

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 16th JUNE 2011 AT
BLIDWORTH COMMUNITY / LEISURE CENTRE.**

PRESENT

Mrs L Chadwick - Chair
P Brooks
M Gammon
G Merry
P Merry
G Stocks (Clerk)

Also present were : Mr A Musson , Mrs J Insley , Mrs B Tapper , Mrs K Arnold , Mrs S Higgins , N Walker , Mrs L Woolmore , B Evans , J Smallwood , Mrs C Dabbs & J Durkin .

Chair asked if all mobile phones could be switched off.

Chair reminded Councillors to state if they had any conflicts of interest in any Council business.

Standing Orders were then suspended during the following exercise .

Chair then thanked everyone for coming , particularly those of the candidates applying to be co-opted on to the Parish Council , of which seven were here tonight . Apologies have been received from Mrs Y Woodhead , (delayed at NSDC) , Mrs S Harvey & Mrs Plews (Work commitment) .

Chair then outlined the process that was being adopted . Each candidate present will be asked to give a short resume of their experience / knowledge etc and Members will then hold a secret ballot to elect the 4 new Councillors , each of those present can then complete the necessary Register of Members Interests & Declaration of Acceptance of Office , whereupon they can receive the relevant Agenda papers & take part in the Meeting this evening .

Each of the Candidates present then spoke briefly , then the Clerk issued Ballot papers for the secret Ballot . They completed same & Clerk collected them for the count . The 4 new members elected were Mrs C Dabbs , J Durkin , B Evans & Mrs S Harvey .

7.50pm – Standing Orders were re-instated .

Chair then asked & it was Agreed that as the visitors were present , the following Items be discussed early :- 8.1 Ollerton & Dist CAB Grant Application Form & 6.7 Lyndsey Woolmore – Update Re Youth Play .

APOLOGIES : Cllr Mrs H Dennis (Holiday) & Cllr A Fell .

2. MINUTES AND STATUTORY BUSINESS

2.1 The following minor amendments were agreed :-

Item 8.1 – New Lease – Chair stated that further discussions have taken place recently & this matter will be on Agenda next month for members to debate .

Item 8.4 – Maint of War Memorial Area , Cllr Mrs H Dennis stated that the following comment she made after a heated debate should have been included “ Cllr Mrs H Dennis requested that there should be respectful communication between Councillors and the public at all times .

The Minutes of the Meeting held 19th May 2011 were then approved Unanimously .

2.2 Matters Arising

Chair Re Item 4 – Copies of the Inventory were passed round .

As agreed above the following items were brought forward .

8.1 Ollerton & District C.A.B. Grant Form .

Mrs J Insley & Mrs B Tapper informed Members of some of the recent changes in a bid to save money :- the Outreach Office for Blidworth , after being closed for several weeks , has now moved from the Library to an office at the Surgery .

JI thinks that the Outreach Centres are extremely important & also Special Services can be contacted via them .

Chair commented that Edwinstowe , Rainworth & Bilsthorpe P.C's have given much lower Grants than Blidworth in the past .

Cllr P Brooks stated that NCC have just released £170k for C.A.B's – JI replied saying the £45k they are getting is specifically for Transition Funding , & that 1 staff member has gone , who would normally have been replaced .

Cllr G Merry was concerned that there appear to be 3 Management Structures @ Ollerton , Newark & Mansfield .

JI stated that they are 3 different Charities each responsible for their own funding & are all looking at operations where they can share .

A discussion then took place Re staff numbers , hours worked , costs per visit etc .

JI also stated that she has had discussions with new Chair @ Rainworth PC Re possible increase in funding .

Chair then asked Councillors for their proposals .

Cllr P Brooks Proposed a Grant of £200 .

Chair stated she would suggest more .

Cllr G Merry stated that they seem to be running 3 Offices when 1 could do , Proposed £250 PB Seconded this .

Cllr M Gammon Proposed £500 & Chair Seconded .

It was Agreed by 5 votes to 3 that a Grant of £250 be given .

6.7 Mrs L Woolmore – Update Re Youth Play

Mrs LW stated that there has been a huge reorganisation @ NCC . It is now a young peoples service which looks at everything outside the school day for 1 to 19 year olds , & she is the Locality Manager for Nk & Sherwood District .

Currently involved @ Blidworth 1 night per week @ Methodist Church , may soon be 2 nights , but currently short staffed .

