



BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting 2nd March 2020

Held in Blisworth Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present:

Cllr Dalton
Cllr Field
Cllr Gardner
Cllr Wilson
Cllr Billing
Cllr Hillier
Cllr Hawkins

Clerk and 8 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 Wilson was elected, proposed by Cllr Hawkins, seconded Cllr Hillier .**
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –** The following apologies were received: Cllr Bunker, Cllr Clarke, SNC, 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 Hawkins declared an interest in The Sun Moon and Stars Planning applications - S/2020/0165/FUL and S/2020/0174/LBC as she is a consultee as a neighbour.
4. **RESOLUTION TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 3.2.20**

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The minutes were approved and signed.

5. CLERK/CHAIR'S REPORT

Actions carried out as per last meeting.

The Clerk reported:

- She had brought the new projector and stand issued by SNC to this hall for storage. She would be attending the training on 13.3.20.
- She would circulate information regarding nomination for the forthcoming election in May and would be attending the training session on 12.3.20. She would be able to deliver papers to those who requested them but NOT submit completed forms. Prospective councillors must submit their own.

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Report from local
Community Police Officer – if available

Adam Brown:

Budget increase for next year, the meetings were uncontroversial. Social Care budget to be increased. Road maintenance budget reduced slightly but potholes are covered by a separate budget.

Unitary Council - Councillors elected on 7.5.20 will be known as Shadow councillors, remain until 1.4.21 and will be responsible for setting up new council - first meeting to be held in County Hall. 93 councillors to be elected but this will reduce. Blisworth will remain in the Bugbrooke Ward unless altered by the Boundary Commission.

Front line staff numbers will remain similar, but head officers will reduce which should reduce expenses.

7. MOORING OF BOATS AND FUMES –

May be information from Canal and River Trust through Cllr Hillier – this to be removed from agenda but he will ask when he makes contact.

8. STREET LIGHTING –

Faults Report / to report - PL no 10 outside 31 Windmill – Clerk to report List of lights received and costs of conversions to LED. If all recommendations carried out the cost would be in the region of £12,000. **Clerk** to compile a list of contractors who might carry out the work.

9. CHAPEL LANE BUILDING

- i) **Street lighting** – Update on offer from Eastco Homes, Clerk has written when they will be in the position to provide satisfactory alternative parking in line with the terms of the TTRO.
- Cllr Wilson reported that Cllr Bunker had discussed the issue with Eastco Homes. Blisworth PC had confirmed in writing in 2014 that they would pay the future running/maintenance costs for the streetlighting on the scheme.

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- Eastco Homes had confirmed that they will still honour the sum agreed (£3000) although BPC had agreed ownership of running/maintenance costs prior to a commuted sum being agreed.
 - **Clerk** to accept the agreement made in 2014 to pay for the maintenance and running costs of the lighting and raise an invoice to Eastco Homes for the agreed sum of £3000.
 - Lastly Eastco Homes will have the streetlighting commissioned and signed off before BPC take on the running/maintenance after the developer maintenance period has ended.
- ii) Concern from residents about speeding traffic and HGVs going over canal bridge with 17t weight limit. Their concerns had been referred to the developer.
- iii) Chapel holding a funeral soon and parking may be an issue.

10. ELECTRONIC PLANNING CONSULTATION – See Clerk’s report.

11. RAIL FREIGHT TERMINALS – Updates if available – member of the public reported that group is still organising itself at present. Cllr Hillier pointed out that legislation concerning climate change may have to be considered in future applications.

12. GRASS CUTTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2020 – N and P have carried out at least one cut.

13. PARISH COUNCIL TO CONSIDER PAYMENT TO ALLSEASONS FOR THE OVERLAP OF CONTRACTORS WHICH OCCURRED IN 2017 AND POSSIBLE FURTHER PAYMENT IN THAT YEAR.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should await more information from Allseasons before they could make any payment. The Clerk suggested that a payment was made for the 2 cuts on March when the contractors overlapped.

14. HIGHWAYS

- **Blind exit from Blisworth Park** on to Station Road – request for SLOW sign to be painted on Station Road. Ref 1899286 with NCC - Fix My Street – NCC have stated it will be actioned in the next financial year.
- **Dropped Kerbs** – Prioritisation of improvement requests to be made further to meeting with NCC on 12.2.20. Funds may be available in the new financial year.
- **Request from Progress Group to apply for funds for pavement improvements** – Clerk/Council has been added to list of Parish Councils to be notified when new funding arrangements occur in April 2020.
- **Dog bin** - has become detached from its post and needs reattaching. It is located at the end of the path RD2 on Buttmead. This work had been carried out prior to the meeting by Les Carter for £14.99.
- **Road signs** – Northampton Road Blisworth sign blown down – **Cllr Wilson** will report to Fix My Street.

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15. PLANNING –

- **Application No. S/2020/0223/MAO**
Proposal Outline planning permission for residential development of up to 30 no. dwellings with all matters reserved except access
Location Land off Northampton Road Blisworth
Cllrs Field and Bunker will compile an objection document for **Clerk** to submit to SNC.
- **Application No. S/2020/0165/FUL**
Proposal Variation of condition 2 (Plans), condition 4 (Bat assessments) Condition 23 (Occupation) and remove condition 5 (further Bat surveys) Condition 8 (Materials) 11 (Boundary treatments) to S/2016/0303/FUL (Conversion of Sun, Moon and Stars to 6 Flats with the construction of 2 new Maisonettes and 1 new House) To amend the approved scheme as detailed in covering letter Location Sun Moon & Stars 64 High Street. Parish Council had No objections, **Clerk** to submit response to SNC

16. FOOTPATHS – Reports of any problems, none to report.

17. PLAY AREA

- **EQUIPMENT DUE FOR ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTION BY WICKSTEED – CLERK TO ARRANGE**
- **Reports of any issues –** 2nd key cut for play area and given to N and P Contractors

18. ALLOTMENTS – Report of any issues

- Cllr Billing and Clerk had met on site 11.2.20, to ascertain vacancies and state of allotments
- Date for collection of rents – 6.4.20 – prior to next meeting.
Clerk to send out letters to tenants.

