

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

Held in the Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

### Present:

Cllr J Hawkins     Chairman  
Cllr Kennedy       Vice Chairman  
Cllr C Gardner  
Cllr Jeffery  
Cllr S Billing  
Cllr D Dalton  
Cllr A Anderson  
Cllr Burgoyne  
Cllr Billing  
Cllr Field  
Cllr S Clarke SNC,  
Cllr Brown NCC Cllr,  
10 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. The session will 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.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies had been received from Dr Hillier.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** – members were asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have had in any items under consideration at this meeting. None was declared.
3. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR** – Dr Hillier had accepted his co-option made at last meeting.
4. **RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017.**  
Corrections made and the minutes were adopted proposed by Cllr Dalton, seconded by Cllr Kennedy.

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## 5. CLERK'S REPORT

- Actions carried out as per last meeting.
- Arts Group Request – **to go on next agenda**
- ACRE – membership to be agreed at the next meeting

## 6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS – may include report from local Community Police Officer.

### Steve Clarke

- Housing - SNC recognise shortage of homes, local people will have more say. SNC can demonstrate 10 years supply only 5 years required by government.
- Superfast Broadband Roll out – project website updated. Clear that implementation has advanced in some but not all places. Station Road reception not good. Post card invitations available to sign up. He had written to the Department of Media and Sport, eventual response was that Broadband will be 95% available by end of 2017!?! Clearly a long way off target and it would seem that it may never materialise. Some residents are on an exchange only line.

**Adam Brown** - newly elected NCC Councillor, welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman.

Request to contact him with problems. He has received correspondence about highways, and he stated that Blisworth has the worst roads in the Bugbrooke region. He promised to push for maintenance.

Station Road – speeding issues – he has had a reply from Kierwsp but the number and type of incidents do not meet the criteria for any action to be taken.

Canal Festival – He has awarded £500 from the Councillor's Empowerment fund towards First Aid tent at Canal Festival.

## 7. RAILFREIGHT TERMINAL – UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE CURRENT STATUS INCLUDING:

- update from Liaison group – next one is 17.7.17.
- Village walk around both sites – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
Proposed Rail Central SRFI - Revision to Statement of Community Consultation from Dennis Winterbottom at SNC. Response due in the next 2 weeks.

## 8. PLANNING

i) Notice of Appeal : Site Address: Chapel Lane Blisworth Description of development: Variation of conditions 14,15,20 on S/2014/0431/MAF (Residential Development for 27 houses, estate road and associated works) to enable viability of the site.

Application reference: A/2015/2472/MAF Appellant's name: Orbit Homes (2020) Ltd  
Appeal reference: APP/Z2830/W/17/3171395 Appeal start date: 30 May 2017  
Appeal Decision - consent given - TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78

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**Objection Response made and sent to Planning Inspectorate (hard copy and electronic), SNC Planning Officers by email**

**Applications for circulation:**

- Application reference S/2017/1455/FUL at Candle Cottage Orchard (Clerk has obtained extension) – no objections apart from road access for construction traffic. **Clerk** to respond to SNC.

(There had been some confusion as initially the Appeal had been allowed by the Planning Inspectorate but subsequently the decision was reversed and permission quashed. Still to obtain written evidence of this.)

- Application reference S/2017/1432/FUL at 13 Courteenhall Road (Clerk has obtained extension)  
Cllr Billing reported that this is contentious. No space for car to be off the road when accessing the properties.  
Resident spoke – thanked the PC for allowing him to address the meeting. He circulated information on the application.  
There was a unanimous **objection** by the PC to the new gate based on safety, loss of amenity, and access issues for a disabled person.  
**Clerk** to respond to SNC.
- Application S/2017/1606/FUL , 7 Connegar Leys –single storey rear extension no objections by Parish Council. **Clerk** to submit to SNC.

