

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 18th AUGUST 2011 AT
BLIDWORTH COMMUNITY / LEISURE CENTRE.**

PRESENT

Mrs L Chadwick - Chair
P Brooks
Mrs C Dabbs
Mrs H Dennis
J Durkin
B Evans
A Fell
M Gammon
G Merry
P Merry
Mrs S Harvey
G Stocks (Clerk)

Also present were : County Cllr & Mansfield DC Cllr M Wright , PC Brendon Hunt , PC N Williams , Safer Neighbourhood Officer for Mansfield Area ,Mr D Harvey & the following representatives Re St Andrews : Hospital Director Lisa Powell , PR Manager Christine Brown , Head of Estates Dept. Kevin Newman .

**Chair welcomed everyone & asked if all mobile phones could be switched off.
Cllrs are reminded to state if they have any conflicts of interest in any Council business on the Agenda .**

Chair then asked & it was Agreed that as the visitors were present , the following Item be discussed early :- 6.11

APOLOGIES : None .

2. MINUTES AND STATUTORY BUSINESS

2.1 Cllr B Evans Re Item 5.4 – Clerk to check whether on private land or not .
Chair Re Item 6.1 – Clerk to invite Police to next Meeting
Chair Re Item 6.2 – Clerk to check on removal of sign
Chair Re Item 6.10 – Clerk to liaise with Matt Duckworth NCC .

Cllr P Brooks then Proposed & Cllr B Evans Seconded & it was Agreed Unanimously that the Minutes of the Meeting held 21st July 2011 were approved Unanimously .

6.11 Update Re St Andrew’s Unit , Mansfield .

KM introduced himself and other staff attending saying their HQ is at Northampton . They have always provided services to the NHS , since the year 2000 have opened 9 sites .
They operate with a number of Agencies & have never before had a problem such as this .

Prior to this Meeting a Schedule of important issues had been given to both St Andrew's staff & BPC Members , so that adequate notice was given to prepare answers .

A summary of these questions is as follows :-

- 1. Regarding St Andrew's – Number & gender of users – planning permission documents outlining profiles of patients & their healthcare needs – mental health needs – staff ratios .**
- 2. Complex needs / offending history of patients .**
- 3. Assessment of approved Planning Application Supporting Document (2008) – actual number of local users – need for being built – indicates intention to provide for 70 low to medium secure care with treatment facilities , some of whom may have mental healthcare needs . Closing summary implies main purpose of unit is not mainly for the mentally ill .**
- 4. Regarding the Incident – patient was given authorised leave , before this decision was taken , was his previous history @ Rampton , Birmingham & low-medium secure unit @ Northampton taken into consideration .
Confirmation needed that St Andrew's @ Mansfield is not there to house sex offenders & was not set up as an overflow for such high security units such as Rampton Hospital ?
If this is a low-medium secure Unit , why was this person housed here given his previous history ?**

**5 . Moving Forward – Co-operation with Police –now work with Police to ensure all criminal checks done & anyone granted leave is no threat to Public , & that if Police indicates there is a threat planned leave be denied .
Responsibility to Families – before being given authorised leave does a responsible family member have to acknowledge responsibility of duty of care for patient temporarily in their care ?
Responsibility to Staff – when staff take patients out , to consider these visits to assess behaviour changes in patients to enable an accurate judgement for later authorised leave with a responsible family member .**

St Andrews staff & Councillors went through this list & numerous questions & answers were given .

Finally , Chair stated that the process has failed .We have been asked by many parents who are frightened , and need reassurance for all our residents that the system has changed to avoid any further such incidents , KN stated that all unescorted leave has been stopped and an official Case Review is currently taking place .

Chair offered her condolences for the recent loss of a member of staff .

Overall , Members were not happy with this current situation & Cllr P Brooks Proposed & Cllr M Gammon Seconded that we write to the Care Quality Commission to request that St Andrew's Unit @ Mansfield be closed with immediate effect until the Case Review has been completed – FOR 6 . AGAINST 3 . ABSTAINED 2 .

3 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

3.1 The Schedule of Accounts Net Total £4,096.15 as per Cash Book for July 2011 was agreed – P Brooks Proposed & B Evans Seconded & approved Unanimously.

**3.2 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st July 2011- Noted
8.25pm Standing Orders were suspended .**

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD – Chair agreed to allow 10 mins .

