

## BLISWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Ordinary** meeting of **Blisworth Parish Council** held in Blisworth Village Hall on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Cllr C Read MBE, Acting Chair  
 Cllr D Wilson  
 Cllr M Field  
 Cllr B Brown  
 Cllr J Hawkins  
 Cllr C Gardiner  
 District Cllr K Cooper

**Also present:** 2 Members of the public

		Action
1.	<b>To receive apologies.</b> Cllr Billing, Cllr Bunker. The Council resolved to accept the apologies.	
2.	<b>To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. Councillors are reminded that if they have either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or other interest in any of the agenda items then they should declare the interest and withdraw from the debate or meeting as appropriate.</b> None received.	
3.	<b>To receive and approve for signature, the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 4th July 2022.</b> Agreed.	
4.	<b>To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on the agenda for report only.</b> None noted.	
5.	<b>Clerk's report circulated separately.</b> Noted that the report, as always, was very thorough and reflected the considerable work undertaken by the Clerk. Noted that the damaged Give Way sign has been replaced. The concerns raised by residents re weeds/rubbish at Greenaway Close and noticeboards will be added to the September agenda. Clerk to follow up regrading tree at Royal Oak.	Clerk
6.	<b>Resolve to co-opt Mr Bill Root as a Parish Councillor.</b> Agreed - Unanimously carried.	
7.	<b>Correspondence from social media:</b> Update from Cllr Read. This month we have had no direct contacts through social media for noting.  The most significant post has been the message on 27 July around the closure of the play area for the improvement works this has a post reach of 143 people and 18 engagements.  There have been some concerned comments from villages on the Blisworth Community Page and Notice Board around the replacement of the bench in 'Connegar Leys,' however we have received no direct comment or contact to the Blisworth Parish Council Facebook page.  We have 198 residents following the page (5 new in the last 28 days) and have had 608 engagements between 3 July and 30 July 2022.	
8.	<b>Police &amp; Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:</b> Update from Cllr Read. Crime data for May, 9 crimes were reported in the Blisworth Parish  Antisocial Behaviour - 1 Violence and Sexual Offences - 3 Criminal Damage and Arson - 3 Other Crime - 1	

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	<p>Other Theft - 1</p> <p>It should be noted that 2 of the Violence and Sexual Offences and one report of Criminal Damage and Arson came from the Walnut Tree Hotel.</p> <p>We have 62 residents logged on with the Neighbourhood Watch Alerts system. Residents can register with the system on the below link to receive up to date police and neighbourhood watch information.</p> <p><a href="http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk">www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk</a></p> <p>Relevant alerts are also shared with the village community via the Parish Council Facebook page. There was one alert for the village relating to an incident in Oxford Road, Blisworth (We believe that this is the A43) between 20/07/2022 18:45 and 21/07/2022 06:00, unknown person(s) has gained access to fuel tank and taken fuel when parked.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Report on data from SID/VAS devices:</b> Update from Cllr Read. We moved the VAS machine to Northampton Road adjacent the proposed development by Kalvec to monitor traffic movements and compare and contrast these with the developer’s traffic survey.</p> <p>You can see from the attached table a significant difference in traffic volumes included in the developers traffic report to what was recorded during the period 11 - 24 July 2022.</p> <p>In summary our measurements show about 25/30% more Vehicles than the developer’s report. This is not surprising because the developer’s measurements were made during the week 7-13 Jan 2022 when we were just about at the peak of Covid Omicron cases (about 140,000/150,000 cases) and many businesses and schools were closed with people working from home. Also the developer assumes Peak times are 0800-0900 and 1700-1800, this is not always the case with our traffic measurements on many days the Peak is 0700-0800 and 1600 –1700.</p> <p>With regards to speed we see 98% of Vehicles along Northampton Rd are below the ACPO Limit (68mph) in spite of the one record breaker at 114mph! Also the ability to reduce the limit through this stretch to 40mph would be fairly easy.</p> <p>The council expressed its sincere thanks for the diligent and capable analysis by a resident who is able to provide real insight from the data!</p> <p>On 24 July we switched the display on the VAS off, however it still records and registers traffic flow and their speeds and we propose to download this data on 7 August 2022 and this will enable us to compare the two-week period 11-24 July where the VAS signalled traffic to the period 24 July to 7 Aug where the screen was blank. Any increase in speed over this period will reinforce the application to Northamptonshire Police for funding an additional VAS machine to be placed in Courteenhall Road.</p>	Cllr Read
10.	<p><b>Gateway Update.</b> Update from Cllr Wilson. Noted that the Liaison Group’s purpose is to consult on issues arising as a result of the construction process, not those relating to planning applications which will need to be followed up with District Councillors and the MP. Details of how to send concerns via email will be shared on social media. Next meeting, October 2022.</p>	Cllr Wilson/ Cllr Read
11.	<p><b>Resolve to agree subscription renewal for National Allotment Society Membership £55.00, VAT £11.00, Total £66.00.</b> Discussion was held on the requirement for membership and it was resolved not to renew.</p>	Clerk