She added that soon there should be a Full Time Youth Worker for Blidworth , Rainworth & Bilsthorpe , based at Bilsthorpe .

Cllr G Merry asked LW how long she had been in post as he had never seen or even heard of her . She said she had started on 1st April 2011 & apologised for not knowing GM , but agreed they should arrange a meeting a.s.a.p. to discuss the future .

A discussion then took place Re the nights when staff were at the Methodist Church , and if they could be extended to include Fridays & Saturdays , which are our most problematic times for vandalism etc .

Cllr B Evans stated that several years ago we contributed to the Bus for Youth Work , & asked what had become of it .

LW responded by saying their plan is to go out with the Bus 7 evenings per week to the villages, & could perhaps come to Blidworth on Fridays .

Chair thanked LW for attending & suggested she use Cllr G Merry so he can take matters up at both NCC or NSDC .

3 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

3.1 The Schedule of Accounts Net Total £8,116.98 as per Cash Book for May 2011 was approved Unanimously.

3.2 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st May 2011- Noted

3.3 The 2010/2011 Annual Report & Annual Governance Statement was Unanimously Approved & then signed by Chair & Clerk . Clerk will now arrange for this document , together with other requested information , to be sent to External Auditors by 30th June 2011 .

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

It was Agreed that as no members of the public were now present we should carry on .

5 PLANNING

Cllr G Merry advised that he will take part in discussions but not vote on any of the following :

5.1 Planning Application : Application Number : 11/00406/FUL ; Location : 14 Cottage Close : Proposal : erection of attached garage - **APPROVE**.

5.2 Planning Application : Application Number : 11/00694/FUL : Location : 12 Meadow Road : Proposal : erect conservatory to rear - **APPROVE**

6 GENERAL PARISH AFFAIRS

6.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report – Noted , Cllr PB asked if we have had a response from Police Re NW Co-ordinator – No , so it was agreed to update new Councillors on the situation .

6.2 Highways / Footpaths – Cllr P Brooks asked Cllr G Merry Re re-aligned fence on Fishpool Road – Cllr GM stated that he has been involved with this & is awaiting the result .

Chair asked Clerk about the Footpath problems that Cllr Mrs H Dennis raised by email .

Clerk stated that he had spoken with NCC Re FP 1 (barbed wire fencing) ,from Main St to Marriott Lane , who are to write to landowners .

Re FP 1 , from Marriott Lane to New Lane , Clerk is to speak next week with Parish Handyman when back from Annual Leave re strimming this path .

Re being unable to walk from FP 12 up along the track between the Allotments up to Fishpool Road , as the top gate is now locked – Clerk to check with landowner .

Cllr J Durkin stated that during the next Meeting of Blidworth Historical Society on Tuesday July 5 2011 @ Methodist Church , Alan Higgins & Eric Hall will give a 45 minute presentation + photos of all the footpaths in Blidworth – all Councillors are invited .

6.3 Update Re Blidworth in Bloom – Cllrs B Evans & C Dabbs have planted 750 plants @ War Memorial / Well Area , & it was Agreed they could put a thank-you Notice for same to local sponsors – Tesco & David Wilson (Cllr CD is also writing to them both) .

Cllr P Merry is to collect copy Portfolio from Cllr P Brooks

Cllr Mrs C Dabbs has several of old photos of Pit Tips & School which may be useful

Cllr BE is on leave from 23 June – Agreed either PB or Clerk to collect trees before then .

Planting of Trees – Chair stated that the plan is :- Date of Planting Thurs 30 June am & pm

Trees to be planted on our side of boundary fence @ Sherwood Ave Playing Field / School Field , each to have a label with child's name on + protection sleeve for each one .

Julian to arrange for planting area to be strimmed by no later than Tues 28 June (midday)

Clerk to arrange to borrow Water Bowser from Rainworth PC to water plants in .

Volunteers to dig holes in advance to help children . Cllr PB is to speak with G Swain Re possible volunteers .

Clerk is to arrange for CHAD to attend for photos .

Cllr G Merry advised that the demolished Forest Folk Corner stonework has now been ordered at a cost of £1,200 , & BPC will be responsible for filling etc.

Cllr B Evans has contacted Tesco , Co-op & 3 Ways Garage for possible Sponsorship Re Bloom .