Mr D Harvey queried as to whether Local Authorities are notified when Planning Applications for premises such as discussed above are received .

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 : 11/01004/FUL ; Location : Syke Breck Farm , Blidworth Lane : Proposal : conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to form 2 x residential units & swimming pool & gym - **APPROVE.**

5.2 .Planning Application : Application Number : 11/00949/FUL : Location : 1 Mansfield Road : Proposal : erection of Conservatory - **APPROVE**

5.3 Notice of Decision : Application Number : 11/00406/FUL : Location : 14 Cottage Close : Proposal : Erection of attached garage : **Noted**

Late Item 5.4 .Planning Application : Application Number : 11/00981/FUL : Location : 2 Boggs Cottages , Lindhurst Lane : Proposal : Change of use to form paddocks to ménage .

Members then had a short discussion on the large Marr Route/Lyndhurst Project as we have discovered that Mansfield DC recently approved the Application and NSDC have deferred same until September 2011 . BPC Members are concerned that the issues raised by us , concerning traffic and school issues , as Joseph Whitaker School is already full , may not have been discussed . We can write to Planning Casework Unit & ask for an enquiry . The A617 Marr Route was built 5 years ago with an anticipated lifespan of 21 years , is now very badly worn .

The NSDC Core Strategy Report is due out very soon , suggesting where new development may be allowed , which could result in Blidworth & rest of rural areas of NSDC having to provide a large number of new housing / infrastructure .

Cllr B Evans Proposed & Cllr J Durkin Seconded that we should write to Mansfield DC expressing our dismay at the voting during this extremely important decision where several Councillors Abstained & a casting vote carried the decisions – Unanimous ex Cllr G Merry – plus with this Joint Authority Application we should have been invited to this Meeting & the NSDC Meeting .

Chair Proposed & Cllr B Evans Seconded & it was Agreed Unanimously Ex Cllr G Merry Abstained , that we write to Planning Casework Unit with these Proposals .

6 GENERAL PARISH AFFAIRS

6.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report – Noted .

6.2 Highways / Footpaths – FP over Allotments , Fishpool Road – Clerk to raise with NCC for advice , this FP has been used for >20 years – the landowner has put a lock on the gate after a

spate of theft & vandalism on Allotments . The landowner does not wish to leave the gate unlocked . It was discussed that probably a kissing gate or stile could be placed beside the gate .

Cllr J Durkin agreed to re-discuss this with the owner . Chair suggested we could possibly be allowed Permitted Right of Way .

Cllr M Gammon raised the matter of overgrown bushes/trees at Belle Vue Lane – Clerk to check .

Cllr A Fell commented on excessive speed of some large tractors on Dale Lane . Agreed Clerk to contact Richard Thomas with a polite request . Councillors were asked to check the ownership of tractors so that if speeding tractors belong to a different organisation we could send additional letters .

Further volunteers for Community Speedwatch Scheme – Cllrs J Durkin & Mrs S Harvey .

Cllr G Merry stated he will pay for Community Speedwatch Signs .

The flooding problem @ Spring Hill , Fishpool Road is being investigated now .

Agreed clerk to check barbed wire on fence @ FP No 1 .

6.3 Update Re Blidworth in Bloom – Cllrs A Fell , B Evans & Mrs C Dabbs to attend Annual Presentation Event .

Cllr B Evans suggested that his mower , which he has been using @ the War Memorial is too heavy to push uphill & it would be better if we could buy a self propelled mower such as a Mountfield he has seen advertised at approx £190 . Our Parish Handyman has also recently requested a similar machine for him to use in awkward mowing areas . Cllr Mrs H Dennis proposed we allow a budget of £200 & buy such a machine . Cllr M Gammon Seconded same & it was Agreed Unanimously .

Cllr G Merry complimented Cllrs B Evans & Mrs C Dabbs on War Memorial Site .

Cllr Mrs C Dabbs stated she is looking for Donations for Spring planting .

Cllr G Merry has rung Cllr A Birt Re recent Grit Bins Meeting to decide if Parish Councils have to pay for Bins , will know very soon .

Cllr B Evans has had a letter from 3 Ways Garage , would like a reply outlining possible requirements Re Planting .