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12.	<p><b>Village Maintenance &amp; Open Spaces:</b></p> <p>a. <b>Play area:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i. <b>Monthly safety inspection report:</b> Update from Cllr Wilson. Safety inspection completed. No issues to report. It was agreed that once the works have been completed, photos of the new play area to be shared on social media and an official opening arranged.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. <b>Signage for Eastfield Play Area:</b> Update from Cllr Wilson. Excess signage has been removed.</p> <p>b. <b>Defibrillator:</b> Confirmation of satisfactory checks and any issues. Update from Cllr Read. Monthly check was undertaken and no issues were identified.</p> <p>c. <b>Allotments &amp; Closed Cemetery.</b> Further reminders have been sent re outstanding rents. No further issues to report.</p>	Cllr Wilson Cllr Read																						
13	<p><b>Finance &amp; Administration</b></p> <p>Banking Issues: Noted, including the current YTD overspend of £48.49 and underspend.</p> <p>a. Cancelled cheque No: 003078 for £125.00 July Payment List. Incorrect payee details. Replacement cheque 003088 for £125.00 issued to Flowercraft Nursery and added to August Payment List.</p> <p>b. Report on Budget versus Actual Expenditure to 22.07.2022. Budget versus Actual at 22/07/2022: <b>(values do not include VAT, where VAT can be reclaimed).</b> <b>Total Overspend at 22/07/2022 £48.49</b></p> <p>c. Bank reconciliation to 22.07.2022.</p> <p><b>CLOSING BANK POSITION AS AT 22/07/2022</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">Nat west</td> <td style="width: 60%;">CURRENT ACCOUNT 08684642 22/07/2022</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: right;">£29,494.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NatWest</td> <td>RESERVE ACCOUNT 40578429 22/07/2022</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£37,539.01</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Uncashed cheques:</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">3073 A North R&amp;A Inv 015 Iss 145</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3076 R Kennedy</td> <td style="text-align: right;">19.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3077 Northants CALC Membership Inv 1886</td> <td style="text-align: right;">983.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3082 My Accessories</td> <td style="text-align: right;">31.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3085 Northants CALC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">52.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>Total Uncashed cheques</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>1,137.54</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Closing Balance As At 22/07/2022</b> <span style="float: right; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px;"><b>£65,895.83</b></span></p> <p>d. To note receipts and approve the following payments and any others that arrive after publication of the agenda: Invoices received after publication of the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invoice: 016 Alan North Round &amp; About Issue 146, Aug – Sept 2022 for £62.00 (No VAT).</li> <li>• Invoice: 00022177 Shire Lumsden Ltd 1000 R+A Leaflets for £140.00 (No VAT).</li> </ul>	Nat west	CURRENT ACCOUNT 08684642 22/07/2022	£29,494.36	NatWest	RESERVE ACCOUNT 40578429 22/07/2022	£37,539.01	3073 A North R&A Inv 015 Iss 145	50.00	3076 R Kennedy	19.37	3077 Northants CALC Membership Inv 1886	983.70	3082 My Accessories	31.67	3085 Northants CALC	52.80					<b>Total Uncashed cheques</b>	<b>1,137.54</b>	
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30.06.2022	NatWest	Interest	£3.09*
			*BR Account
14.07.2022	Maddock/6	Allotment Rents 2022 - 2023	£10.00**
			**Current Account

