

BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 6th August 2018

Held in the Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr Hawkins Chairman
Cllr Kennedy Vice Chairman
Cllr Field
Cllr Billing
Cllr Bunker
Cllr Hillier
Cllr Gardner
Cllr D Dalton

Cllr H Davies, SNC
Cllr A Brown, NCC
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** – The following apologies were received:
Cllr Burgoyne, 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 2nd JULY 2018** – the minutes were corrected. **A RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING** was passed – Proposed by Cllr Field and seconded by Cllr Kennedy.
4. **CLERK'S / CHAIR'S REPORT**
Actions carried out as per last meeting.

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- Clerk attended meeting at Forum re re-organisation of councils on 3.7.18
- ACRE AGM - Wednesday 22nd August 2018, 12.15pm, Low Barn, Hunsbury Hill Centre, Northampton. NN4 9QX – **Clerk** to send to A North.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Report from Cllr Adam Brown, NCC

NCC – Unitary Authority – consultation ended. He will get a briefing next week and will circulate to PCs. Lack of assurance from central government. Their proposals may be rejected. If local people do not want it he may consider voting against proposals. New leader of the council been appointed.

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

- **Rail Central - Local Liaison Group** – Report from July meeting and response from Mark Redding (circulated). Questions not answered, maps not clear.
Rail Central will apply for their Development Consent Order very soon. SRC will let everyone know when the time is right to register our objections.
- The Council agreed to purchase 10 posters and 300 small leaflets for the Canal Festival Stop Rail Central stand. These showed the accumulative impact of both SFRI proposal sites. Further leaflets will be needed to guide residents will need to be funded at a later stage.

7. PLANNING

- i) **Chapel Lane – Parking restrictions during building** – Letter of concern sent to M Draper, NCC Highways on 3rd July.
Site meeting with Gary Thorp, NCC Highways, Cllr Clarke and Cllr Brown, Cllrs Billing, Hawkins and Clerk held on 24.7.18. A letter has been sent on 27th July to Gary Thorp further to that meeting by PC with its concerns Gary is now taking issue up with 'NCC Development Control Department'.

Also response to PC's letter of 3rd July from Cllr Ian Morris, Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment at NCC had responded to PC concerns that there was little that can be done to alter the decisions being made over parking.

Clerk had invited Chris Bond, Martin Draper, Gary Thorp, Adam Brown, NCC and Steve Clarke but only Cllr Adam Brown could attend this PC meeting.

Cllr Brown reported response from Martin Draper. (see email). This was in line with response from Ian Morris:

This matter is essentially out of our hands as the developer has a valid planning consent as varied by the Inspector, (whatever the rights or wrongs of that decision) which removed any alternative construction routing such that Chapel Lane etc is the only option.

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Secondly, SNC have discharged the associated condition and as such if the developer cannot comply with their consent as discharged that is a matter for SNC to consider and enforce should they consider it expedient to do so.

NH's role is only to facilitate what has consent which includes the S278 works and the TTRO restricting parking between 10:00 and 14:00.

Conflicts between vehicles and other users and suitability of the route were considered by the Inspector and irrespective what we may think they gained consent and their condition got varied.

Adam Brown suggested involving Andrea Leadsom MP and will write to her for support.

Discussion followed:

Cllr Billing – chaos will ensue as apparently nursery has had letters saying people can park on road while dropping off and picking up children. This will result in lorries being held up.

Cllr Kennedy - Has Risk Assessment been carried out? Access was always supposed to be from Northampton Road.

Cllr Billing wanted it passed back to NCC that officers have been incompetent.

PC must be vigilant on traffic movements

Cllr Davies offered to take up the issues raised to relevant SNC officers. Clerk to send email.

Cllr Bunker – letter should go to say Parking is unacceptable. Also should request that bell mouth on Little Lane is re-instated.

Cllr Davies suggested that when work starts on the site, two councillors should be on site everyday to check what is being done. Need a plan as to what has to be worked to – so many variances have taken place that it is difficult to know what is allowed.

For circulation, discussion and comment –

Application No. S/2018/1623/FUL Proposal Erection of dwelling and detached garage (Resubmission of Plot 1 of approved application reference S/2014/0090/FUL) Location 30 Stoke Road.

Variance in conditions – no objections from PC **Clerk** to submit response.

Grafton House, Gayton Road – no objections from PC to variations – **Clerk** to submit response

See Planning Register below for details of other applications

8. **COMMUNITY TRANSPORT – ‘ABILITY’** is in the process of establishing a Community Transport scheme within the South Northants area and are seeking funding .The proposed route for the new community bus will include Blisworth in Phase 1. They are in consultation with both NCC Highways and SNC, who both

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agree such service is needed and fully support the scheme. Blisworth has been identified as desperately in need of some urgent support. The application to register this as a social enterprise has been submitted and they are keen to raise funds, and have identified some suitable 15 – 17 seater accessible minibuses.

Council to decide if they wish to support project – initially invitation to a meeting?

A lively discussion but felt no information had been made available. Cllr Bunker will write to Agility and get more information.

9. LOCAL MATTERS

- i. **Footpaths** –reports of any problems – Cllr Billing had tried to find the footpath which had been in question last time.
RD9 - Small Horse chestnut tree blocking path near to the Willows
RD9 - Path has become unusable and very muddy Clerk to contact farmer.
- ii. **Lighting** – Western Power and Aylesbury Mains Ltd have liaised regarding the new street lighting connection at the football club and added it to Unmetered Supply Certificate.to connect.
 The Light belongs to E-on and needs a certificate to connect. **Clerk** to send a letter to Aylesbury Mains and E-on to request connection stating that the light is under the auspices of the PC.
- iii. **Play Area** – Reports of any issues – Cllr Dalton had nothing to report.
- iv. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – reports circulated
- v. **Highways**
 - Action needed on the verge to the right of **the Canal car park** (this Parish responsibility as it is within the 30mph zone – **Clerk** to ask Lees to cut hedge asap as dangerous and if necessary then ask Allseasons to cut verge asap.
 - **Notice from Kerry Palmer, NCC** - TTO 18-19-695 Stoke Road Blisworth, road will be closed 6/8th August for repairs
- vi. **Allotments** – report from meeting with Steve Billing, Clerk and Jane Hill
 Difficult to see boundaries but productive meeting.