19. PC TO CONSIDER THE USE OF GREEN SPACE IN CONNEGAR LEYS FURTHER TO DISCUSSION WITH NCC HELEN HOWARD.

After discussion this item was put on hold for the present.

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

21. GDPR – Gap analysis and Data map – Cllr Bunker and Clerk to update before next meeting. (ICO paid the annual sum of £35)

22. COMMUNICATIONS (not mentioned elsewhere on the agenda)

OUT:

- i) SNC, Peter Worth - Community Grant Funding – request for application form and advice on prioritising projects requiring funding.

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- ii) PCSO Tara Cooksammy – request where to send Agenda and Minutes for PC meetings
 - iii) Request to resident in High Street to cut back hedge – response is that they will when able.
Clerk to write and request again – ask if he needs helps, PC can help with task. (Cllr Dalton).
 - iv) SNC - Parish Activities Questionnaire, sent to organisations in village
- IN:
- i) NCALC – Updates (circ)
 - ii) South Northamptonshire Part 2 Local Plan Modifications Consultation
 - iii) Parish Activities Questionnaire – Clerk forwarded this to various village organizations.
 - iv) **Ability Northants** - Community Transport – PC to consider request for opportunity to present to the Parish Council – **Clerk** to request for June meeting
 - v) **Adam Brown** – NCC - Invitation to Future Northants Engine Room Tour.

23. PROGRESS GROUP REPORT – See addendum. Clerk pointed out that any volunteers would have to have public liability insurance and Parish Council.

24. REPLACEMENT OF PLANTERS IN HIGH STREET AND BY BUS STOP AND SHOP – Council agreed to accept quote of £55 each, obtained by Progress Group, from Workbridge, St Andrew’s Healthcare.
Clerk to write to accept.

25. FINANCE – Current Report to be circulated at meeting

- i) **Payments and Receipts - Balance at 24.2.20 – £41681.90**
Outstanding cheques – Chq 821 - £1223.04
Available Balance after payments made - £38253.81

Payments for Approval:

Chq	Payee	Detail	Gross	VAT	Net
826	Shire Lumsden	Printing Housing Survey	50.00		50.00
827	CMG	Tree/bush work	840.00	140.00	700.00
828	V Hartley	Stationery & BB (Feb 2019 -20)	533.02		533.02
829	V Hartley	Sal for Dec	654.30		654.30
830	HMRC	Tax for Dec	3.20		3.20
831	cancelled				
832	N & P Gardens	Mowing 17.2	569.00	94.00	475.00
833	L Carter	Rprs to dog bin	14.99		
	Approx Total (inc DDs)		2833.04		

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

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- Information Commissioner - £35 – annual payment made on 18.2.20
- Monies received - £44.00 for sale of 'The Fallen' books

26. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND COUNCILLORS COMMENTS

SB – Suggested **Clerk** write to NCC to request that parking is restricted on the left hand side going towards Towcester. Need to restrict parking on verge and pavement.

MF – weeds on High Street.

DD. – Windmill and Buttmead – street sign and top of Buttmead. Require numbers on the sign. 20 and 22 Buttmead are – Clerk to report to Matthew Barber.

AH – white lines on junctions very faint. Will do survey for next meeting.

27. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS – April 6th 2020

28. PUBLIC SESSION

Suggestion of sign for Northampton marking on road to prevent confusion of drivers going up Stoke Road and not heading towards Northampton. To be included in white line survey carried out by Cllr Hillier.

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PROGRESS GROUP REPORT MARCH 2020

Highways Matters

Colin and I met with Stuart and Richard from Highways at their suggestion to look at the pavements in Connegar Leys. They said that they would like us to prioritise the different places in the village. They do not have much money but would do what they could. Stuart told me that Milton Malsor have match funded and had more areas done. I spoke to Ann Addison, Milton's clerk and she said Milton had applied for Grant Aid funding so that they could have more pavements repaired as had one of her other Parishes. I am compiling a list of the worst areas and will forward it to Stuart of Highways.

The Housing Needs Survey has been launched and can be accessed direct to Survey Monkey or through the village website. Paper copies are available from the Surgery, Shop, Church, Chapel Coffee House and the Royal Oak. We would prefer residents to complete online or we will have to input all the paper responses individually to Survey Monkey. The Progress Group members will urge residents to complete it at any meetings held in the village, Friendship Group, Art, WI, BMC, School and Pre-school.

Handyman

We have been given the name of someone who would be willing to do jobs around the village. He would give you a price per instance. We thought the cutting up and disposal of the branches in RD2 and putting the poo bin back on its post would be a good start. Another young resident would like to do jobs on a voluntary basis.

Grants

As there is to be a new grant application form, I will distribute to the Progress Group a copy of a previous version. The type of questions did not change with previous updates so we can be thinking about the information required.

Friendship Club

The Group are applying for further grants to finance suitable transport especially for outings.

Outdoor Equipment

Some of the Group are investigating various exercise initiatives.

Ann North

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