Clerk advised that BCA have agreed again to pay for 4 Hanging Baskets at front of Comm/Leisure Centre (costs/arrangements Re watering same have not been agreed)

Cllr BE stated that Community Payback people were involved in the recent clearance of the whole roadside hedge at front of Blidworth Welfare which was apparently organised by the Football Club . Chair suggested that perhaps Cllrs PB & JD could discuss with Chair of Welfare our feelings about this matter .

Cllr G Merry asked if the area around the new Bus Stop / Information Area on Mansfield Road (where 4 Village Shields are situated) , tree foliage needs clearing & new bark put down .

6.4 Update Re Garden Competition – Chair stated that Ruth , (teacher @ School) , discussed allowing children to send us photos of their efforts , but we can then judge them .

6.5 BPC Logo – Cllr PB has spoken with DH , very busy at present , but should be ready soon .

6.6 Update Re Lectern @ War Memorial – Cllr P Brooks advised that he received from Ian Fielding an initial quote of £1,500 for the project inc Installation , which after negotiation was reduced to £1,300 as per our budget .

Clerk has again contacted Brigade of Guards inviting them to forward to us a Synopsis of Sgt Major M Clay’s War Service (suggested max 350 words) . When this is received & agreed , & if permission to accept the quote is now given , we can go ahead to finish this project .

Agreed Unanimously to accept the quote of £1,300 & complete the project .

Proposed Acid Etched Lectern @ Rockings Sculpture – Cllr P Brooks met N Wort (NCC) on 1st June to discuss this project , showed him photos / narrative etc. & he confirmed it will go ahead .

Cllr G Merry stated that NCC Archaeology staff are trying to get some funded work done in the near future at the Blidworth Windmill

6.7 Lyndsey Woolmore – Update Re Youth Play – SEE PAGES 1 & 2 .

6.8 18 Lyndhurst Avenue – Cllr GM produced a report from A Adams NSDC – Cllr P Brooks to be given a copy .

Cllr M Gammon suggested that the windows should be boarded up & the building made secure Chair agreed saying we have a Duty of Care to our residents to ensure this property is made safe . Cllr P Brooks stated that he would like proof that NSDC have received all costs of previous work done by them .

Cllr P Merry stated the building is a fire risk containing gas appliances & furniture & suggest we contact Health & Safety as adjoining neighbours and property must surely be vulnerable .

Agreed Clerk to write again to A Adams with our above thoughts .

Cllr M Gammon then raised a similar situation now exists at The Jolly Friar , where it is alleged, is owned by someone from Ravenshead , and has 5 people living there .

Members were concerned whether or not an HMO Licence exists for this building , as under such a Licence the property should have Fire Alarms , Toilets Etc. - **Agreed Clerk to write to A Adams NSDC .**

6.9 Public Sector Mapping Agreement – Clerk advised that we are now full members of this new organisation , & hope to make use of same for new village maps .

6.10 Appointment of Committees

It was Agreed the membership be as follows :-

Allotments W.P.- Cllrs P Brooks Chair , P Merry , Mrs C Dabbs & Chair

Bloom C’ttee – Cllrs A Fell Chair , B Evans Sec , G Merry , M Gammon & Mrs C Dabbs

Finance & Standards C'ttee – Mrs H Dennis Chair , B Evans , P Merry , P Brooks & Mrs L Chadwick

Employment & Health & Safety C'ttee – Cllrs P Brooks Chair , Mrs L Chadwick Vice Chair , P Merry , M Gammon & Mrs S Harvey .

9.30pm It was Agreed to extend Standing Orders for 25 Minutes

Xmas Festival WP – Cllrs P Merry Chair , Mrs H Dennis , G Merry & Mrs C Dabbs .

Footpaths WP – J Durkin

Planning WP – Cllrs P Brooks , M Gammon & J Durkin

8 CORRESPONDENCE (Not individually copied but available for inspection , before , or on night of Meeting)

8.1 Ollerton & District C.A.B. Grant Form 2010/11 – SEE PAGE 2

8.2 East Midlands Region Allotment Officers Forum – Clerk stated that he had hoped to attend this meeting earlier today but was too busy .

Emails

1. PDP Compliance News - **Noted**
2. PDP FOI News - **Noted**
3. The Journal of Local Planning- **Noted**
4. PDP Re Annual DP Conference - **Noted .**

Meeting closed @ 9.55pm