**See Planning Register below for details.**

- 9. VAS DEVICE – license ordered and paid for – update from Cllr Dalton -**  
Verbal permission from Steve Barber., NCC Highways Officer to erect the device. Cllr Dalton will retrieve the device from Cllr Hawkins tomorrow and erect it. Our license does not cover the particular column used recently by the police in Towcester Road but the one on the opposite side of road.  
Cost of post for attaching device is £570 + VAT.
- 10. CONCERN OVER SAFETY IN STATION ROAD – request for Speed Watch campaign**  
This had been discussed at the Progress Group. Adam Brown also referred to it. A North mentioned that some people have previously been trained, and it would be useful if they came forward.  
**Clerk** to ask for *Road Narrowing* sign for Station Road and also ask whether 'SLOW' can be painted on road.  
Correspondence received re High Street speeding. **Clerk** to respond that if she writes to the Police they may well respond with a camera van and mention Speed watch and volunteering for Speedwatch gun training.
- 11. GRASS CUTTING – ALLSEASONS ARE OFFERING TO DO 'BOX CUTS' WHICH MEANS THEY WOULD PICK UP THE GRASS – IT WOULD ADD ABOUT £300 TO EACH VISIT.**

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A discussion took place. It was agreed that if necessary the grass is picked up prior to the Canal Festival. Cllr Jeffery will ask if they could pick up prior to the Canal Festival if necessary.

A lot of time had been spent in sorting out the recent issues regarding the grass and Allseasons had go upset with instructions coming from individuals not the Council.

**Cllr Jeffery has taken on the liaison position and requested that in future all comments/problems are put through him or Clerk.**

## 12. LOCAL MATTERS

- i. **Footpaths** – reports of any problems – none reported to the Parish Council.
- ii. **Lighting** –
  - Clerk has reported PL 18 in Buttmead on 20.6.17 as not working – now repaired.
  - Clerk has spoken to Aylesbury Mains re the difference in price for light in Buttmead and Stoke Road junction (Quote in February 2017 was £1140 compared with £1779 in May 2017. It appears new column is required – to be clarified. Clerk and Cllr Gardner to chase up again.
- iii. **Play Area** – reports of any issues – none. It was agreed that the Council pay Mr Les Carter £50, he has recently done some more slab work at the entrance to the play area.
- iv. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – update
- v. **Highways** –:
  - Chapel Lane ‘hole’ next to Chapel – reported – Ref 870129, work should have been done by beginning of June
  - Northampton road – request for trimming of hedge overhanging pavement – Ref 871807. Job has been carried out to a high standard.
  - Name of development off Buttmead – Clerk had submitted the request of ‘Meadview’ to SNC
  - Street Doctor reference 878089 for collapsed 30 mph sign in Pond Bank – **Clerk** to check to see if it is still on the ground.

## 13. COMMUNICATIONS

A) Correspondence – Emails/letters outgoing and ingoing:

**Out** –

- i. **Planning Inspectorate et al** - Application reference: A/2015/2472/MAF Appellant’s name: Orbit Homes - Response made and sent to Planning Inspectorate (hard copy and electronic), SNC Planning Officers by email.
- ii. Welcome letter to Dr Hillier as new councillor
- iii. Invitation to Nicholas Fuller to attend this or next meeting re Sun Moon and Stars – unable to attend see email in correspondence
- iv. Matthew Clarke, NCC – Enquiry as to why Parish Council’s objections due to unsuitability of Chapel Lane not submitted to Planning Inspectorate with

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reference to the appeal Decision on Candle Cottage. –Response that information had been submitted.

- v. SNC – request for ‘Meadview’ for street name of Buttmead development.

