

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 3rd October 2016

Held in the Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr C Jeffery Chairman
Cllr J Hawkins Vice Chairman
Cllr C Gardner
Cllr B Rose
Cllr P Kennedy
Cllr Burgoyne
Cllr M Field
Cllr Billing
Cllr Anderson

Cllr S Clarke

7 members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS:

In the last item on the agenda of meeting residents are 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.

79. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - THE FOLLOWING APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE APPROVED: – Cllr Dalton, Cllr Kirkbride

80. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR – Linda Lee
Further to agreement of the Parish Council Linda Lee was co-opted to the Parish Council.

Proposed by :Cllr Field

Seconded by:Cllr Hawkins

The Acceptance of Office form was signed and she was handed a hard copy of the Member's Interests forms for completion. (**Clerk** to also send these electronically).

81. 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.**

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82. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 5TH SEPTEMBER 2016 - IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING SHOULD BE APPROVED, proposed by Cllr Billing and seconded by Cllr Hawkins

Cllr Rose informed the meeting that the nettles had been cut back in front of the Church by Enhancement Gang.

83. CHAIRMAN'S/CLERK'S REPORT –

Clerk – nothing to report which is not on the agenda. (Actions carried out as per last meeting)

Chairman -

- Obscured lights in Courteenhall Road – Mark Goatley is going to trim hedge back
- 25 High Street – now trimmed back (by C Jeffery)
- Resident concerned about bank between garden wall and path in Connegar Leys – ownership questioned.
- Carpet in Station Road – Chairman removed.
- Slide – re complaint – rough edges been smoothed off
- Courteenhall Estates are going to give permissive access to fields behind Connegar Leys

84. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS –

Cllr S Clarke, SNC – (Not at cabinet meeting of SNC and therefore able to attend this meeting)

- i) Reminders for electoral registration details (mandatory)
- ii) Recycling week – encouraging use of services and helping in use of which bin and possible other destinations for flower pots, plastic bags etc
- iii) Appeal by SNC for witnesses to dog attack on canal
- iv) Report on SNC planning permission for SMS.(Read to meeting)

85. AGREEMENT ON PURCHASE OF VAS DEVICE

Having researched the various options the Chairman proposed the purchase of the following equipment from Morelock Signs for a total price of £2094 + VAT

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- GR33CL
- Lightweight robust plastic (4kg)
- Multi colours - Red Amber and Green
- Shows vehicle speed
- Shows text eg SLOW DOWN, TOO FAST, or smiley face
- Battery powered
- Logs the data for downloading
- Bluetooth enabled
- BT-COMM Software
- Variable pole clamp
- Back plate
- 12v batteries x2
- Battery charger mascot 2140
- Sub Total £1950.00
- Plus delivery 69.00

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- Plus 2 spare batteries 75.00 (these may be free if order is agreed at this meeting)
It was resolved by the Council to purchase the equipment as specified above, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Anderson.

TEAM TO MAINTAIN DEVICE – Cllr Anderson volunteered.

- POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF SOLAR POWER EQUIPMENT
It was agreed to stick with rechargeable batteries at this stage.
- LICENSES REQUIRED BY NCC FOR INSTALLATION – **Clerk** will look into this.

86. PLANNING

For circulation at this meeting:

i) Application No. S/2016/2196/FUL

Proposal Two storey side extension No objections, **Clerk** to submit
Location 71 Connegar Leys Blisworth

ii) Application No. S/2016/2186/TCA

Proposal 1x Over mature chestnut - reduce the crown by approximately 3-4 M in height and spread. No objections, **Clerk** to submit
Location The Stables Church lane Blisworth

iii) Application No. S/2016/2350/FUL (and LB)

Proposal Replace section of damaged wall on northern boundary
Location Grafton House 1 Gayton Road Blisworth No objections, **Clerk** to submit

iv) Application No. S/2016/2366/FUL

Proposal Replacement detached dwelling with double garage
Location 33 Towcester Road Blisworth NN7 3DL - No objections, **Clerk** to submit

v. Application S/2016/2135/FUL , JBJ Business Park (slight increase in height, 380mm at front 480mm at back – Support the application, **Clerk** to submit

vi. S/ 2016/2381/FUL – Scrimmington House, 15 Towcester Road, rear conservatory - No objections, **Clerk** to submit

- **For current applications and information – see register below**
- **Report on SNC Development Control meeting held 22.9.16 re Sun Moon and Stars application from Cllr Hawkins who represented Blisworth PC.**

Cllr Hawkins read report to the meeting and suggested that the PC appeal to Chris Stratford the officer at SNC who is responsible for the property for further information on the decision and perhaps a re/think about reducing the size of the house. Also to request yellow lines on either side of the road which might help protect the area from excess parking.

