



# BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

Held in Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30 pm

### Present:

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

Clerk and 6 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 Hillier was elected, proposed by Cllr Bunker , seconded Cllr Field.** .
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –** The following apologies were received: Cllr Hawkins,, Cllr Brown NCC, Cllr Davies SNC, Cllr Clarke, 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.  
**None was declared.**
4. **RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 5.8.19**  
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. **CLERK’S/CHAIR’S REPORT -** Actions carried out as per last meeting.

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6. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS** Report from local Community Police Officer – none available.
7. **UPDATE ON NOTICE OF IMPENDING REMOVAL OF ROYAL OAK FROM REGISTER OF ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE – form being completed by Clerk and Mrs Ann North. Council agreed to submit as soon as possible.** Clerk stated that some aspects had not been covered in the application but it was agreed it should be submitted. **Clerk** to do so on 3.9.19.
8. **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 and received response that they will pass on concerns to the licence support team who will be able to investigate your requests.  
Response from Regional Operations Manager that they are not prepared to shorten mooring times  
It was agreed that the **Clerk** write to Environmental health Dept of SNC requesting them to take action due to pollution. Cllr Billing stated that it is illegal, under Health and Clean Air Act, to run an engine adjacent to development. Mention that PC has already contacted Canal and Rivers Trust but they were unable to help. Also to check relevance of at British Waterways Act 1995 and possibly the SNC – Health and Wellbeing Consultation.
9. **UPDATE ON REMOVAL OF TREES IN CANAL CONSERVATION AREA AT BOATYARD** – Clerk reported that Cllr Hawkins had wanted a response from Cllr Clarke. It was felt that as they were leylandii there would be little protection afforded to them.
10. **SUN, MOON AND STARS – UPDATE – UNPROTECTED TREES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM AREA WHERE HOUSES ARE TO BE BUILT. (TPO ONES INTACT).** Clerk had visited the site and met one of the developers.
11. **RELOCATION OF VAS DEVICE FOR STOKE ROAD – UPDATE**  
Steve Barber had emailed to state that it would cost £10,000 to move the device and £10,000 for hard standing. **Clerk** to question excessive cost and point out it was because of the moving of the 30 mph that resulted in its siting in the wrong place.
12. **CHAPEL LANE STREET LIGHTING** – Clerk has requested more information from Planning Officer on Planning Agreements and responsibilities for lighting. Awaiting more information.
13. **GDTR** – Clerk has circulated policies (which have been adopted) and NCALC advisory 'toolkit on GDPR'. The data map is an on-going document. After discussion it was agreed that each councillor should consider signing of the Councillors compliance and the **Clerk** will endeavour to complete the data map.

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14. **ELECTRONIC PLANNING CONSULTATION** – Clerk has completed application for grant. SNC have acknowledged this and are sourcing equipment.
15. **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. Decision should be announced on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019.  
Mark Redding reported that milestones have been missed by Ashfield Land. He is doing a lecture at Northampton University on the effects of a development of this size on the community.
16. **GRASS CUTTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2019** – Clerk has produced map - councillors to peruse with a view to what is in need of cutting. On going – It was agreed that the Clerk get Ordinance Survey registration so map can be obtained.
17. **HIGHWAYS**
- **Re-surfacing of Buttmead and Connegar Leys** – Should take place 7<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November
  - **Stoke Road pavement next to allotments over grown** – Clerk has reported to 'Fix My Street' again requesting clearance of path
  - **Correspondence received from resident (no address supplied) requesting a 30 mph zone in Chapel Lane and Gayton Road and also request steps taken to prevent parking on pavements in Pond Bank – this was discussed. On going requests to NCC to reduce speed limits at present. Also agreed Clerk to ask SNC for parking restriction signs on Pond Bank in view of the impending development.**
  - **Ann North detailed her reports to Fix My Street.**
18. **PLANNING** –
- See Planning Register below for details of applications presently under consultation.  
S/2019/1598/FUL – no observations – parking could be an issue, Clerk to respond to SNC  
S/2019/1512/FUL – if business expands then access could prove dangerous – Clerk to respond to SNC  
S/2019/0518/FUL – Notification of opportunity to attend planning committee meeting on 5.9.19 – none to attend  
Village Confines – Clerk to check proposed changes as a result of Local Plan part 2.
19. **Footpaths** –
- Reports of any problems – Cllr Dalton reported that the Clerk has reported hawthorn bush on RD2 to NCC but response was that it was not encroaching path. The issue is to get the overhanging branches removed as taking light from neighbours. It was agreed that the Clerk request a quote for trimming from Local Tree Works. Cllr Dalton will meet with him, Clerk to arrange.

