

# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> April 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  
Cllr Dalton

8 members of the public including PCSO Peter Firth

### 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 A Anderson, 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> MARCH 2018 - A RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING** was passed – Proposed by Cllr Billing and seconded by Cllr Jeffery .
4. **CLERK'S / CHAIR'S REPORT**

Actions carried out as per last meeting.

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NCALC have said they will send the Service Level Agreement and sign-up form for their new Data Protection Officer (DPO) Service after Easter. So as advised this will be on the **next agenda**.

## 5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Chapel lane Blisworth Conditions – Cllr Clarke did not report on correspondence circulated to councillors from Wayne Campbell, SNC Planning Officer – not present. See Planning item below.

### Report from local Community Police Officer – Peter Firth

- Annual Report circulated. Theft from and of vehicles has been bad this year but has reduced since raid in February.
- Reported crime is down.
- Thefts from HGVs fall into Blisworth area and this skews information. Domestic crime is not reported.
- Blue butterfly Project – been to schools
- All crime is recorded on - [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) and the advice was to follow Neighbourhood Alert. Needs detail for effective reporting
- A resident complained that Action Fraud is very slow and actually ineffective Need to be a victim for reporting fraud on line.

6. **Mike Halton Chairman of the Canal Parish Partnership** to speak on Canal Festival –reported at APM prior to this meeting. Arrangements going ahead well.

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

- i) Rail Central Local Liaison Group meeting - 8 March - summary note and reminder of Phase Two consultation, circulated  
The focus for the meeting was to explain what is 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.
- ii) IMPACT report of one or both of the proposed Rail Freight interchanges will cause residents – Cllr Kennedy reported – this has been done for Roxhill now need one for Rail Central. Requested *personal* accounts of why the development is not wanted. Trains might go through every 3 minutes. No plan for restoring back to farm land when not required in years to come. Flooding may be an issue.
- iii) ‘Rail Central Rail Freight Interchange and Highway Order’ - circulated and copies gone to Cllr Kennedy with memory sticks.  
Clerk has requested information as to why they have identified the allotments and football field as relevant to the development? – no response as yet. (Cllr Field stated that this land is owned by ‘Fields in Trust’)
- iv) **Rail Central Local Liaison Group - March update and Phase Two consultation – update from Ben Copithorne – circulated**  
**Phase Two consultation material is available**

<http://www.railcentral.com/project-library/phase-two-consultation/>

**Clerk** to Update consultation on Phase 1 and respond by April 23<sup>rd</sup>

## 8. PLANNING

Chapel Lane – Grave concern by Council re the relaxation of condition 20 requiring an access road on the grounds that it involves a 3<sup>rd</sup> party as the applicant does not own the land. Also proposed that residents who live in the lane will not be able to park in the road during the day.

Read letter from Wayne Campbell re variation. Chairman had tried to get Cllr Clarke from SNC but unable to attend. Proposed an Extraordinary meeting when he is available. Initially need to find out if there has been a mistake in law – Cllr Lee will word a letter, which **Clerk** will send and then **Clerk** to request an open meeting with Wayne Campbell and Andy Preston

Applications for circulation:

- Application No. S/2018/0512/FUL, Proposal - Single storey front extension.  
Location: 7 Eastfield Blisworth NN7 3DH  
No objections – **Clerk** to report

See Planning Register below for details.

## 9. COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS – no information as yet.

## 10. LOCAL MATTERS

- i. **Footpaths** –reports of any problems
- ii. **Lighting** –
  - Correspondence from resident at 86 Connegar Leys re the moving/shielding of street light, Cllr Kennedy reported that it is very dim. Cost of shield is £90 + VAT. Suggested she word a letter to say that resident could pay themselves. (PC would pay VAT) . Quote for moving it was over £5000. **Clerk** will send.
  - Light out reported in 49 Connegar Leys – still not repaired.
  - 12 Connegar Leys also out – reported – not repaired as yet.
- iii. **Play Area** –
  - Annual Inspection – no issues raised requiring attention, report circulated
  - Reports of any issues – Report from Cllr Dalton. Recommended having a notice with full address and post code for use in an emergency. Agreed that this should go ahead. **Cllr Dalton** will price up signs.
  - Kompan will install new equipment on 20.4.18

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- iv. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – reports circulated
- v. **Highways** –
  - Plant Lux have requested an off peak closure of section of Stoke Road to allow BT to carry out underground works. Expected road will be closed from the 9<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 between 09.30 and 15.30.

