



BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 6th January 2020

Held in Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present:

Cllr Hillier
Cllr Bunker
Cllr Dalton
Cllr Field
Cllr Gardner
Cllr Wilson
Cllr Hawkins
Cllr S Clarke, SNC

Clerk and 5 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 Gardner was elected, proposed by Cllr Bunker, seconded Cllr Field .**
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –** The following apologies were received: Cllr Billing, 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.
 - a. **None was declared.**
4. **RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 2.12.19**
The minutes were approved in the main but 2 alterations to be made for them to be signed at the next meeting.

Signed-----

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- 5. COUNCIL TO CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** which relates to the process for determining the election of a Chair for the parish council in order that business can be transacted at each parish council meeting.

Clerk has received and circulated the opinion of Danny Moody at NCALC (at the request of the Council) who stated the memorandum has no legal standing.

Council agreed to continue with procedure according to the memorandum.

6. CLERK/CHAIR'S REPORT

Actions carried out as per last meeting.

- Email had gone to Linda Lee regarding her absence for more than 6 months. It was agreed that the Clerk email her again asking whether she wishes to be co-opted on to the Council again.
- NCC – urban Highway grant applied for 2020 and invoice has been sent for 2019 (£771.88)

7. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Cllr Clarke – reported that SNC Review had not been distributed throughout the village and will report back to SNC.

Cllr Hillier brought up issue of some councils paying for Green bins and asked whether the new unitary Council would be making a charge. Cllr Clarke's response was that SNC aware of this issue and hope to provide all services as it does now but that it is under review.

- 8. MOORING OF BOATS AND FUMES** – May be report from Canal and River through Cllr Hillier.

Cllr Hillier reported that the contact was unable to attend the last Litter meeting so he has emailed the enquiry – still to pursue.

9. STREET LIGHTING – Reports of repairs required.

Reported:

Church Lane (20.12.19 as a repeating failure)

Clerk to report no 9, Buttmead

Cllr Gardner reported that he had asked Aylesbury Mains to send a list of the newly replaced lights to enable a review of the billing with Western Power.

10. CHAPEL LANE BUILDING

- i) Street lighting** – Update on offer from Eastco Homes. Cllr Bunker had spoken to Eastco Homes to see what PC would be signing up to if it accepted the offer regarding maintenance of the lights in the development. **Cllr Bunker** will also speak to NCC for further advice. Cllr Clarke suggested the **Clerk** contact SNC Wayne Campbell, Planning Officer as he should be able to enlighten the PC on its position. Clerk to copy Cllr Clarke into correspondence.
- ii) Parking Restriction** – copy of correspondence sent to East Co Homes from concerned resident (circulated)

Cllr Bunker stated that new TTRO has only been agreed subject to there being satisfactory alternative parking. Eastco is hoping that the pub will agree to allow parking between 10-2 pm. The BT Exchange area is not an option now.

It had been understood by the PC that a condition of the original TTRO was that deliveries cannot be made until the bell mouth had been implemented. The Clerk will add this to the queries for Wayne Campbell. The Council understood from the Planning Conditions imposed that this was to quote *'protect the amenities of the nearby residents and to comply with Policy G3(A) of the South Northamptonshire Local Plan. 21 Notwithstanding the details indicated no works shall commence on site unless otherwise agreed in writing until a detailed scheme for the off-site highway improvement works have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with the Highway Authority. Reason: In the interest of highway safety.'*

Cllr Bunker said that Eastco have stated that there will be creation of some parking once some building has been completed.

Clerk to respond to resident, thanking him for his correspondence.

- 11. ELECTRONIC PLANNING CONSULTATION –** SNC have ordered equipment – laptop, projector, projector screen and stand. Parish Council is still in communication with SNC regarding the incidental costs of the extras and with Microsoft regarding the transfer of the licence. The Clerk reported that the licence could be transferred but would be removed from the current council laptop. This was regarded as unsatisfactory. **Clerk** to request a quote for a 3 year warranty on the projector.

12. RAIL FREIGHT TERMINALS – Updates - non available

13. GRASS CUTTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2019 – The Clerk opened 3 sealed envelopes from tenderers containing responses to request to quote. The Council accepted the optimal quote which was from N and P Garden Services.(This was carried out at the end of the meeting after the public had left.)

14. HIGHWAYS

- **Re-surfacing of Buttmead and Connegar Leys** – now taken place. Footpaths have not been done, Ann North has reported them to Fix My Street.
- **Request for 30 mph speed limit down Northampton Road to the Railway Cottages including Station road (past the Grafton bridge)**
Request for 30 mph speed limits from Pond Bank up to the fork to Gayton Road.

Clerk had circulated update from Helen Howard at NCC

– both requests declined. The PC was disappointed and dissatisfied at this response and will pursue the issue again in the future. NCC did agree to 30 mph sign being moved to the other side of the canal bridge.

Ann North, will contact Helen Howard on behalf of the Progress Group and PC to request a revisit of issues which were raised last Spring.

- **Blind exit from Blisworth Park** on to Station Road – Clerk has submitted request for SLOW sign to be painted on Station Road. Ref 1899286 with NCC - Fix My Street.
- **Dropped Kerbs** - Progress Group has submitted request for 10 priority areas for dropped kerbs to Helen Howard, NCC who has made a site visit on 22.11.19 – see action above
- **Church Street** – pavements been cleared by some residents.

15. COUNCIL TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ANOTHER DOG BIN ON PLAYING FIELD – Safety inspection felt there was not enough provision.

In principal PC agreed, but suggested the issue is raised with the VHPFA. **Clerk** to find out how much a new bin would cost to install and empty.