10.COMMUNICATIONS (not mentioned elsewhere on agenda)

Out

- i) Martin Draper, NCC – re concerns over Chapel Lane parking issues
- ii) Gary Thorp, NCC Highways- correspondence re site meeting and response after site meeting

In and circulated to PC:

- iii) **Ability Project** – Community Transport Project, Information survey complete
- iv) **NCALC** – Update
- v) **NCALC - Notice of Annual General Meeting - 6 October 2018**
- vi) **RAIL CENTRAL** - Local Liaison Group - summary note of 17 July meeting
- vii) OPFA South Northants Newsletter Summer 2018 & Arts in South Northants
- viii) **SNC - update from Cllr Ian McCord, Leader of South Northants Council** – update on position of SNC regarding re-organisation.

11.PARISH PLAN PROGRESS GROUP - Report – see appendix

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12. FINANCE

Payments approved:

Chq	Payee	Detail	Total	NET	VAT
682	P Kennedy	Laminating RF plans	17.40		
683	Friends of Roade Library	(S137 donation)	300.00		
684	V Hartley	July Pay	637.65		
685	HMRC	July tax	40.60		
686	P Kennedy	Planters (Installation etc)	20.00		
687	Allseasons	July mowing	270.00	45.00	225.00
688	Flowercraft	supplying planters	282.50		
689	Aylesbury Mains	Repairs	586.44	485.50	100.94
690	E-on	Supplies	1493.06	1244.21	248.85

OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

- Bank Balance of Current Account at July 24th - £26,920.47
- Received Parish Field rent for 17/18 – £300
- Purchase of computer for Clerk –the Parish Council agreed to re-imburse Clerk with cost as Curry's will not accept a cheque. Help in setting up could besought from Paul Dards edits Grass.
Clerk to spend approximately £400 on new computer.

13. **ROADE LIBRARY CLOSURE** – Agreed that a cheque for £300 be paid. (payee – Friends of Roade Library).

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS

CG – why are all village exits on to A43 blocked for road works in Towcester. Argued it was done because of extra traffic using A43 for safety. Has been opened at times (for Grand Prix).

MF High Street bushes need cutting back on narrow footpath – particularly 21

DD – Red Ensign Day – Nick Wreford and Bud Rose may fly flag.

SB – Further councillor required for Planning Committee – Cllr Bunker agreed to take position.

TH – Temporary signs – clarification from NCC required – signs are too distracting unless you pay? He will write a letter and pass to clerk for sending.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT and FUTURE MEETINGS – 7.30 pm 3rd September 2018,

1st October

5th November

3rd December

16. PUBLIC SESSION

- Could PC write to NCC Highways requesting that exits from A43 open for Canal Festival.
- Andrew Vincent spoke about becoming a Parish Councillor. He can be co-opted at next meeting –agenda item.
- 26 Buttmead leaving bins out - **clerk** to report to SNC

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- Canal Festival - Chairman stated that the Road Gap closure from A43 and Parking restrictions on Stoke Road for emergency vehicles has been enforced by NCC Highways during the festival and has not been at the request of the Canal Festival Committee. (this happened in Jan 2018) BBC broadcasting from 9 am on the Sunday. Train will be available. Request for Les Carter to side out High Street and road down to Pond Bank.
- Green area at junction of Buttmead and Connegar Leys – conflict between householders and young children playing football – Chairman will put in R and A report stating that car owners have no right to park on NCC land. Children not old enough to play at Football fields.

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Planning Register at 30.7.18

Application Number	Location	Proposal	Received 	Status
<u>S/2018/1654/TCA</u>	Church House 1 Church Lane Blisworth NN7 3BX	Copper Beech - complete removal.	19/07/2018	3 - Case Officer Allocated
<u>S/2018/1623/FUL</u>	30 Stoke Road Blisworth NN7 3BZ	Erection of dwelling and detached garage (Resubmission of Plot 1 of approved application reference S/2014/0090/FUL)	11/07/2018	5 - Site Visit Complete by case officer
<u>S/2018/1583/TCA</u>	Crieff House 1 Stoke Road Blisworth NN7 3BZ	Fell 1 sycamore tree	09/07/2018	3 - Case Officer Allocated

REPORT FROM BLISWORTH PROGRESS GROUP August 18

Survey Group

The Village Hall has been booked for the Open Weekend about the Village Survey on 22nd and 23rd September. A flier is being designed which will be inserted in the September/October issue of R&A. Shire Lumsden will be asked to do sufficient copies in colour. We would appreciate these being funded by the Parish Council.

100 the anniversary of the end of WW1

The Group discussed some suggestions for a commemoration and it is hoped that some of the village organisations will agree to make poppies for display either on some of the lamp posts or on the street signs. A booklet could be produced giving details of those from the village who lost their lives in WW1 and copies given to the families. Heritage Society has all the information from a talk given by them on the subject. A wreath with the names of those who died could be laid at the service on 11th November.

Representations about the effect of the proposed Roxhill Site

All members were reminded of the need to register their objections by 4th August.

Ann North

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**Secretary
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