



BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 5th August 2019

Held in Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present:

Cllr Billing
Cllr Hillier
Cllr Bunker
Cllr Dalton
Cllr Field
Cllr Gardner

Cllr S Clarke, SNC

Cllr A Brown, NCC

Clerk and 7 members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS:

In the last item on the agenda of the 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. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – Cllr Bunker was elected, proposed by Cllr Billing , seconded Cllr Field.**
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –** The following apologies were received: Cllr Hawkins, Cllr Brown NCC, Cllr Davies SNC
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS –** members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any items under consideration at this meeting.
Cllr Hillier declared an interest in Planning item – S/2019/1361/TPO
4. **RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 1.7.19**
The minutes were corrected, approved and signed by the Chairman.

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5. **CLERK'S/CHAIR'S REPORT** - Actions carried out as per last meeting
 Clerk had attended Clerk's day, 16.7.19, topics covered:
- Update on the progress of Local Government Reorganisation
 - South Northants Sport & Leisure Strategy - a new Sport & Leisure Strategy - consultation – on agenda
 - Cyber Awareness for Parishes
 - Information on the protection of trees will be circulated – Clerk reiterated to the Council that legal protection is only afforded by a Tree Preservation Order or the siting within a Conservation Area

6. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Cllr S Clarke

- South Northants Sport & Leisure Strategy - a new Sport & Leisure Strategy -consultation
- West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan - Discussion evolved re the Chapel Lane development with fewer affordable houses than originally proposed which Cllr Clarke stated was what government policy dictated. Cllr Hillier stated that it should be affordable rented housing as well as purchasing costs of property.
- SNC launches £25000 investigation into Climate change.

Cllr A Brown :

- New government since last meeting.
- PC elections next year, not district councils.
- NCC – Ofsted report on Child Services – identified improvements but overall still rated as inadequate.
- Invited any councillor for a meeting with him if wished – arrange through Clerk
- Funds for road repairs which had been promised now not forth coming

7. **MOORING OF BOATS AND FUMES** – PC applied to Canal and River Trust for consideration of having shorter term visitor moorings in the area. At present it is 14 days – Clerk has sent further request to George Dickenson at CRT and main offices and is awaiting response. Clerk reported that the imposition of 48 hour limit is unlikely to be granted as it is only used in busy places such as Stoke Bruerne. It is also not enforceable in the winter months.
Clerk to pursue.

8. **RELOCATION OF VAS DEVICE FOR STOKE ROAD** – Clerk has contacted NCC who are happy to change licence but had stressed the VAS cannot be put on a speed limit post. The information was passed to Cllr Dalton who reminded the Council that there is already a static one in Stoke Road, however it has not been working. (This has its own post). It would cost approximately £600 to install a post.
 Cllr Billing suggested that **Clerk** ask if NCC (Steve Barber and Kerry Palmer) would be willing to move the device to suitable place on road.

9. **CHAPEL LANE STREET LIGHTING** – Parish Council have had an offer from the developers who are proposing to make a payment of a commuted sum to assist with running costs of lighting – Clerk has requested more information. Cllr Bunker reported that he had spoken to developer who will try to come back with further information for next meeting. Cllr Clarke stated that lighting was not part of Section 106 agreement so it should not impact on any forthcoming funds from that source.

Clerk to find out from Paul Seckington, Planning Officer, what was stated about lighting in the original application. Question as to whether development was all private or part Housing Association and therefore not the sole responsibility of the PC.

10. **GDPR** – Clerk has circulated policies for Council to decide whether they are willing to adopt or not further to advice from NCALC.

PC agreed to re-adopt the GDPR Policies as per the Annual meeting. Not all councillors felt they could sign the Security Compliance Checklist due to the use of shared computers. It was agreed that the **Clerk** ask NCALC if they would be willing to attend a meeting and address the subject

11. ELECTRONIC PLANNING CONSULTATION

The Clerk has circulated information about this item:

Council to decide whether to apply for New Homes Bonus Local Community Grant for a laptop, projector and projector screen.

