

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 4th September 2017

Held in the Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr J Hawkins	Chairman
Cllr Kennedy	Vice Chairman
Cllr C Gardner	
Cllr D Dalton	
Cllr A Hillier	
Cllr Burgoyne	
Cllr Field	
Cllr Lee	
Cllr Jeffery	
Cllr Billing	
Cllr Anderson	

Cllr Clarke, SNC

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. 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** – To receive and approve apologies – Cllr Adam Brown, NCC, Cllr Hywel Davies
- 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.

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- 3. RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 7th AUGUST 2017- A RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING** was passed – Proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Billing.

4. CLERK'S / CHAIR'S REPORT

Clerk :

- i. The Clerk reiterated that the Parish Council should either run its own website or have the ability to access the existing one. The NCALC auditor, John Marshall had given her details of a company who specialises in parish websites. It was agreed that Cllr Kennedy would arrange to make the necessary pass words available and demonstrate how to add.
- ii. Authorisation of spending of the Progress Group was discussed –see item 14.
- iii. The full dog bins on the canal have been reported to the Canal and Rivers Trust.
- iv. Actions carried out from last meeting.

Chairman :

- i. The Chairman reported that she had been advised by Amanda Haisman, SNC Planning Officer to contact the Heritage Team at SNC if the PC has concerns about the structure and maintenance of SMS. It was agreed that the **Clerk** write to Mandy Lumb and ask that the building is surveyed.
- ii. **Clerk** to write letter of thanks to Andy and Jan Andrews for their work on Canal Festival
- iii. **Clerk** to write to Andrea Leadsom MP to thank her for congratulations on Best Village competition but also express concern on roads in Blisworth.
- iv. Canal and Parish Meeting – will be attended by Cllrs Hillier and Burgoyne
- v. Thank you to Cllr Anderson for addition (pig) to the cemetery!

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

- Local Plan Part 2 - consultation starts today until November 10.
- SNC has requested that Towcester residents are consulted on the Roxhill proposals for a Rail terminal at Junction 15a of the M1. (SNC is a statutory consultee)
- Electoral Registration Canvas – forms out today, legal requirement to respond.
- Solar Farm remittance – supposed to be a meeting very soon between relevant parties
- Old Sewerage works
- SNC Air Quality - Julie Ewers is the contact for this.

6. RAILFREIGHT TERMINAL – UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE CURRENT STATUS IN PARTICULAR :

- **Air pollution monitoring by Parish Council - in response from request by SRC,– volunteer needed from PC to take this forward – See correspondence from Mark Redding**

Cllr Kennedy reported that she has agreed to take this on and has been in touch with Milton Malsor Parish Council. Blisworth PC must monitor parts of

village where there will be high movement of traffic (mainly lorries). Friends of the Earth provide kits at £15 each to take measurements for 2 weeks and then will read results. Suggested sites:

- i) Blisworth Arm on A43
- ii) Courteenhall Road at A508 junction
- iii) High Street between Elm Tree corner
- iv) By Crossing lady
- v) By Royal Oak
- vi) Tiffield Junction
- vii) Towcester Road bridge
- viii) Candle bridge

It was agreed that the Clerk would order 14 kits initially and that Cllr Anderson will allocate the kits to areas and liaise with Mark Redding.

- Update from Liaison group - SRC Community Newsletter has been distributed

7. PLANNING

- **Sun, Moon and Stars – Clerk had written** to Architect – Nicholas Fuller, inviting him to PC meeting and outlining the concerns of the PC. No reply received.

Applications for circulation:

- i) Application No. S/2017/2009/FUL
Proposal Two proposed farm buildings 1st barn for livestock, 2nd barn for straw, feed, and machinery
Location Land off Knock Lane Blisworth Tunnel Hill Mews Knock Lane Blisworth NN7 3DA

No objections, **Clerk** to submit response to SNC
- ii) Application No. S/2017/2124/FUL at Buttermilk Hall Farm 60 Stoke Road Blisworth NN7 3DB
Proposal for a conversion and change of use of barn to a dwelling & reconstruction of former hanger to garages
Object – **Clerk** to submit response: existing building not considered suitable for conversion

See Planning Register below for details.

8. Invitation to Local Plan Part 2 Consultation Briefing Sessions at SNC: 2 attendees per council to be agreed.

Two events :

Tuesday 19 September 2017 14:00 - 16:00 and Wednesday 20 September in the second floor Council Chamber at The Forum, Towcester;

Cllrs Hawkins and Hillier will attend the Tuesday session. The Council is continuing work on 'Local Plan Part 2', which will shape the future of the

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district. SNC will be consulting on their 'Preferred Options' consultation documents from 04 September to 10 November 2017.