<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
<b>Invoice</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>CHQ/DD</b>	<b>Total Amount including VAT</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Amount Excluding VAT</b>
June 2022	SSE	Electricity Supply 02.06.2022 - 01.07.2022	DD	103.44	4.92	98.52
01.06.2022-31.05.2023	SNAST NHW	SNAST NHW Subscription 2022-2023	3086	25.00	0.00	25.00
12.07.2022	CPRE	CPRE The Countryside Charity Membership 10.02.2022 - 10.02.2023	3087	£36.00	£0.36	35.64
26.04.2022	FlowerCraft Nursery	Plants & compost for village planters	3088	125.00	0.00	125.00
34UG007-0004	Geosphere Ltd	Parish Online Jul 18, 2022, to Jul 18, 2023 - £120.00 paid as part of BHIB Insurance 3-Year deal		0.00	0.00	0.00
7247974	Viking Payments	Office supplies	3089	60.02	£10.00	50.02
	A Billing - Salary	Clerk's Salary July 2022	3090	733.50	0.00	£733.50
	A Billing - Expenses	Clerk's Expenses July 2022 (29.06.2022 - 26.07.2022)	3091	42.04	0.00	£42.04
4158	N&P Garden Services	Grass Cut inclu Eastfield Park w/c 04/07/22	3092	738.00	123.00	£615.00
	Waves	Water Supply	DD	88.00	0.00	88.00
	IONOS	Website Fee	DD	10.80	£1.80	9.00
016	Alan North	Round & About Issue 146, Aug – Sept 2022	3093	62.00	0.00	62.00
00022177	Shire Lumsden Ltd	R+A Leaflets	3094	140.00	0.00	140.00
		<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>£2,163.80</b>	<b>£140.08</b>	<b>£2,023.72</b>

14.	<b>Discuss the Football Club's proposal and the benefit of their project to the residents of Blisworth Parish and their commitments to support the local residents.</b> Standing Orders were suspended to allow for a presentation by the Football Club followed by a discussion covering: the range of activities proposed in the new facilities; parking; and engagement with residents. It was agreed that the presentation should be circulated on social media by the Council who expressed their thanks for a clear and informative presentation.	Cllr Read Clerk
15.	<b>Public Session.</b> a. <b>District Councillor's Report.</b> The District Councillor presented her report, which will be circulated following the meeting. Cllr Cooper highlighted a number of points, including high level of staff vacancies in planning (seven) which is resulting in delays	

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	<p>in planning application. It was stressed that there is no impact on how applications are being considered; the new SEND Unit at Hunsbury Park Primary, opening in September and catering for children across the autistic spectrum; concerns and action around food hygiene incidents. Next Cabinet and Full Council meetings will be in September: any questions/comments welcomed from Parish Council in advance. Cllr Wilson agreed to share recent NALC comments on communications with parish councils. Cllr Cooper also noted that in relation to planning applications, comments should be made by letter or email to WNC rather than via a petition which is not a recognised part of the process. Cllr Cooper sent apologies in advance for the September meeting.</p> <p>b. A member of the public raised concerns about a) the hedge to the right of the exit to the canal carpark which restricts view of traffic coming down the hill and b) the narrowing of the footpath by the allotments on Stoke Road.</p>																																		
16.	<p><b>Response to issues raised in the public session.</b> The Council resolved that the Clerk would pick up issues outlined in item 15b. on her return.</p>	Clerk																																	
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	WNS/2021/1858/EIA	Land at Milton Road, Gayton	Construction of a temporary 49.72MW Solar Farm, to include the installation of Solar Panels with transformers, a substation, a DNO control room, a customer substation, GRP comms cabin, security fencing, landscaping and other associated infrastructure.	
	Agreed BPC should support Gayton Parish Council’s objections, in particular relating to the impact of heavy traffic on unsuitable roads during the construction process. Cllr Read to prepare and circulate draft objection. Comments due by 13 <sup>th</sup> August.			Cllr Read
18.	<b>Discuss response to WNC - Residents called to help shape future employment sites in South Northamptonshire. Closing date for responses: 18th August 2022.</b> It was agreed that in their response, Blisworth Parish Council should highlight: the importance of maintaining designated villages; the impact of such development on highways and traffic; the importance of recognising and considering the wider impact on communities; the need to restrict the height of such new developments, ideally to 12m; and the importance of considering the cumulative impact of such developments. Cllr Read agreed to draft a response and circulate for comments.			Cllr Read
19	<b>Council Surgery – Resolve to agree on a representative(s) from the Council for 9th August 2022.</b> Resolved that Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Brown will attend on 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2022.			Cllrs Hawkins/ Brown
20.	<b>To agree the date of next meeting Monday, 5th September 2022 at 7.30pm.</b> Agreed.			
21.	<b>Close:</b> The meeting was closed at 9.00pm.			

**Signed:**

**Chairman..... Date:**

**Please see the clerk for a copy of the signed minutes.**

Please note Minute Point 20. Meeting on 5th September 2022 was postponed to 8:30 pm start due to a public meeting at the Village Hall. Noted on Minutes for Meeting on 5th September 2022.