It was agreed that the council apply for the grant. **Clerk** to complete form and submit. Storage of equipment could be an issue.

- *(SNC had stated that there is no plan to stop providing hard copy planning consultation documentation by a set date. SNC are encouraging accepting all documentation electronically by offering support.*
- *The grant scheme has not been ringfenced. Providing that the grant scheme is still running, the grant can be applied for at a later date. The benefit of applying for the grant now is that SNC are offering support through the process by identifying suitable equipment/an appropriate supplier and training).*

12. **ROUND AND ABOUT REPORT** – Council to decide which councillor should write the report. Chairman generally has done report. **Cllr Hillier** agreed to take this roll.

13. **RAIL FREIGHT TERMINALS** – Update – Planning Inspectorate has concluded its examination of the Roxhill Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange and warehouse development on farmland adjoining Junction 15 of the M1. The Inspectorate has now sent its recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport for a final decision (9.10.19)
Cllr Hillier stated that it was disappointing that there was very little content on Rail Freight terminal in the latest West Northants Planning Strategy despite stating that countryside should be conserved.

14. **GRASS CUTTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2019** – Clerk produced map for each councillor to peruse with a view to what should be cut. This map will be used to help form the contract and tendering process for 2020.

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- **Re-surfacing of Buttmead and Connegar Leys** - Kerry Palmer from NCC has written informing the PC that Buttmead and Connegar Leys will be closed 7th October to 2nd November between 0800-1700 to allow for carriageway resurfacing to take place.
- **Stoke Road pavement next to allotments overgrown** – Clerk has reported to ‘Fix My Street’ and response received from Helen Howard that it is the responsibility of the owners of the Allotment field and agreed to relay more information after this meeting. **Clerk** to respond that hedge has been cleared but footpath needs clearing.
- **Relocation of VAS Device in Stoke Road** – Clerk has written to Kerry Palmer who is happy to change licence – see earlier
- A discussion ensued **Clerk** to request extension of speed limit down Northampton Road to Railway cottages including Station road. Also **Clerk** to request extension of speed limits up to Gayton Road fork beyond Pond Bank.

16. PLANNING –

- Planning Inspectorate APP/Z2830/W/18/3218810: 11 Greenside, NN7 3BY – appeal dismissed
- See Planning Register below for details of applications presently under consultation.

S/2019/1444/FUL 8 Greenaway Close Blisworth NN7 3EJ Two storey side and rear extensions
No objections – **Clerk** to submit response

S/2019/1361/TPO 15 Station Road, NN7 3DS Works to TPO trees
No objections – **Clerk** to submit response

S/2019/1330/TPO Canal House, Blisworth Arm, NN7 3EF Reduce copper beech by 2m
No objections – **Clerk** to submit response

S/2019/1303/LBC 83 Stoke Road NN7 3BZ Re-roof 2 attached outbuildings
No objections – **Clerk** to submit response

S/2019/1160/FUL - land East of the Old Dairy – this had been referred back to SNC requesting more information. **Clerk** to request further extension.

17. Footpaths –

Reports of any problems – Cllr Dalton had received complaint from resident adjacent to RD2 – large hawthorn(s) which are encroaching on their property. (inside bridleway next to Dog bin). Council suggested getting quote from contractors to work on it but then agreed **Clerk** to report to NCC initially and request they cut it back.

18. Lighting –

- Lights out reported: none
- Clerk has re-requested map and numbering information from Aylesbury Mains. This has been sent to Cllr Gardner who will circulate to councillors. Council may consider replacing lights with more modern LEDs in the future.

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19. **Play Area – Reports of any issues** – Cllr Dalton reported that he had fitted a new spring to the gate

20. **CONSULTATION - South Northants Draft Sport and Leisure Strategy 2018-2014, 'Active Lives for Everybody'** – This had been circulated, it was agreed councillors would read it and come back to next meeting for Clerk to respond.

21. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – Co-ordinator needed. The **Clerk** will check to see if she is able to circulate information she receives through Gayton PC.

22. **COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH 2019** – Report circulated with 1.7.19 minutes. Cllr Dalton has thanked Graham Juffs for all his work and efforts. Equipment is to be borrowed again in September.

23. **COMMUNICATIONS (not mentioned elsewhere on the agenda)**

OUT: CRT re licence

IN:

- i. **SNC – notice of impending removal of Royal Oak from Register of Asset of Community Value on 9.9.19** – The Council agreed that the **Clerk** request the nomination forms and renew.
- ii. **NCALC** – Updates
- iii. **Resident** - Photos of vegetation crowding pavement in Stoke Road alongside allotments – reported to Fix my Street – 1704652.
- iv. **SNC** – Information regarding recycling by SNC
- v. **CPRE** – Clarification of purpose of CPRE.
- vi. **CPRE** - CPRE Northants October 10th 2019 Planning Roadshow
- vii. **ACRE** – Report from Elaine O’Leary on recent Network meeting, PC could add report to website

24. **NBC** - West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan - Issues Consultation – This had been circulated, it was agreed councillors would read it and come back to next meeting for Clerk to respond.

25. **PROGRESS GROUP REPORT** – attached as an addendum to minutes for this meeting.

26. **FINANCE**

Balance at 24.7.19 – 40898.84

Less unpresented payments (cheques 63,70,75)

Payments Approved:

£

£(1669.52)

5.8.19	778	ACRE	Annual Sub	£35.00		£35.00
	779	SNAST	Annual sub	£20.00		£20.00
	780	E-on	Supplies Ap - Jun	£1,524.19	£254.03	£1,270.16
	781	Shire Lumsden	R and A printing	£125.00		£125.00

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	782	Allseasons	July grass	£1092.00	£182.00	£910.00
			June grass	£570.00	£95.00	£475.00
	783	V Hartley	Sal for Jul	£583.15		£583.15
	784	HMRC	Tax for Jul	£57.60		£57.60
	785	D Dalton	Lock spring for gate	8.57		8.57
		Total		4015.51		

Monthly Standing orders for Wifi - £8.00, direct debit for internet - £8.39 and Anglian Water £54.50

Monies received:

- payment of rent for Parish field – £300
- £300 received as prize money for litter competition – ring fenced in accounts for future litter campaigns
- £24 for WW1 book.
- VAT return - £2476.26 paid into bank

Available Balance after payments made - £ 35766.92

Renewal of Virus protection on Clerk's computer – 1 Year - £31.99 – Clerk to look into sharing of cover with other councils. Clerk had also received an offer of computer insurance for £104 per annum but it was agreed that this should not be pursued.

Quote for cemetery to widen paths as per email - £95 from Allseasons – **Clerk** to accept

27. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS COMMENTS

MF - Elder trees growing on verge near Rectory in High Street need trimming back – **Clerk** to report to NCC

SBi – Football Club has cleared no 33 allotment with tractor. **Clerk** to write and request that they please re-instate the boundary fence around the allotment again by the end of August, after their unauthorised entrance to clear the long grass.

DD – trying to recruit some more councillors.

SBu – Thank organisers of Best Village for their efforts.

28. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS – 2nd September 2019.

Meeting closed at 10.30 pm

29. PUBLIC SESSION


- Some parts of RD2 have been re-metalled.
- Cobbles in Stoke Road been replaced.
- Suggestion that pollution is measured on canal from the engines which could be included in evidence to CRT for obtaining reduction in mooring times.