- The Policy approach for housing development at Parish and Settlement level.
- The location of new employment sites.
- Policies on town centres and economic development.
- Community/leisure development.
- Environmental designations; including green spaces and special landscape areas.
- Policies to manage development in a sustainable way.

9. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM BLISWORTH SCOUTS FOR SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION TO NEW HOMES BONUS LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANT

For a minibus which bus which community could use. (Not for private hire only organisations) Using the £3000 from Stichey do. **Clerk** to respond to SNC that PC is happy to support the project up to a £2500 maximum from Blisworth PC's allocation.

10. LOCAL MATTERS

- i. **Footpaths** –reports of any problems -none
- ii. **Lighting** – Reports of faults –
 - Light out in Stoke Rd reported
 - Also see item in Finance
- iii. **Play Area** – Cllr Dalton had no issues to report – new equipment would be a good idea. Another picnic bench would be useful and possibly another bench.
- iv. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** –
 - P Thornton - Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter August Edition (circulated)
- v. **Highways** –
 - a) **NCC SURVEY OF GRIT BINS** – one in Chapel Lane opposite pub will be removed as deemed not fit for purpose. Clerk has written again to NCC who has stated that scoring system does not warrant a replacement at their cost.
Cllr Jeffery agreed to have a look and get one the same size from BACA , the PC authorised the expenditure. **Clerk** to find out if NCC will supply and fill it.
 - b) Consideration of :
 - cutting triangle of land in Greenside.
 - RD2
– Cllr Jeffery will ask Allseasons to cut these areas.
 - c) Overgrown pavement along Towcester Road – reported to Street Doctor re 893664
 - d) **Community Enhancement Gangs** – visit on 4th September.
Some of the work requested was not done :

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- Side out footpath in front of Church wall in High Street – good work done
- Side out footpath in Stoke Rd alongside allotment hedge and clear weeds in front of no 69 - Not done
- Cut back vegetation obscuring 'children Crossing' sign on Northampton Rd – done
- Cut back weeds in alleyway between no 37 Greenaway Close and no 81 Connegar Leys.- not done

May have to go back to NCC to get Stoke Road done. Other items which were not done – painting of steps between Westbrook and Chapel Lane

e) Road surface of Connegar Leys into Buttmead a resident had reported that this is reminiscent of a roller coaster and there are deep holes on the Stoke Road end of Buttmead. She has corresponded with NCC - Stuart Mann. NCC who suggested the PC could prioritise the work and submit the requests to NCC. **Cllr Kennedy** will email Cllr Brown from NCC to see if there is any action.

11. BEST VILLAGE SIGN – quote from 'Tangerine Red' below had been circulated, Quote and format was agreed, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Billing:

1 x New Best Village Panel @ £90.00 + vat

Clean Down and Re-Paint Existing Sign (on site) @ £260.00 + vat.

Clerk to confirm with Tangerine Red ASAP and verify the time for installation on 11th September. The Chairman will supervise.

Also **Cllr Dalton** to request Les Carter to tidy up grass area, plant some bulbs where it is to be placed (opposite School on grass) and **Cllr Gardner** to ask Sam Linnell to weather treat seat. Going forward the sign needs to be kept clean to preserve it.

12. Dog bins: 2 had been reported as requiring attention:

- Stoke Road at the entrance to the allotments. This one has rusted through and is on the ground propped up but lid will not close – **Cllrs Jeffery and Billing** will have a look at this one and a replacement will be ordered.
- Approach to the Football Club on the edge of the allotments, bin is hanging sideways - close – **Cllr Jeffery** will repair.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

A) Correspondence – Emails/letters outgoing and ingoing:

Out –

- i. Blisworth Artists – requesting detail on how any funds granted by the PC would be spent – no response

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- ii. Mr Fuller – Architect for SMS – invitation to PC meeting, outlining concern for building – no response
- iii. NCC – Request for road marking of ‘SLOW’ on Station Road - now placed on Small works scheme
- iv. M Masterman – Schedule of Councillors
- v. Clerk to Milton Malsor PC - Pollution and SRC – informing MM PC that Blisworth PC have agreed to become involved in Pollution aspects
- vi. Letters to tenants who have not worked their plots but paid for them requesting that they clear their plots.

In and circulated:

- i. Application from Blisworth Scouts Club to the New Homes Bonus Local Community Grant – request for support in application
- ii. South Northants Homes Message to Parishes on behalf of SNC Private Sector Housing Team regarding empty homes
- iii. Mark Redding re Pollution aspects of Rail Central
- iv. NCC - Spanning the Centuries, the historic bridges of Northamptonshire – NCC book on bridges request for help with promotion.
- v. Rail Central LLG - update and revision to Phase Two consultation timetable
- vi. NACRE's Village Viewpoint magazine

14. PARISH PLAN PROGRESS GROUP – REPORT

The Group would like to thank all the residents and organisations who helped Blisworth win Best Northamptonshire Village and the Litter Heroes runner up reward. Suggestion boxes will be placed round the village and at meetings to canvass opinions on how to spend the Best Village prize money.