16. CONSIDERATION OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN POND BANK -, The Parish Council can now apply for parking restrictions on line via the link below:

<https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/parking/Pages/request-for-new-parking-restrictions.aspx>

A yellow line restriction covers from the centre of the road to the highway boundary, so vehicle would not be permitted to park on the path or verge. The PC agreed to monitor the situation for the next few months.

17. PLANNING –

- Planning Register shows no applications between 2.12.19 and 23.12.19 but updated since agenda was circulated – see below
S/2019/2505/TPO - no objections as it would seem trees have to be culled because of subsidence problem. **Clerk** to submit response to SNC.
S/2019/2496/FUL – no objections - **Clerk** to submit response to SNC.

18. FOOTPATHS –

Reports of any problems – Clearance of RD2 – work done

19. TREE/BUSH MANAGEMENT - work to be carried out elder in High Street, and overhanging cemetery trees by GCM – awaiting outcome of planning application.

20. PLAY AREA – Reports of any issues – nothing to report

21. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME – Updates being sent from Richard Akers

22. GDPR – Gap analysis and Data map – Cllr Bunker to update.

Security list check list complete. Some answers are not applicable. Clerk to complete list as well. **Cllr Bunker and Clerk** to tidy up Data Map.

23. COMMUNICATIONS (not mentioned elsewhere on the agenda)

OUT:

- i. Maureen Lucas – VHPFA – request for large hall for 2020 meetings
- ii. Collingtree PC – response to information on acquisition of Village Sign
- iii. Henry Newby – response with email address for PC for channelling information

IN:

- i) NCALC – Updates
- ii) Information on
- iii) Elections Survey - completed
- iv) South Northamptonshire Local Development Order (LDO) – Consultation – Cllr Clarke advised PC to read item in SNC Review magazine.
- v) Graham Juffs had emailed participants of Speed Watch Campaign to enable a further session but had had no response. New training scheme will be in about 6 months.

24. PROGRESS GROUP REPORT – Ann North read the report. A hard copy was made available at the meeting, an electronic one to be added to these minutes.

Linda Lack has resigned from delivering R and A. Clerk to send a letter of thanks for her long service.

Someone else has come forward to take her place.

25. FINANCE –

- i) **Payments and Receipts - Balance at 24.12.19 – £45305.43**
Available Balance after payments made - £44236.22

Payments for Approval:

Chq	Payee	Detail	Gross	VAT	Net
813	Aylesbury Mains	Repair of light at 31 Stoke Road	121.32	20.22	101.10
814	V Hartley	Sal for Dec	654.30		
815	HMRC	Tax for Dec	3.20		
816	B Osborne	Pay roll to 31.12.19	64.50		
817	Shire Lumsden	R & A printing	125.00		
818	Blisworth Friendship Club (replace chq 807)		30.00		
	Total (inc DDs)		1069.21		

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Date-----

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

26. AGREEMENT OF BUDGET FOR 2020/21 – Agreement and Resolution to apply for Precept for 2020/21 – The Clerk had circulated a draft budget.

The Council resolved to approve the budget of **£41630** that is appended to these Minutes, proposed by Cllr Bunker and seconded by Cllr Dalton. The Council then resolved to apply for a precept of £41630 from SNC to cover the amount required by the budget.

This represented a 6% increase from 2019/20.

27. VILLAGE HANDYMAN – No update available

28. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS COMMENTS

MF –

- Overgrown hedge on High Street – resident had agreed to do it but has not done so. Hopefully will be soon.
- Surface water on Towcester Road could be an issue if it freezes

JH –

- Wharf – Enforcement Notice still outstanding. Team is still working with issue.

SB –

- **Clerk** to invoice Scouts and Cubs for water


29. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS – 3rd February 2020

30. PUBLIC SESSION

Request from resident that it is minuted that the Football Club intend to fence off the football field and register his objection to 'Change of Use'.

Clerk to look at documentation for clarification.

Signed Date

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Received</u> 	<u>Status</u>
<u>S/2019/2536/TCA</u>	The Stables Church Lane Blisworth NN7 3BX	1 x over mature multi stemmed Sycamore - reduce the heaviest and weakest stems by approx 8m and reduce remaining stems by approx 4m	24/12/2019	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2019/2505/TPO</u>	April Rise Station Road Blisworth NN7 3DS	T4 - Oak - Remove (TPO 05-2005)	20/12/2019	4 - Consults Despatched
<u>S/2019/2496/FUL</u>	38 Station Road Blisworth NN7 3DT	Single storey pitched roof rear extension	20/12/2019	4 - Consults Despatched

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PROGRESS GROUP REPORT JANUARY 2020

Dropped kerbs

Helen Howard has not responded to our meeting. Perhaps David, Anne and I could send a reminder about the items discussed.

Other Highways Matters

The Progress Group were disappointed that the extension of the 30 mph to Railway cottages and in discussion would like the PC to ask Highways for better signage and road markings at the Towcester Road junction. Large vehicles often miss the turning for Towcester and have difficulty turning round and vehicles driving from the A43 are not aware of the priorities.

The Survey Group hope that the Survey will be available next month.

Handyman

The posters will be on display shortly and the request put on Facebook and on the website.

Friendship Club

The Christmas Meal was a huge success. As requested at the last PC meeting, I forwarded all the details of the Club, Constitution, Financial Forecast, Bank Account etc. I had hoped the item would be on the PC agenda. The first meeting of the Group will take place on Wednesday 15th January and then twice a month. Many of those who attended the lunch said they would enjoy further meetings.

Speedwatch

We hope that the PC has registered to have the speedwatch again this year.

Round and About distribution

Linda Lack has resigned from distributing R&A due to her health. She and her husband have been distributors since the beginning and the PG hope that the PC will mark her long service with a letter and some flowers.

Signed-----

Date-----

Ann North

Secretary

Progress Group

Signed-----

Date-----