After discussion re the enforcement of the conditions being SNC's remit and double yellow lines those of NCC Highways, a vote was taken as to whether to appeal to

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SNC as suggested. In favour of appeal – 3, against 5 (Cllr Lee did not vote) so it was carried that no appeal would take place.

87. Local Matters

- **Rights of Way** – Reports of any problems
Tim Noble – Had been informed that the path between the Mill bridge and top of field next to canal was muddy near the spring. Clerk to report to NCC Rights of Way. (although mud is not considered an obstruction!)
 No other issues
- **Lighting** – Reports of any faults
Cllr Gardner – covers on lights dirty – not sure whether have to replace just cover or whole lamp. This is considered an on-going project? **Cllr Gardner** will make enquiries and look into which are the worst and bring it to meeting.
- **Play Area** –
 - Report on recently installed new slide further to complaint that it was causing cuts/bruises on some users. (Supplier has been made aware). The Chairman had smoothed the surface. Clerk and Chairman had seen children playing on the slide separately with no apparent problems.
- **Traffic/Highway Issues**
 - Clerk had contacted NCC requesting extension of 30mph speed limit in Courteenhall Road – Response : to be considered by NCC (NCC has agreed that moving the 30mph limit out beyond Prospect Court was a valid request. In addition, a village gateway could also be included as part of the relocation.
 This will now be progressed through NCC engineers and the proposals will be sent out to the Parish Council for consideration once the design work has been completed.)
 - Clerk had contacted NCC requesting mirror to be placed opposite entrance to Canal car park on Stoke Road – Clerk had written to NCC – response : basically not allowed. Chairman read response to meeting. Suggested asking Robert Lee cuts back the hedge. **Clerk** to request.
 - Overhanging hedge in Courteenhall Road, cut back by AC Jeffery Contractors to allow for lorries to access to tarmac road to Football field.
 13.9.16 – Chairman had written to PC informing them of situation . (see email) Branches overhang by 3 feet forcing lorries to other side of road. Contractors could not gain access to deliver asphalt. He considered it urgent to enable the work to be carried out so as no response from 19 Courteenhall Road he instructed his contractor to cut hedge for £50 +VAT.
 Letter from Mrs Beale read to meeting. This letter had arrived by email on the 2nd October, been acknowledged by Clerk who informed the correspondent that it was too late for action at this meeting so will be on **next agenda**.
- **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – nothing to report**
- **Allotments** – The Chairman, who has been doing the work involved with the Allotments, reported that this is to be taken over by the Clerk. She agreed to this but it will involve dissemination of the information and a possible increase in the hours of work.

88. COMMUNICATIONS - outgoing and ingoing

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- i. Ashfield Land – Response to Initial Consultation and Visualisations (Also copied to Andrea Leadsom MP) Cllr Anderson displayed some of these to meeting. Footpaths will be kept (between buildings!!) Consultation period extended to 22nd October). Meeting on 10th October in Blisworth Village Hall.
- ii. Kompan - Completion Certificate for new slide including complaint of minor injury
- iii. Resident re new slide and explanation that it was to replace the previous one which was condemned.
- iv. SNC – clarification on App S/2016/1990/FUL (The Willows)
- v. NCC Highways - Request for Speed limit extension in Courteenhall Road, Blisworth
- vi. CPRE – booking for Cllrs Hawkins and Kennedy on Planning Road show
- vii. NCC Highways – enquiry as to who owns land in Connegar Leys with reference to planning app from Grand Union Housing Group. (Ref 834977)

In-coming and Circulated to councillors:

- viii. Rail Central LLG - update meeting on Tuesday 13 September at 6.30pm - proposed agenda
- ix. National Allotments Society Newsletter
- x. V Hayward – copies of correspondence between herself and SNC re Planning application S/2016/1990/FUL Willow House.
- xi. SNC – Notice and invitation to attend Development Control meeting for SMS and Willow House on 22nd September.
- xii. SMS report to be submitted to above meeting on 22.9.16 by Cllr Hawkins
- xiii. Northampton Gateway SRFI (Roxhill - Junction 15 M1) NSIP
- xiv. From Cllr Hawkins (on behalf of PC) - Letter to Dr Hillier asking him to join the Progress Group, no response as yet.
- xv. Response from NCC re Request for mirror in Stoke Road
- xvi. NCC - September's news from my county council
- xvii. SNAST - Police Monthly Update - August Towcester
- xviii. SRC - update meeting on Tuesday 13 September - notes and summary of discussion
- xix. NCC Highways – enquiry as to who owns land in Connegar Leys with reference to planning app from Grand Union Housing Group. (Ref 834977, response: seems to be Highways. 3rd party would need to pay and obtain NCC approval and consultation with residents. 278 or 106 Agreement.
Clerk to ask Matthew Clarke to attend next meeting – **put on agenda**

