .15 - £ 32928

iii) APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF ANNUAL RETURN - The Clerk had circulated the Section 1 and 2 of the Annual Return for perusal by the councillors prior to the meeting. (Section 1 is the Accounting Statements and Section 2 is the Annual Governance statement.)

The Section 1 was agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman. The Chairman read out the statements in Section 2, the Council agreed and it was signed by the Chairman. The Clerk will display these statements on the notice board and website.

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iv) Agreement of Tenancy arrangements for Parish Field – Cllrs Gardner and Jeffery had met with the present tenant and suggested some management projects for the land. Mr Leadbitter wishes to continue the tenancy.

v) Street Lighting –

- Agreement of quotes for repairs to 3 street lights in Courteenhall Road - £375 + £340 fitting service each
- Agreement to repair PL20 (Wellspring), PL 46 (Chapel Lane) and PL outside 34 Stoke Road - £375 each
- Electricity Contract – decision whether to continue with new deemed contract rates which are to increase.
- Decision whether to continue with arrangement with E-on for maintenance of street lights and/or get a quote from Aylesbury Mains – it was agreed that the costs of the above repairs warranted getting a quote from another company. **Cllr Jeffery** will meet with Aylesbury Mains. It was also agreed that a quote would be obtained for an improved street light in Church Lane as the present one is not adequate.

vi) **Grass Contract** – The Council agreed to continue with N and P Garden Services at same rate and arrangement as before. However it was agreed that the **Clerk** request a meeting with the contractor to clarify the contract and which areas are cut including the prices, as the original agreement will have altered.

199. PARISH PLAN PROGRESS TEAM REPORT – Best Village Competition
Cllr Masterman reported that the entry for the competition had been submitted. This is the report from the PPPT:

A big thank you to Pat Masterman for putting together such a magnificent entry to the Best Village 2015 Competition.

We are eagerly awaiting the response to our grant application for the Cemetery Entrance Project and have been in correspondence with the Diocese. We may have to apply for a faculty as the project exceeds their monetary limit.

We hope to have planters placed alongside the new seat by the bus stop.

As always our thanks to the many volunteers who give their time and assistance to the maintenance and improvement of the Cemetery.

The PPPT is presently setting up a constitution and in future will give a brief summary of their accounts with their report. This item will go on **the next agenda**. The Parish Council thanked Ann North for all her work with the PPPT.

MONIES IN		EXPENDITURE	
Start- up fund from PC	£200	Architect plans for Cemetery	£200
Grant SNHomes	£500	First bench (Glasdon)	£868.80
Donation Hollowell Steam Fair 2 benches	£2,000	Second bench (Glasdon)	£482.00
TOTAL	£2,700	TOTAL	£1,550.80

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BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	£1,149.20
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200. PARRISH ASSEMBLY – Reports coming in, to go on website

201. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

- **Cllr Burgoyne had asked whether there are** any developments with Sun Moon and Stars – Cllr Masterman reported that a planning application should be submitted shortly.
- **Cllr Kennedy** reported that she and the Council is very grateful to GLN Landscapes, Matt Gamble for his contribution to the village by maintaining the planters at the entrance to the village, donated by Youngs Nurseries.
- **Cllr Billing** reported that dense fumes were being emitted from generators on boats behind Pond Bank. It was agreed that the **Clerk** write to the Canal and River Trust and ask that they stipulate generators can not be used on boats near residential areas.
- **Cllr Dalton** reported that the post from the no cycling sign in the path from Greenaway to Connegar Leys has rusted away at its base. **Clerk** to report to SNC Highways.
- **Cllr Gardner** reported that the potholes in Connegar Leys had been loosely filled.
- **Cllr Masterman and Cllr Hawkins** suggested the Council ask NCC Highways to clear the litter at the entrances to the village on the Northampton Road. **Clerk** to report.
- **Cllr Jeffery** reported briefly on the return of the nomination papers for the Parish Council. He expressed his sincere gratitude **to Cllr Masterman** for all her work with the council including the Village Sign, the Best Village Competition and the CPRE Litter Heroes. She will be missed.

202. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

- A resident from Pond Bank had submitted a letter referring to the maintenance and boundary of the cemetery. This had been received after the agenda had been posted. A discussion took place and it was agreed that a site meeting between Cllrs Kennedy and Billing will take place and this item will go **on the next agenda**.
- A resident asked what capacity SNC had written to the Parish Council to invite them to the meeting mentioned in item xiv of the correspondence. The Clerk had forwarded him a copy of the email.

203. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – AGM - 12.5.15, Annual Parish Assembly – 20.5.15

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