

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 21 JULY 2011 AT
BLIDWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present

Cllrs. L Chadwick – Chair, P Brooks, C Dabbs, J Durkin, W Evans, A Fell,
MD Gammon, S Harvey,

Also present, Eric Hall, Alan Higgins, W Richards.

M Salt – Acting Clerk (Farnsfield PC)

The Chair requested that mobile phones be switched off. Chair reminded Councillors to state if they had any declarations of interest to make

Apologies

Received and accepted from Cllrs H Dennis, G Merry and P Merry

2. Minutes and Statutory Business

2.1 An amendment was made at item 6.3 Cllr Merry advised..... the stone work has now been ordered...

The Minutes of the Meeting of 16th June 2011 were approved unanimously.

2.2 Matters Arising

None

3. Finance and Accounts

3.1The Schedule of Accounts, net total of £6207.74 was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Evans and approved unanimously.

3.2 The Bank Reconciliation Statement of 30th June 2011 was noted.

4. Public participation period

The Chair suspended Standing Orders at 7.33pm.

She thanked Alan Higgins and Eric Hall for the work undertaken in conducting the footpath survey and for the report produced.

They summarised the main points from the report being:

- Private road from Ricketts Lane to Fishpool Road – sign 200m beyond the private road is in the wrong place, in Ravenshead Parish. Cllr Evans stated that the gates constructed by NCC, near the sign, are in Ravenshead
- Plastic waymarker discs missing

- Comment was made that a private road from Kirkfield Stables cut across the footpath to Robin Hood Terrace making a mess of the pathway.

The Clerk to write to Ravenshead to contact the owners and request that the footpath be cleared.

Alan Higgins and Eric Hall both agreed to continue their work regarding footpaths and invited members of the council to the second part of a presentation on footpaths.

Mr Richards stated that he had visited the Parish Council Office and it was closed, he requested the opening time and was provided with them by the Chair, she also advised him that the Clerk was on holiday until Monday 25 July 2011.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.40pm.

5. Planning

5.1 Planning application 11/00162/OUT – land at New Lane: proposal to erect 4 detached dwellings. The Chair updated the meeting regarding the appeal against the planning decision. **It was agreed that the Clerk should send a letter restating the details of the objection made by the Parish Council.**

5.2 Planning application 11/00418/FUL – Haywood Oaks Farm – application to convert redundant agricultural building into 6 dwellings. Cllr Brooks stated that he and Cllr Gammon had inspected the site and had considered the application. The matter regarding bats had been resolved and he recommended that the Council support the application. There were no objections raised, Cllr Durkin voted against the proposal to support the application – vote 7-1 in favour.

5.3 Notice of decision – application 11/00694/FUL – erection of conservatory at 12 Meadow Road – approved.

5.4 Planning application 11/00882/ADV – location Epicentre, Mansfield Road – proposal to install a fascia mounted back lit sign. The matter was considered at length. Cllr Brooks stated that he had insufficient expertise and could not advise the Council. There was a proposal from Cllr Evans that due to the number of signs in the area, including speed reduction signs the proposed sign would be a distraction to vehicle drivers, that the Council should object on highway grounds. His proposal was accepted unanimously.

Cllr Evans informed the meeting of a decision by Mansfield District Council to approve a planning application concerning a development on Mile Road. He was concerned regarding the impact of the decision upon Blidworth and requested that the **Clerk contact MDC for details** and the decision and its likely impact would be considered at an additional meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 18th August 2011.

6. General Parish Matters

6.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report – noted. Cllr Harvey commented on a recent theft from a garage near her home and suggested that Neighbourhood Watch signs be installed. It was agreed that the NW scheme was not operating effectively in the village. Concern was expressed regarding the proposed closure and sale of the Police Station. There has been no police presence at recent Parish meetings – **the Clerk to request updates and a presence at the September meeting.**

6.2 Highways/footpaths – the document produced from the footpath survey was considered and it was proposed by Cllr Evans that Barry and Julian should undertake the work to rectify the defects identified in the report, agreed unanimously. Cllr Brooks commented that NCC were supposed to sort out a fence on Fishpool Road 4 months ago – **requested that the Clerk contact Geoff Chambers for an update.** Speed sign on Mansfield Road defective – fir tree overhanging the speed sensor.