Some of the Blisworth Litter Campaign leaflets were given out at the Football Club Fun Day and more will be distributed with the October/November Round and About. It is hoped to have a more co-ordinated and structured scheme for regular litter picks and to canvas villagers' views and ideas on problems and possible solutions.

It is hoped that the Village sign will shortly be cleaned and the wording redone to reflect both the 2012 and 2017 Best Village Awards.

The Football Club has been successful in obtaining a Tesco's Bags of Help Award towards security for the area. The size of the award will depend on the number of votes for the Football Club project compared to two others. It is hoped that everyone will vote at Mereway Tesco's Store during September and October for Blisworth.

*Ann North
Secretary*

The allocation and spending of the budgeted figure of £200 for the Progress Group was discussed. It was proposed that an item goes **on the next agenda**

15. ALLOTMENTS – Report from walk round by Cllrs Jeffery and Billing and Clerk on allotments which are not worked

– Clerk had written to tenants who have paid and not worked their plots
One has responded that there has been a wasp nest in his shed but that he has now cleared his.

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16. Cleaning of Bus Shelter – **Clerk** to request that NCC clean.

17. FINANCE

i) Payments – for approval:

Name	Details	Amount	Chq
A North	Exps for Best Village tea	71.81	2579
A Hillier	Litter campaign leaflets	55.00	2580
P Kennedy	High St flowers	20.00	2581
Allotment Society	Annual sub	66.00	2582
V Hartley	Salary for August	490.72	2583
HMRC	Tax for above	44.20	2584
AH Contracts	Dog Bins	166.74	2590
Aylesbury Mains	18 Buttmead&1, C. Leys	121.56	2586
Allseasons	August mowing	738.00	2589
SLCC	50% sub	100.00	2588
Shire Lumsden	Directory and R and A	380.00	2591

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

- **Quotation-proposal for the lighting at Courteenhall Rd, RD2 footpath and the football club light. (Been circulated) Quotation updated since 06.07.2017 was considered** (£5000 was put into budget for this year for capital expenditure on lighting – up to date this year PC has spent £2159.)

AYLESBURY MAINS (ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS) LTD.		Date:	08.08.2017
Client:	Blisworth Parish Council		
Location:	Blisworth		
Work Description:	Various works 2017		
Ref.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	TOTAL EX. VAT
Courteenhall Rd	x1 new 24w PL-L Libra Lantern at col 44 Courteenhall Road - Test & Certify	1	£255.40
RD2 Footpath	Subfuse & private 6 millimetre 3core cable from column 18 Buttmead down RD2 footpath (100m approx. - 3m of tarmac) Install x3 private service cut-outs.	1	£1651.80
	Install x2 brown p/t hinged columns, x2 24w Libra Lanterns - Test & Certify	2	£1260.00
Football Club - Telegraph Pole Light	x1 new 24w PL-L Libra Lantern - New Pole Bracket & Supply Box - Test & Certify	1	£511.40
	DNO Connection Works	1	£345.00
			£4023.60

It was agreed that it would go ahead with all the above works. Proposed by Cllr Field, seconded by Cllr Dalton. **Clerk** to confirm by email and **Cllr Gardner** will speak to them.

- Bank Balance at Aug 24th - £22,642.30

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18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

Cllr Gardner – Seating - Play area one wants re-staining. Also the seat at the top of Buttmead has concrete legs which have disintergrated and is need of replacing. He will obtain quote for new seat.

War Memorial – wooden frame requires attention. He will ask Sam Linnell.

Cllr Field – Overgrown hedge in High Street, thought someone had reported this but had not. Cllr Jeffery will speak to householders

Cllr Burgoyne – break down of monies raised by Canal Festival was very useful

Cllr Kennedy – SRC – Alan Hargreaves has requested that letters are sent to PCs of Crick, Lilbourne and Kilsby to find out what impact DRFT had on their villages. It was agreed that the **Clerk** would do this.

Cllr Hillier – requesting support from different organisations for Litter Campaign request to use PC logo. This was agreed and he will liaise with Clerk.

19. PUBLIC SESSION

- Request for 30 more copies of Village Directory for new people moving to village.
- Weeds on Towcester Road and in other parts of the village unacceptable
- Suggestion that NHW notes go on Notice board

20. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT and FUTURE MEETINGS 2.10.17

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