6.4 Update Re Garden Competition – Defer to next Meeting after schools are back .

6.5 BPC Logo – Cllr PB to liaise with Darren next week to complete project .

6.6 Update Re Lectern @ War Memorial – Lance Sgt Gorman has agreed to attend in uniform & will perform unveiling of Lectern . Cllr P Brooks advised that he has also received a request from an enactment Society which is being followed up .

6.7 18 Lyndhurst Avenue – A Adams has advised that NSDC is now pursuing legal action to try & resolve this long o/s problem .

6.8 BPC Website – no further progress.

6.9 Rockings Sculpture Interpretation Board – Clerk advised that all we are now waiting for is decision whether or not Planning Permission is required .

6.10 NALC Re Training Courses & AGM – Training Course for Chairmanship :- Cllrs Mrs LC , PB & BE . Training Course for New Cllrs :- Mrs SH , Mrs HD , Mrs CD , JD & MG .

Chair asked if any existing Cllrs had not had an opportunity to attend Training would like to go & Cllr P Merry declined .

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6.12 Notts Police – Future Estate & Access to Services .

We have been advised that Police are already considering closing Blidworth Police Station & are at present having discussions with Fire Service . It was suggested that we write saying if Police Station is to close we are agreeable for Police to be incorporated in Fire Station .

Chair advised that we wrote to request an interest in the Police House when / if it is to be sold . We could then apply for a loan to purchase same . If successful it could possibly be used by BPC and several organisations such as : C.A.B., Playgroups , Youth Services etc .

It was also suggested we write to Cllr Mark Spencer Re Police cuts .

Agreed we invite Insp A Gann to attend next Meeting .

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

6.13 Noted

6.14 Amend Bank Mandate to include Vice-Chair – Agreed

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

7.1 NSDC Re Costs of Uncontested Election £243.56 - Noted

7.2 The Cornwater Club – Invitation Re 10 Year Anniversary Part 9 Sept 2011 , Ravens Lodge - Noted .

7.3 PDP Re Annual DPC Conference 13/14 Oct 2011 London - Noted

7.4 East Mids. Councils-Introductory offer Re Assoc Membership - Noted.

7.5 Andrews Solicitors Re Planning Enforcement & Localism Bill - Noted

7.6 NALC AGM 16 Nov 2011 @ Epperstone V.H. 7.30pm- A) Long Service Cert. – B) Two Voting Delegates – C) Nominations for Election of Officers – D) Nominations for Election of Executive Committee – Agreed Voting Delegates Cllrs LC & HD .

7.7 Longhurst Group Annual Report - Noted

7.8 Gedling BC Re Greater Nottm Aligned Core Strategies : Housing Provision Paper & Climate Change Policy Consultation & Local Distinct Housing Issues for Gedling BC (July 2011) - Noted

7.9 Nottm City Council Core Strategy Preferred Approach Consultation 22 July – 16 Sept 2011 - Noted

7.10 Vitalise – Agreed Defer to Sept Meeting

7.11 Notts Fire & Rescue Servs. Consultation - Noted .

7.12 The Playing Field – Summer 2011 - Noted

7.13 Mr M Thompson Gge Plot G9 App Rd Allots.- request for new concrete garage - Agreed.

Emails

- 1. PDP Compliance News 3 Aug 2011 - Noted**
 - 2. PDP Compliance News 19 July 2011 - Noted**
 - 3. PDP Compliance News 26 July 2011 - Noted**
 - 4. FOI News from PDP 19 July 2011 - Noted**
 - 5. FOI News from PDP 03 Aug 2011 - Noted**
 - 6. Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust – Devons Wartime Aviation History Weekend Memorial Unveilings @ Okehampton & Harrowbeer 12/13 August - Noted,**
 - 7. Public Sector Mapping Agreement Newsletter 2 July 2011 - Noted .**
- 8 August News from Fed of City Farms & Community Gardens - Noted.**
- 9 PDP Compliance News 9 Aug 2011- Noted**

10 Any necessary relevant information not already discussed .

Cllrs JD & GM stated that the Blidworth Historical Society are applying for an NCC L.I.S. Grant & are looking for BPC to countersign the application for a £20k Grant for partial restoration of Windmill . **All Agreed .**

The owner has stated that on completion of the scheme there will be selected Open Days for the public & other interested bodies to visit same .