89. FINANCE

i) The following cheque payments were agreed:

Name	Details	Amount £	VAT	Total	Chq
Liselle Solution	Website hosting & renewal of domain name	46.99		46.99	2476
AH Contracts	Dog bins	£111.16	22.23	133.39	2477
V Hartley	Salary for September	490.52	-	490.52	2478
HMRC	Tax for above	44.40	-	44.40	2479

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Aylesbury Mains	Light Repairs	255.80	51.16	306.96	2480
B Osborne	Pay roll 1.7- 30.9	60.00		60.00	2481
N and P Garden Services	Payment for Sept mowing	496.50	99.30	595.80	DD
P Kennedy	Re-imberse website costs	23.96		23.96	2482
P Kennedy	Re-imberse cemetery and High St Planters	60.75		60.75	2483
BDO	Audit	200.00	40.00	240.00	2484
Blisworth Village Hall	Room hire	27.00		27.00	2485
Shire Lumsden	Printing newsletter	120.00		120.00	2486
Brafield PC	50% Contribution to cost of CAB	£38.30		£38.30	2487
AC Jeffery Contractors	Courteenhall Road hedge	50.00	10.00	60.00	2488

- **External Audit** for year- end 31.3.16 now completed. No issues arising, Annual Return on website and notice displayed on notice board.
- Bank Balance at 22.9.16 - £ 45813.52

90. PC's RESPONSE TO RAIL CENTRAL PHASE ONE CONSULTATION – submitted – SRC happy with response

91. DEFIBRILLATOR AT SCHOOL –The Chairman reported that the pads had been accidently used in a demonstration and needed replacing. Being awarded some more free pads.

92. PROGRESS GROUP REPORT

Cllr Hawkins quoted from the report that great credit must go to Paulette Kennedy, who has taken on the role of Co-ordinator for the last 2 years, working hard with St John the Baptist Church and the Baptist Chapel with the local minister and his wife. The cemetery is well deserving of the Silver Award status obtained in 2013.

She produces up to date information leaflets and makes requests for volunteers. The suggestion that that links to the Blisworth Community Primary School re the bug hotel might be pursued.

Clerk had received and circulated the Report from judges of Northants Churchyard Conservation Award Scheme, visit took place on 1.6.16.

Cllr Hawkins and Pat Masterman had attended the CPRE AGM to receive the £150 on behalf of Blisworth Community Primary School for their efforts in the Clean for the Queen Litter Pick

REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

- Seminar to be held on Neighbourhood Plan – TBA, dates to be circulated again.

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- Work on pavements - written to other parishes to see how they maintain them but no response. **Chairman** will discuss with N and P to see if they could clear paths once or twice a year.
- Seminar on CPRE - Countryside Design Statement Launch – bought copy of book -‘*Icons of Northamptonshire*’ produced by the CPRE. Also obtained a free copy of ‘*The CPRE Northamptonshire Countryside Design Guide*’ for the Progress Group.
- Cllrs Hawkins and a resident had attended AGM of CPRE and was awarded £150 for litter pick.
- No change on finances.

93. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS

Cllr Anderson brought attention to item xx of Correspondence in (above) Northampton Gateway SRFI (Roxhill - Junction 15 M1) NSIP – this is **in addition to the Ashfield Land proposals.**

Cllr Billing – Clerk to write to ask Canals and Rivers Trust requesting they advise boaters not to use generators

Cllr Burgoyne – Facia on shop – Planning meeting taken place and SNC happy with latest colours etc so should go through.

Cllr Hawkins – Acknowledged the support over SMS to Cllrs Clarke and Davies.

94. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

- Fields in Trust – grants may be available – get to DD (see email)
- Football Field Road, tarmac done, speed humps in place. Applied to SN Homes grant for reduction of speed.
- Art shows and workshops on week end of 9th October
- Improvement of RD2
- Bridleway being worn to an angle by vehicles. Not allowed to put a gate on it 15 years ago.
The worsening condition of the bridleway/footpath through the allotments in Stoke Road was discussed. Cars are allowed to access the allotment and the land needs levelling off. It was suggested asking NCC Rights of Way to level it for the safety of walkers, riders etc. and it was agreed that this would go on the **next agenda.**
- Complaint from resident submitted to NCC about the lack of maintenance and bad potholes which are very dangerous.

95. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 7.11.16

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