

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

**Present:**

Cllr C Jeffery	Chairman
Cllr J Hawkins	Vice Chairman
Cllr M Field	
Cllr M McKeown	
Cllr D Dalton	
Cllr B Rose	
Cllr D Burgoyne	
Cllr S Billing	
Cllr C Gardner	

Cllr S Clarke, SNC  
Cllr J Kirkbride, NCC

27 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. (The session can last for a maximum of 15 minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 3 minutes. Members of the public should address their representations through the Chairman of the meeting and may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself.)

**106 . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – The following apologies were received and reasons for absence approved: Cllr Kennedy, Cllr Anderson

**107. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – To receive declarations made under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.** (Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a pecuniary interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business).

Cllr Field declared an interest in item 112 iv) - Willow House S/2015/1980/FUL.

**108. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS DATED 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015** – both sets were agreed and adopted, proposed by Cllr McKeown and seconded by Cllr Field and Cllr Dalton and Cllr Burgoyne respectively.

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**109. CONNEGAR LEYS GARAGE BLOCK – POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT INTO HOUSES FOR AFFORDABLE RENT – PRESENTATION /INFORMATION FROM CHERISE BERRIDGE, Development Officer from Grand Union Housing Group**

This item was deferred to the next meeting as Cherise Berridge could not attend this meeting and would come to the next one.

**110. CHAIRMAN’S/CLERK’S REPORT – Clerk** – Attended Agendas and Minutes training course - 22.10.15

**111. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS** – may include report from local Community Police Officer.

**Cllr Kirkbride – NCC:**

- The County Council is still struggling with finances, more commissioning is required. Demands for Young Peoples’ provision is increasing.
- Gritting – look for problem areas and report to NCC.
- Northamptonshire Day had been held successfully.

**Cllr Clarke – SNC:**

Outstanding Electoral Registration forms being chased, it is a legal requirement to keep up to date.

SNC is adopting the CIL – information has been circulated.

**112. PLANNING**

i) **Chapel Hill Development** – Application No. S/2015/2472/MAF, Proposal Variation of conditions 4,15,20 on S/2014/0431/MAF(Residential Development for 27 houses, estate road and associated works) to enable viability of the site. These conditions involved:

- a. Access to the site from Chapel Lane not Northampton Road
- b. The number of affordable homes being reduced from 11 to 5
- c. More of the houses would be built in brick rather than stone.

Location Chapel Lane Blisworth - **see minutes from 26.10.15 – Extraordinary meeting on this application.**

- a) It was agreed by all that a) was the most important factor that was being varied. Chapel Lane was completely unsuitable, being on a hill, bend and very narrow causing considerable health and safety issues. The Parish Council will fight hard to prevent the use of Chapel Lane as an access road.

**Clerk** to write to:

- SNC - a letter with strong objections including a response to the application by form.
  - Orbit Homes – requesting that the ‘Viability Assessment’ is shown to the Parish Council.
  - Helen Howard, NCC Highways for her views on the matter.
- b) It was also agreed that the number of affordable homes should not be reduced. However Cllr Dalton pointed out that when the Ladybridge homes were sold there were no takers for the last to be sold. **Cllr Clarke** agreed to look into the connection criteria for allocating them.
  - c) The Parish Council is disappointed at the reduction of stone built houses.

ii) **Application No. S/2015/2492/MAF**

Proposal Installation of a solar PV array plus ancillary development

Location Land to the South of Knock Lane Blisworth. It may be that there will be community benefit of £50000 but as yet not certain as to who would determine which organisations would benefit. A suggestion was that the PPPT would hold the funds.

Cllr Gardner enquired as to the number of megawatts in the development.

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iii) **S/2015/2419/FUL**

Proposal Variation of condition 1 (Drawings) of planning permission S/2015/0103/FUL (Implementation of remediation scheme) relating to S/2012/0029/FUL (New building to accommodate chandlery, laundry, wetdocks, admin & stores. New vehicular access, hardstandings and replacement jetties.). To relocate the facilities building closer to the marina.