11. **Stones in Churchyard** –

- a) Email from John Smith (Church Warden) to June Hawkins - to try and encourage a closer working relationship on joint matters of concern between the parish council and St John the Baptist church
- b) From Parish Council to Venerable Archdeacon – request for reassurance that *some* stone will be retained for the Parish Council on the grounds of the cemetery for future repairs of its wall should it be necessary.
- c) Email received from Venerable Archdeacon –confirming that some stone will be taken for the church yard wall and some will be retained by the PC for repair to the cemetery wall. (this was copied to the Rector and John Smith, Church Warden.  
Matter closed.

12. **DOG BINS – A NEW CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED AS Anthony Harris from AH CONTRACTS IS RETIRING ON HEALTH GROUNDS from 9.4.18 Clerk has contacted Marcus Young who is fully licenced and charges £2.50 per bin as an annual charge.**  
**Clerk to offer to pay quarterly up front only and see how it goes.**

13. **ALLOTMENTS – Update** – Parking problems when football playing. New tenant for allotment. Cllr Jeffery will do a sign and **Clerk** will write to Football club.

12. **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Out:**

- i. **Stuart Manson Milton Malsor PC** – notification of Stop Rail meeting
- ii. **Archdeacon** - re stones – see item 10-
- iii. **Mr Hayward** – thank you letter from Chairman for VAS data.

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

- i. Consultation on the provision and delivery of Universal Children's Services and de-designation of Children Centres in Northamptonshire 2018
- ii. Northants CALC eUpdate - Mar/Apr 2018
- iii. Philip Hayward - Vehicle Activated Speed device Stoke Road, data. Hard copy to Cllr Dalton. Graham Juffs is willing to help with Speed Watch.

- iv. GDPR info received – for next meeting. **Clerk will submit** a bit for R and A informing clubs to go on ICO website re the GDPR as it is their responsibility.

**13. PARISH PLAN PROGRESS GROUP – Report see appended – £200 proposed for Annual contribution for PG proposed – Cllr Billing, seconded Cllr Jeffery**

**14. GRASS cutting contract for 2018**

Parish Council confirmed that contract with Alleasons is just for this year – 2018 and contract will be issued between PC and Allseasons by **Clerk** to this effect.

**15. FINANCE**

**Payments – for approval:**

Chq	Payee	Detail	Total	VAT
650	AH Contracts	Emptying dog bins – Mar	£133.39	£22.23
651	B Osborne	Pay roll to 31.3.18	£60.00	
652	V Hartley	Sal for Mar	£ 560.20	
653	HMRC	Tax for Mar	£ 61.80	
654	Tony Hillier	Re-imberse for litter equipment (against donation)	£220.00	
655	Anglian Water	First 'Wave' bill	£120.85	
656	Mrs Cox	Replace chq 645	£305.91	

**OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- Bank Balance of Current Account at Mar 24<sup>th</sup> - £19660.76
  - Cllr Kennedy is looking into switching Electricity tariffs with E-on. E-on's energy prices are increasing from 9.4.18 from 15.75 to 17.90p per kWh.  
Price comparison - £15.81 for 12month  
£15.47 for 24 months  
£15.24 for 36
- It was agreed that **Cllr Kennedy** would arrange for the 36month fixed price and she would write to them.
- New Homes Bonus Local Community Grant budget notification for 2018-19 - £1450

**16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS**

**Cllr Field**

**Clerk** to resend letter to Adam Brown from NCC re pot holes

**Cllr Billing had received:**

- Complaints re parking in Pond Bank
- Complaints re use of generators on canal boats – Canal and River Trust issue

**Cllr Jeffery** – internal control - new person (ICO) needs appointing

**Cllr Dalton** – had scrutinised data from VAS machine from Mr Hayward and gave a summary of the information

- average speed of nearly 40mph.
- Highest speed 71mph.

- machine is 100 metres beyond tunnel entrance.
- 71% of vehicles exceeded speed limit in Feb.
- Machine can be disrupted by cars moving away from it.

### **17. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT and FUTURE MEETINGS – 7.30 pm 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018, (AGM)**

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**

- If further building in Lady field will sewers cope ?
- New photos needed for Village Hall.
- New councillors needed.
- Money for new Homes Bonus – are Buttmead garage conversions and buildings at Grafton House included? **Clerk** to find out.
- **Clerk** to find out from Grand union Homes to see if they are going to add lights

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