Overgrown foliage on the footpath on Belle Vue Lane partially cleared.

Main Street - Cllr Harvey commented that vehicles cannot access driveways due to a sign regarding horses requiring relocating – **Clerk to check progress of sign removal.**

Cllr Evans suggested that the signs near to the Miners Welfare were looking untidy – too many signs and detract from speed signs.

6.3 Update re Blidworth in Bloom – Cllr Fell stated that the judges were pleased with the portfolio of evidence to go forward to the portfolio competition of the EM Region. He expressed disappointment that there were no hanging baskets in front of the Community Centre particularly as the frontage of the building was in need of replacement. It was suggested that the colour scheme for 2012 should be red/white/blue to support the Olympic year. Cllr Dabbs said that the judging team were interested in the history of the village and a book being produced about the development of the village. They visited the site where the children had planted trees and she offered her thanks to Tippings Wood Group. Cllr Evans has written to Tesco requesting a donation of 500 bedding plants and the garage had agreed to supply planters. Cllr Dabbs suggested that the school work on a well dressing project based upon the original Derbyshire well dressing methods.

6.4 Update re Garden competition (Children's Hanging Baskets) - It was suggested that the regular winners of the competition be judges in order to encourage others, including the children to participate. It was agreed to promote the event for next year. It was agreed that one side of the notice board should be for Council notices and the other side for other purposes.

6.5 BPC Logo – The logo has been selected – **The Clerk to send to the printers.**

6.6 Update re Lectern and War Memorial – Cllr Brooks stated that a meeting had been held with Ian Fielding at Cropwell Bishop and circulated a paper re Sgt Major Matthew Clay and requested comments or amendments. None were made and it was agreed that it would be prepared for the Lectern to be installed in a half moon shape off the pathway to the WM, but separate from the WM. Arrangements would be made for the Lectern to be installed, for details contact Cllr Brooks.

6.7 Update re 18 Lyndhurst Avenue – It was noted that the property is now in a serious state of disrepair and is now a likely target for vandalism. **The Clerk to obtain an update re progress.**

6.8 BPC Website – The Chair provided a brief update regarding the website to be hosted by N&SDC. It was agreed that the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Councillors be included on the website. Minutes and other matters concerning Parish business would be included.

6.9 Update re NSCDC/BPC Lease of Parish Office – The Chair informed the meeting that the lease for the office had not been formally signed. She had attempted to get NSDC to agree to remove the clause that NSDC could reclaim the office at any time but had been unsuccessful. She considered that it was necessary to sign the contract to formalise the agreement – this was proposed by Cllr Durkin, seconded by Cllr Gammon and agreed with Cllr Fell abstaining.

6.10 P3 Footpath Survey – After some discussion it was agreed that the **Clerk contact Matt Duckworth regarding the footpath heading to Fishpool and suddenly stops** . It was suggested a footpath should be created along the roadside .

6.11 NSDC Planning questionnaire – passed to Cllr Brooks to complete and return to the Clerk.

7. Correspondence

All noted

7.11 – NCC Waste Core Strategy – it was agreed that this be considered at the meeting to be held on 18 August 2011.

7.14 – The Chair stated that there was no charges for the use of the Community Hall for Parish Council purposes; any money paid had been returned by way of a grant from NSDC. The matters raised by Mr W Richards in his letter to the External Auditors have been addressed and Mr Richards was assured by the

Chair that there were no charges incurred. He was present and expressed his satisfaction.

Emails

6 – Cllr Fell agreed to be the representative on the BCA Committee.

8 – An update regarding the damage was presented and the actions undertaken

The Meeting closed 9.45pm.