Location Gayton Marina Blisworth Arm Blisworth

Cllr Billing reported that he had looked at the site and it was agreed by the Council that it would **support** the application – **Clerk** to respond.

iv) **Willow House S/2015/1980/FUL** – Response to application returned to SNC and also Correspondence between Parish Council and SNC Planning Officers re conduct of application.

Two councillors, to represent the Parish Council, had been invited to a site meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Hawkins would go and Cllr Dalton would confirm if he could attend. Cllr Burgoyne was keen to go as well.

Conduct of Council - the Parish Council had made a formal complaint about the conduct of the SNC officers, Mr Preston had responded. A vote was taken and 5 Councillors voted not to pursue the complaint any further, 2 were against and 1 had declared an interest. Thus it was resolved NOT to pursue the complaint any further.

v. Candle Cottage, Chapel Lane – notice of Appeal

Description of development: Residential development for up to 5 dwellings with associated road works and drainage, all matters reserved.(Outline)

Application reference: A/2015/0908/OUT

- Update on developments Progress of other recent applications : see extract from SNC Planning Register

**113.WEBSITE DEVELOPMENTS** : hosting, domains and web tools and consider correspondence from Mason Masterman:

The best option is to run the current website [www.blisworthparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.blisworthparishcouncil.org.uk) and [www.blisworth.org](http://www.blisworth.org) simultaneously while the improved parish council website [parishcouncil.blisworth.org](http://parishcouncil.blisworth.org) is being developed.

[www.blisworth.org](http://www.blisworth.org) would be a Village website in tandem with the parish council website.

This could provide a forum for village organisations that do not currently have a website Cllr McKeown reported that she was in favour of this proposal and the Council agreed. The sub domain will go under the village website and it will cost £12.50 for the hosting.

**114. LOCAL MATTERS**

i. **Footpaths** – Reports of any problems

Mr Tim Noble the Footpaths Warden reported that the paths are muddy and is considering asking landowner of the field through which RD3 passes whether it could be diverted around the edge.

ii. **Lighting** – Report of street light faults

Cllr Dalton reported that PL18at the end of RD2 is not working - **Clerk** to report.

iii. **Play Area** – report of any safety issues further to routine inspections - none

iv. **Traffic/Highway Issues** – **Clerk** to write sincere thanks to Mrs Ann Goss as she retires as Highways Warden leaving a vacancy for the post. Also **Clerk** to request that Helen Howard, NCC Highways visit Buttmead with a view to action over the considerable potholes which create problems for the elderly.

v. **Neighbourhood Watch** – Mark Redding reported:

- A break in had occurred at the Church and the Chapel and also a burglary in the High Street.
- Shed alarms still available.
- Several hundred letters had been sent via the police to speeders in the village.

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- A 20mph zone is being explored for the High Street – he will report at the next meeting.

### 115. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence – outgoing and ingoing, previously circulated to councillors

#### Out:

- SNC - Response to SNC re Willows Planning Application S/2015/1980/FUL
- Mr Bell and Mr Preston, SNC – conduct re Planning Application S/2015/1980/FUL
- Aylesbury Mains - Acceptance of quote for PL 50 for £401.50 (8 weeks from 15.10.15)
- Aylesbury Mains – Acceptance of offer to trial 3 Street lamps in Courteenhall Road
- Arrangements of Extraordinary Meeting held 26.11.15 for Chapel Hill development between PC and Orbit Homes representatives.
- SNC – Request for larger bin in High Street