**In and circulated:**

- i) NCC - May's news from my county council
- ii) Northants Police – Police and Crime Plan 2017 -2021
- iii) Concerns over speed of traffic in Station Road
- iv) Neighbourhood Planning training: making the most of your local heritage - 10 July, Rothwell
- v) NCALC - Good Councillor's Guide to Finance
- vi) Interested in becoming a parish councillor – Andy Vincent. Clerk had responded and let him know when meetings are etc

**14. PARISH PLAN PROGRESS GROUP – REPORT**

*The Blisworth Litter Campaign has had their first meeting and a support page the campaign will be added to the Village Life section of the website. A leaflet explaining the aim of the campaign and also asking for support will be distributed initially at the Football Club Fun Day.*

*The NACRE Neighbourhood Planning Day gave the Group a lot of information about the advantages and disadvantages of doing a Plan. However the Group will initially be looking at various surveys carried out by other Parishes with a view to compiling one for Blisworth. It would not necessarily be used for a Neighbourhood Plan. The timetable for this work would start in October.*

*Financial Statement*

*£660.02*

*To be paid £40 for attendance at Neighbourhood Planning Day.*

**15. REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SAFETY – STATION ROAD, consideration of a further Speed Watch campaign**

Covered in earlier items on agenda.

**16. PARKING IN CONNEGAR LEYS – correspondence from resident, concern raised since building commenced .**

Councillor Kennedy visited this area at different times to report to the meeting with regard to Mrs Parker’s concerns.

She agreed it is a congested area at the weekend, morning and evenings.

Chairman Jeffery wrote on behalf of the PC to SNDC when the planning application arose for the affordable housing on the site of the old garages, asking for 10 parking bays. They refused on the grounds that only 1/2 cars where parked there. It was felt that although we sympathise with Mrs. Parker we have no authority to insist where people park. **Clerk** to write to Mrs Parker to explain.

During Councillor Kennedy’s visit the plight of an elderly couple living at the top of Buttmead came to light. As our new County Councillor Adam Brown was in attendance, he asked that the couple write to him with their concerns.

**17. FINANCE**

- i) Payments – for approval:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Chq</b>
<b>Zurich</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>60.42</b>	<b>2561</b>
<b>SNAST</b>	<b>membership</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>2562</b>

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V Hartley	Salary for June	490.52	2563
HMRC	Tax for above	44.40	2559
AH Contracts	Dog Bins	133.39	2564
Allseasons	June mowing	336.00	2565
B Osborne	Pay roll	60.00	2566
Aylesbury Mains	Rprs 18 Buttmead	61.44	2567
Shire Lumsden	R and A printing	120.00	2568
Les Carter	Play area slabd	50.00	2569
A North	Exps for N Hood planning	40.00	2570

#### OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

- ii) Clerk had checked reords for water payments – Football Club pays 50%, Scouts 25% and PC (allotments) 25%.
- iii) Bank Balance at June 24<sup>th</sup> - £29156.46
- iv) Internal Audit Report for yearend 31.3.17 carried out by John Marshall NCALC – this has been circulated to Council. Suggestion of updating the Financial Regulations – circulated with suggestion of table for Internal Audit control.  
**The report was accepted and the new Financial Regulations were adopted.**

18. **OLD WEBSITE – DECISION TO CANCEL ARRANGEMENT WITH PAUL CHAPMAN** – agreed that **Clerk** write to cancel from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

#### 19. REQUEST BY BLISWORTHN ARTISTS FOR SUPPORT FOR ANNUAL ART TRAIL PARTICIPATION

It was agreed that this be deferred for full discussion at the **next meeting**.

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

SB -Allotments –suggested letter to request that they tidy up. Clerk may also attend.  
 PK – Archived Website to go on next agenda  
 DB - Shop - Facias work to be done in August  
 CG – Suggestion of defibrillator at Parkslope Surgery.  
 JH – asked Cllr Clarke re SMS non show of Nicholas Fuller – concern that building is deteriorating further before winter.  
 CJ – Still awaiting bank mandate form from Nat West  
 SC – Solar Panel - community benefit being dealt with by Wayne Campbell and will seek a report by next meeting.

#### 21.PUBLIC QUESTIONS,COMMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS

- JP – Printing and publishing of directory – question as to whether the PC wanted it. To go on **next agenda**. JP to find out cost of publishing.
- Sewer smells prevalent in village. Resident will write to Clerk with concerns.  
**To go agenda.**
- 18.7.17 – completion of Best Village and results.

#### 22.DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – 7.8.17

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