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Planning Register at 29.7.19

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<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Received</u> 	<u>Status</u>
<u>S/2019/1444/FUL</u>	8 Greenaway Close Blisworth NN7 3EJ	Two storey side and rear extensions	23/07/2019	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2019/1361/TPO</u>	15 Station Road Blisworth NN7 3DS	Works to TPO trees (TPO 05/2005) T1 - Fell and Removal of Mature Apple Tree, T2 - Small Eucalyptus - reduce crown by 15%, T3 - Medium Eucalyptus - reduce crown by 30%.	09/07/2019	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2019/1330/TPO</u>	Canal House Blisworth Arm Blisworth NN7 3EF	Reduce one copper beech by 2m	04/07/2019	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2019/1333/COND</u>	Sun Moon & Stars 64 High Street Blisworth NN7 3BJ	Condition 8 (Limestone Sample Panel) - Approval of details pursuant to Condition 8 of permission S/2016/0303/FUL (Conversion of Sun, Moon and Stars to 6 Flats with the construction of 2 new Maisonettes and 1 new House)	03/07/2019	3 - Case Officer Allocated
<u>S/2019/1334/COND</u>	Sun Moon & Stars 64 High Street Blisworth NN7 3BJ	Condition 9 (Slate & Ridge tile samples) - Approval of details pursuant to Condition 9 of permission S/2016/0303/FUL (Conversion of Sun, Moon and Stars to 6 Flats with the construction of 2 new Maisonettes and 1 new House)	03/07/2019	3 - Case Officer Allocated
<u>S/2019/1335/COND</u>	Sun Moon & Stars 64 High Street Blisworth NN7 3BJ	Condition 10 (Brick Sample Panel) - Approval of details pursuant to Condition 10 of permission S/2016/0303/FUL (Conversion of Sun, Moon and Stars to 6 Flats with the construction of 2 new Maisonettes and 1 new House)	03/07/2019	3 - Case Officer Allocated
<u>S/2019/1336/COND</u>	Sun Moon & Stars 64 High Street Blisworth NN7 3BJ	Condition 11 (Boundary Treatment) - Approval of details pursuant to Condition 11 of permission S/2016/0303/FUL. (Conversion of Sun, Moon and Stars to 6 Flats with the construction of 2 new Maisonettes and 1 new House)	03/07/2019	3 - Case Officer Allocated
<u>S/2019/1323/COND</u>	Sun Moon and Stars 64 High Street Blisworth NN7 3BJ	Condition 4 [Slate & ridge tile samples] - Approval of details pursuant to Condition 4 of permission S/2016/0304/LBC [Conversion of Sun, Moon and Stars to 6 Flats and the construction of 2 new Maisonettes]	02/07/2019	3 - Case Officer Allocated

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PROGRESS GROUP REPORT AUGUST 19

Dropped kerbs

Quite a lot of information has been received so we now need to use a printed map to mark on all the problem areas. There are many junctions which either have none or just one.

The Survey Group met to discuss the Housing Needs Survey and agreed that the questions in surveys compiled by local council Housing Officers do not provide the sort of information which we need. We will be looking at Neighbourhood Plans to see if they include the type of survey we require. Should we be forced to have a major development in the areas of the two proposed rail interchanges it would be helpful if we had the information on the village's needs available. We will be consulting ACRE for advice.

Extension of 30 mph limit to the Railway Arch and the Walnut Tree

We understand that the scope of the Speed Watch exercise is restricted to that proposed by the Police and Highways. The roads from the 30 mph to the Railway Arch and the Walnut Tree would not be included unless the Parish Council to write to the relevant bodies asking them to consider the dangers and gather information by the Speed Watch,

Handyman

Someone to hedge trim and clear the weeds from the pavements is needed for the village. For a small payment we are sure someone would be willing to help.

Tea and games afternoons

For sometime the Group have looking at ways to provide activities for those who are not able to easily attend village events. Estelle Rose is organising a Tea and Games afternoon at the Football Club with the help of ladies from the Football Social Club. If successful we hope it will be a regular event.

Ann North

Secretary

Progress Group

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