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It was also agreed that Cllr Dalton would request that Local Tree Works also quote to cut the elder back on the High Street, next to the Vicarage wall.

## 20. Lighting –

- Lights out reported:
- Cllr Gardner has new map and numbering information from Aylesbury Mains. Council agree to replace any failed lights with £120/£125 LED lights. Actual replacements for concrete columns will be discussed at meeting.

21. **Play Area** – Cllr Dalton had no issues to report.

## 22. CONSULTATION - South Northants Draft Sport and Leisure Strategy 2018-2024, 'Active Lives for Everybody' – Circulated

23. **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – Updates being sent from Richard Akers are now circulated to councillors via Clerk

24. **COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH 2019** – Cllr Dalton reported that the second project to monitor speeds will take place this month

## 25. COMMUNICATIONS (not mentioned elsewhere on the agenda)

OUT:

- i. Clerk has booked for NCALC course on 'Contracts and Procurement' – 4.9.19
- ii. Allseasons – Acceptance of quote for £95 and request to go ahead on work on cemetery
- iii. Football Club – request to re-instate fence to allotment 33 by end of month – not been done but the relevant person has rented the allotment. So needs some more time to repair fence.
- iv. Aylesbury Mains – further request to repair light outside 16 Buttmead
- v. CPRE website link circulated to PC at request of Cllr Hawkins
- vi. NCC – Helen Howard – Request for reduction in speed limits in Northampton Road, including Station Road and from Pond Bank up to Gayton Road fork.

IN:


- i. West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan – Issues Consultation – Briefing Sessions – **Clerk** to send document to Mark Redding Briefings for Members / Parish Councils / Neighbourhood Forums – times and dates circulated.
- ii. SNC Planning Policy – request to know where PC is with regard to Neighbourhood Plan, clerk had responded by deadline of 30.8.19.
- iii. PCC - invitation to institution of Richard, Vicar Cannon Stainer at Stoke Bruerne Church on 9th Sept. (Cllr Hawkins will attend)
- iv. Circulation of information on trees by Clerk to Council
- v. Northants Health and Care Partnership - Northamptonshire Health, Care and Wellbeing Plan – request to support public survey launch
- vi. South Northants Hearing Advisory Service – information circulated
- vii. **NCALC** – Updates
- viii. **CPRE** - CPRE Northants October 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 Planning Roadshow
- ix. **ACRE** – Village Viewpoint newsletter circulated

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## Planning Register at 22.8.19

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Received</u> 	<u>Status</u>
<u>S/2019/1598/FUL</u>	The Annexe Smithy Cottage 30-32 High Street Blisworth NN7 3BJ	Extension to annexe to create a separate dwelling	16/08/2019	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2019/1552/TLN</u>	EE Ltd Telecommunications Mast Nhs0063 Blisworth Arm Blisworth NN7 3EG	Notification of installation of electronic communications for the installation of one 0.3m dish at 14.5m on an existing mast	09/08/2019	10 - No Observations
<u>S/2019/1160/FUL</u>	Land East Of The Old Dairy 4A Northampton Road Blisworth	Construction of a detached 2 storey new house.	12/06/2019	10 - Approved

## PROGRESS GROUP REPORT SEPTEMBER 19

### Dropped kerbs

We now have a suitable map and a member of the group is checking that all the places that do not have a dropped kerb are clearly marked. We will then send it direct to Helen Howard of Highways for action.

**The Survey Group** are continuing to research suitable questions for the Housing Needs Survey. Information from the Parish Council forum run by ACRE will be useful. A member of the Progress Group will attend any future meetings. We will contact those PCs who said that they had a good garden contract to help write one for Blisworth.

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

We urge the Parish Council to write to Highways asking for consideration of the extension so that it can be implemented once the gas installation works are complete.

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**Handyman**

Please will the PC agree to finding and paying for someone to hedge trim and clear the weeds from the pavements in the village. The recent rain has made the problem even worse. Unfortunately NCC no longer has the funds for the work.

**Tea and games afternoons**

Planning is ongoing.

**Litter Group**

Four bins decorated by the Art and Craft Group have been installed and they have been thanked on behalf of both the Group and the Parish Council.

The Group received a cheque for £300 as runners up in the CPRE Litter Heroes Awards. This will be ring fenced for the Litter Group.

**Armistice 2019**

It is time for the PC to discuss how the Armistice should be remembered in 2019. The Progress Group will decide how the knitted poppies can be displayed again this year.

**Ann North**

**Secretary**

**Progress Group**

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