

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Held in the Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

### Present:

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

8 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** – The following apologies were received:  
Cllr Dalton, Cllr Clarke, SNC
2. **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.
3. **RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 - A RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING** was passed – Proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Burgoyne .
4. **CLERK'S / CHAIR'S REPORT**  
*Chairman – Grant Applications being made for Community Grant*  
*Clerk: -*

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*Mr Manson correspondence re hiring a barrister specialising in Planning issues - Proposed Rail Freight Interchanges. Cllr Hillier questioned whether a legal expert would be necessary. Cllr Lee explained that it was and does know a Planning barrister.*

Actions carried out as per last meeting

5. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS** – SNC councillors not present.

6. **Canal Parish Partnership - Mike Holton Chairman of the Canal Parish Partnership** was to speak on the Canal Festival – not present. Date of festival is 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> August.

Cllr Burgoyne reported on the meeting she had attended. A new committee has formed with different backgrounds of members able to offer different aspects. Seems to have had a good handover. Expecting 20000 visitors each day of festival. It is looking at why some areas in the festival were not visited so much. Various organisations been contacted. Insurance being sought. They will be looking for volunteers.

The group is looking at working parties for the spinney. They have contacted Stoke Bruerne Partnership to work with them.

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

- i) Correspondence from Rail Central (Ashfield Land) asking for provisional arrangements to hold the Phase Two consultation for Rail Central from 15 March to 23 April.
- ii) Ashfield Land - Ben Copithorn has informed PC that the next meeting for the LLG will take place on Thursday 8 March at 6.30pm – 8pm (at the Walnut Tree Inn, Blisworth, NN7 3DS).  
The focus for the meeting will be to explain what's involved in the Phase Two consultation and how that will happen, to provide an update on technical work and scheme design development, and discuss questions. Mark is hoping as many people as possible will attend.
- iii) Report from SRC meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> February
- iv) Request from Cllr Kennedy to bring thoughts to this meeting - SNC and Stop Rail Central want to know how the Parish Councillors feel about the IMPACT that one or both of the proposed Rail Freight interchanges will cause us as villagers/residents.  
Cllr Kennedy explained that SNC has to put in a 'local impact report'. The thoughts and feelings of the locals would then go to Planning inspectorate. Cllr Kennedy will liaise with Cllr Billing on technicalities of diesel engines etc. She has received comments from Cllrs Burgoyne and Hawkins.
- v) Rail Central – update – Ashfield Land partners with Gazeley (see correspondence)

Brian Mayland's spoke briefly of his suggestion for a Blisworth bypass to reduce traffic through village if RFT does go ahead.

## 8. PLANNING

**Correspondence sent to Wayne Campbell - Re. Planning Application No.S/2018/1&4/COND. Orbit Homes re the removal of condition 20 and to allow site construction traffic to use Chapel Lane and Little Lane as an access route to the site.**

- **Applications for circulation:**

- i) Application No. S/2018/0399/LBC  
Proposal TV satellite dish to the rear  
Location Elm Tree House 11 Courteenhall Road  
No objections – **Clerk** to submit comments to SNC
- ii) Application No S/2018/0503/FUL  
Replacement flat roof of garage with pitched roof  
Location – 10 Eastfield NN7 3DH  
No objections – **Clerk** to submit comments to SNC

**See Planning Register below for details.**

- 9. COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS** - The Church and Village Hall and Playing Field Association have applied and written to PC for its support for their projects. Clerk had circulated a letter of support from the PC for the VHPFA for a new roof for the Village Hall. The application for the grant has now been submitted.

**Parish Council considered using their funds to support the maintenance and repair of the Church Clock as it is the only public clock in the parish and the PC has a power under which this expenditure could be made.**

John Smith gave a brief report on state of the clock and what would have to be done to repair it. Smith of Derby would do the work and the cost involved are £350 + VAT and £3050 + VAT for repairs. The Parish Council agreed to wait until a response is obtained from SNC as to whether they have the funds from the Community Fund and then the Council would decide how much it would be willing to fund.

## 10. LOCAL MATTERS

- i. **Footpaths** –no reports of any problems
- ii. **Lighting** – Correspondence from resident at 86 Connegar Leys re the moving/shielding of street light, Cllr Gardner reported that the light was put up in 1953 and is on a concrete post. The idea is to modernise it, with a new pole and he felt it should be moved to the junction where it would be more effective. He is awaiting a quote for this from Aylesbury Mains. It was suggested that the PC could consider using the community grant to pay for it. Cllrs Gardner and Kennedy had looked at it in its present position and the light from it is very minimal.

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**Clerk to respond** to resident that matter has been discussed and at present light is to remain where it is.

iii. **Play Area –**

- Update on installation Community fund grant has been offered by SNC and accepted by Blisworth PC
- Wicksteed - Annual Inspection of Playgrounds Reminder – **Clerk** to order.
- Reports of any issues – Report from Cllr Dalton – not present

iv. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – reports circulated, **Cllr Burgoyne** will ask Philip Thornton to circulate a report.

v. **Highways**

- NCC have received a request for a no parking order for: Chapel Lane, Little Lane, High Street, Church Lane, Towcester Road, Gayton Road and Stoke Road in Blisworth will all including within the order which will commence 17-19<sup>th</sup> August 2018. (for Canal Festival) – been circulated by Clerk
- Urgent Report to Street Doctor High Street drains left in dangerous state – reported by Clerk via Chairman – 16.2.18. The Chairman reported that the work was done.

11. **ALLOTMENTS – Update** - £260 banked including £150 from Football Club.