#### In:

- Andy Preston, SNC - Stage 1 complaint Willow House Development response to 112 ii letter re conduct of SNC staff with reference to this application
- Street Cleansing Supervisor, South Northants Council – Monitoring of the High Street bin
- Aylesbury Mains - Inventory for 54 Street Lights
- Grand Union Housing Group - Potential redevelopment of garage site at Connegar Leys
- CPRE & South Northants Council: PARKING
- NCC HighwaysBus service workshop Tuesday 20/10/2015
- NCC – ‘Stay well this winter’ – advisory information
- SNC – information on Council set to adopt the Community Infrastructure Levy
- PPPT – Computer programme for survey for Parish Plan
- NCALC - Upcoming Training Courses – Code of Conduct Training Course – Cllr Kennedy wishes to attend, **Clerk** to book
- Blisworth School – letter of thanks for £5000 towards building project
- NCALC - Update

### 116. FINANCE Payments – for approval

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
E-on	Supplies	1031.43	206.29	1237.72	2394
V Hartley	Salary for Oct	423.33	-	423.33	2395
HMRC	Tax for above	106.00	-	106.00	2396
N and P Gardens	Mowing	496.50	99.30	595.80	DD
AH Contracts	Empty dog bins	111.16	22.23	133.39	2397
SNC	Election Fee	39.00		39.00	2398
VHPFA	Rent for hall	27.00		27.00	2399
P Kennedy	Re-imberse High St plants	57.40		57.40	2400
B Osborne	Pay roll services	58.50		58.50	2401

Current Bank Balances at 24.9 .15 - £25226 Business Reserve Account - £5095

### 117. TO CONSIDER PAYING OUTSTANDING INVOICE FROM E-ON FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTS FROM APRIL – JUNE QUARTER (last one *before*

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**Aylesbury Mains took over)** – Council the resolved that the **Clerk** respond asking for a breakdown of the bill demonstrating what was carried out.

#### **118. PARISH PLAN REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF PAYING £300 PER ANNUM FOR COMPUTER PROGRAMME FOR SURVEY FOR PARISH PLAN**

The Parish Council resolved that it was in favour of doing this but that it did not wish to be tied into a long term plan. It may be a one off payment not an annual cost.

Finances for Parish Plan:

Balance brought forward	£639.00		
Monies in	£0	Expenditure - planters	£ 57.40
		Balance carried forward	£581.60

**119. INSTALLATION OF LARGER LITTER BIN IN HIGH STREET** – Clerk reported that SNC cannot provide a larger bin, but will monitor the litter and empty twice weekly if necessary.

#### **120. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS**

**Cllr McKeown** - stressed the importance of the safety of particularly vulnerable people accessing the Chapel and the nursery on Little Lane with regard to the planning item 112i

**Cllr Billing** – Grass at end of Pond Bank next to the cemetery needs cutting – **Clerk** to ask N and P Garden Services.

**Cllr Burgoyne** enquired as to whether partners could attend the Christmas Civic service at The Forum.

#### **121. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

- Cllr Jeffery asked if anything was known about the missing slate roof from a shed in Chapel Lane – Cllr McKeown replied that it had been removed for safety purpose and will be replaced.
- Cllr Jeffery reported that there had been a traffic incident on the exit to the village on Towcester Road and that more hatching was required indicating that the road was narrowing. Helen Howard will be informed on her walk about.
- Frequency of emptying Dog bins should be increased - **Clerk** to contact Canal and Rivers Trust.
- Estelle Rose had done a good job clearing leaves in Church Lane, **Clerk** to write and thank her.
- **Clerk** to ask N and P Garden Services to cut the vegetation on Stoke Road on either side of the road from the Allotments to the thatched cottages.
- It is difficult to push a wheel chair around the village due to pot holes and a general lack of dropped kerbs.
- **Clerk** to report to NCC Street Doctor that Greenside up to the allotments needs siding out as the grass is crowding the path.
- The triangular piece of grass on the central reservation on the A43 needs cutting back as it impedes visibility crossing the A43 going south.

#### **122. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING 7.12.15, meeting closed at 9.05pm**

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Please note: this is a public meeting and you may be filmed, recorded and published.

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