12. **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Out:**

- i. **Wayne Campbell , SNC** - Re. Planning Application No.S/2018/1&4/COND. Orbit Homes
- ii. **NCC** - Re. Petition of Blisworth Village Roads. Your Response 24<sup>th</sup> May2017
- iii. **Harlyn Enterprises** - to thank them for donation of £250
- iv. **SNC** – Application (and subsequent acceptance of offer) for a grant to the new Blisworth Community Fund for the play area
- v. **Blisworth Football Club** – Generic letter of support of the Football Club grant applications.

**In and circulated:(not covered elsewhere in agenda):**

- i. **Cllr Jeffery** – stating that he wishes to resign at the AGM in May
- ii. **Cllr Burgoyne** – summary of Brian Mayland's suggestion for a Blisworth bypass to reduce traffic through village if RFT does go ahead
- iii. **Mr Hayward** (resident) - Exit Polls for Stop Rail Central - can you help?
- iv. **Rail Central** - appropriate venues in Blisworth to hold consultation materials
- v. **SRC** - Meeting at Royal Oak,12th February
- vi. **SNC** - 2018 Funding Fair at Towcester Racecourse Wednesday 16 May 2018
- vii. **Rail Central** Liaison meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March
- viii. **NCALC** - 2018 Training Courses
- ix. **NCC** – Library Plus Mobile Library Service - immediate withdrawal of service – **Clerk** to find out what happens to books that are out
- x. **NCALC** - Additional Courses
- xi. **SNC** - SNC Peer Challenge - final report

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- xii. **St John's the Baptist Church** – request to make use of stone from closed cemetery for repairs to Church yard wall. Parish Council has requested evidence from the Diocese to say that they have taken the stone for the church. **Clerk** to write to Richard Ormston Diocese to obtain indemnity that they would replace the stone if it was needed for the cemetery wall. **Cllr Kennedy** will word the letter and send to Clerk.
- xiii. **Keep Britain Tidy** - Register Your Parish Council for #GBSpringClean – Cllr Hillier has looked at the website.
- xiv. **SNC**, Sarah Burns - Community grant scheme flow chart on how grants are allocated.
- xv. **Rail Central** – update – Ashfield Land partners with Gazeley
- xvi. Consideration of request for entry in R and A for a license notification for village wine business. (now too late for R and A). PC concerned about a lot of adverts in R and A. PC not in favour of the principle of advertising in R and A.

### 13. PARISH PLAN PROGRESS GROUP - Report – Ann North

#### Secretary

##### *Litter campaign*

*The Campaign is gaining pace and the trial area for litter picking on Station Road has been extended to other areas of the village. Volunteers have come forward for many of them but are still needed for Courteenhall Road, Buttmead, Connegar Leys and Windmill Avenue. Litter pickers have been purchased and as sack hoops were unavailable Tony has made them for £2.39 a hoop. Some more substantial pickers will be needed.*

*The Citizen Scheme is progressing and the badge making machine has been purchased. The badge design is reaching final approval and certificates and badges should be issued by Easter.*

*The badge maker will be a village asset and available for other organisations. The kind donation from a resident in Station Road is being well spent as is the Litter Heroes award. There may be other expenses in the future in order to keep momentum.*

##### *Old Cemetery*

*A request for volunteers to help in the Old Cemetery has been placed in Round and About. It is hoped that more graves will be tended and there will be more assistance with the seasonal jobs such as raking and cutting back.*

**Badge machine purchased for village organisations £409.11**

### 14. GRASS cutting contract for 2018

Parish Council to confirm that contract with Alleasons is just for this year – 2018 and issue a contract between PC and Allseasons to this effect. Contractor not well at present but Cllr Jeffery will get in touch next week.

### 15. FINANCE

#### Payments – for approval:

Chq	Payee	Detail	Total £	Net £	VAT £
641	AH Contracts	Dog bins			
642	Bartley Landscapes	High St planters	480.00		
643	V Hartley	Sal for Feb	560.20		
644	HMRC	Tax for Feb	61.80		
645	Blank Products	Badges for litter pickers	305.91		
646	Aylesbury Mains	Rrs to PL 19, Windmill	159.12	132.60	26.52

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		Av and Station Rd (inv17962,17989)			
647	V.Hartley	Exps, stationery, bband, tel	522.62		
648	cancelled				
649	Shire Lumdsen	R and A	120.00		

## OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Bank Balance of Current Account at Feb 24<sup>th</sup> - £21714.28
- Cllr Kennedy is looking into switching Electricity suppliers to go on **next agenda**

## 16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

### Cllr Gardner –

- The 'gravel' in the pot holes has now lifted due to the snow
- PL towards playing field – to be replaced (now E-on know where it is, just awaiting connection)

### Cllr Field -

- Blisworth has highest figures for speeding

### Cllr Burgoyne –

- Enquired as to whether the shrubs in cemetery are alive

### Cllr Hawkins –

- Wondered if new head of school might want to have an allotment. Cllr Billing confirmed that there is one recently vacated which would be good.

### Cllr Jeffery

- Wondered if the grit bins needed filling? Cllr Billing confirmed that they were full

### Cllr Billing

- Thanks to Cllr Jeffery for all his work on the council.

## 17. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT and FUTURE MEETINGS – 7.30 pm 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 6pm

May 15<sup>th</sup> (please note this meeting has been altered from the minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> February)

June 4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> October
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	5 <sup>th</sup> November
6 <sup>th</sup> August if it needs to be held?	3 <sup>rd</sup> December
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	

## 18. PUBLIC SESSION

Jane Percival -Need photos improved in upstairs room of the village hall!  
Jane Percival to ask village if they have any stone for the church

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