

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER 2011 AT BLIDWORTH
METHODIST CHURCH HALL.**

PRESENT

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

Chair welcomed everyone , & asked if all mobile phones could be switched off.

Guests included Miss K Clarke & Parents , Landlord & Partner from Fox & Hounds P.H; Mrs C Lasseter , Head, Blidworth Oaks School , together with Teachers , Pupils & Parents , & Committee Members of Friends of Tippings Wood , Including Paddy Tipping

At 7pm prior to start of Parish Meeting it was agreed that the following Awards be presented :-

- A. Miss Kimberley Clarke for her draft design of B.P.C. Logo – Presented by Cllr Mrs Lucy Chadwick , Chair Blidworth Parish Council .**
- B. EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM AWARDS 2011 :- Presented by Cllr A Fell**
 - 1. SILVER – Best Hotel/Pub Garden or Display**
 - 2. SILVER – Best School Garden – Blidworth Oaks Primary School**
 - 3. JUDGES AWARD – Friends of Tippings Wood**
 - 4. BRONZE – Blidworth Village**
 - 5. SPECIAL AWARD – to Aubrey Musson for all his voluntary work over the years maintaining the area around the War Memorial & Well**

Photos were taken of all the presentations & will be forwarded together with a report to Chad .
7.30pm

Chair reminded Members about Standards & Code of Conduct & to state if they have any conflicts of interest in any Council business on the Agenda .

Chair asked & it was Agreed that as Andy Carolan was present Item 9.6 be dealt with early .

1 . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr A Fell .

2 . Declarations of Interest Re any Items on the Agenda .

3. MINUTES AND STATUTORY BUSINESS

3.1 Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held 15 September 2011 were agreed subject to the following amendments

P2 1st Line – Chair stated s/b P7 Confidential Item

P2 – Item 5.2 – Agreed s/b 17th Oct 2011 .

Members queried as to why Matters Arising is not on Agenda . It was stated that NALC official at recent Training for Chairs Course advised same .

After a short discussion it was Resolved & Unanimously Agreed on change where Clerk gives an update on actions taken since last Meeting.

3.2 Parish Clerk's Update on Actions Taken.

P1 – to decide whether or not to include Cllr's names in Minutes – Agreed to avoid mentioning names whenever possible .

P2 – FP No 2- Clerk has spoken with P3 Officer & advised that if it can be proved that track has been regularly used for more than 20 years it could invoke a ruling OR persuade landowner to allow another viable entrance for walkers only , to prevent previous action – Agreed Cllr JD & Mrs HD to speak again with landowner

Responses from St Andrews Health Care HQ & The Care Quality Commission – Agreed a letter be sent to Mansfield DC & Gedling BC, requesting that when something is on or near our boundaries , as a matter of courtesy , we should always be a Consultee .

Also a letter be sent to Mansfield DC Planning the specific types of residents @ St Andrews on original Planning Application .

6.2 – FP No 1 -Clerk checked with P3 Officer , and it is OK to have a part barbed wire fence as long as the footpath is sufficiently wide enough for walkers to avoid fence . This one is clearly not wide enough because of overgrown hedge . Clerk to follow up .

Illegal Parking on Belle Vue Lane & Haywood Avenue – Agreed Clerk to write to NSDC & request Traffic Warden to visit both areas @ School exit times between 3 & 4pm & witness cars completely blocking pavements .

Comment from B in B competition Re need for Dog Bins in Tippings Wood – Members discussed this problem & agreed this will not solve the problem , but will increase costs due to persistent vandal damage to Rainworth PC Bins – suggest signs on all entrances ..

Request Re Standpipe for War Memorial Area – Clerk has spoken with STWA – Standpipes cannot be bought but can hire one for approx £370 p.a.(which includes Deposit £210 + VAT), Plus of course cost of water @ £1.46 per cu m . – Agreed 6 month Rental , Darren Harvey is also to get details of potential bore hole to well as another source of water .

Proposed Downlighter to light up War Memorial – NCC Officer advised that this is not allowed as it is will cause too high stress levels on the lighting column – Clerk is to investigate

War Memorial Fund – all previous monies from this fund have been transferred & banked . Clerk will separate from our General Fund , balances within this new Fund on the same basis as we do with the R&R Fund .

New Lecterns @ Rockings Sculpture & War Memorial – NSDC have now notified us that Planning Permission is not required .

Amendment to Bank Mandate – Clerk is awaiting completion of forms from Cllr P Merry .

6.16 – NSDC Review of Polling Districts , Polling Places & Polling Stations – still to be decided – **Agreed Members may respond**

P6 – NSDC Re any Nominations for Citizen of Year – U25's , 26-59 & 60+ - **Agreed Members may respond**

Chair then asked & it was Agreed that Andy Carolan speak next Re Item 9.6

AC outlined how the Leisure Centre is doing but stressed how it needs to maintain or improve its customer basis . If BPC could rearrange start times of Meetings from 7.30pm to either 7.35 or 7.40pm , this would enable a very popular peak time class to finish at 7.25 . His staff will ensure the room is cleared & then set up for our Meetings , which he agreed could go on to 10.15 pm if necessary – it was also agreed that , on the few occasions an earlier start is need (perhaps once or twice per year) , with notice , this would be acceptable .

It was Unanimously Agreed that the offer to change start of Meetings to 7.35 up to maximum 10.15pm .

4 . FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

4.1 The Schedule of Accounts Net Total – (£32,518.80) as per Cash Book for September 2011 was agreed .

Clerk mentioned that he has just received an offer from our suppliers , to exchange our existing Photocopier which we bought from them in 2004 , for an updated one , which is only six months old , for £650 . All maintenance / new cartridges are included as now . **It was Unanimously Agreed we purchase same .**

4.2 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30th September 2011- Noted

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD – No members of public @ Meeting .

W Richards queried whether we BPC had tried to rent a free room for this Meeting prior to contacting Methodist Church . Clerk advised he had already given this information to WR earlier .WR also stated that FP No 7 near Providence Farm has not been cleared as he was told . Chair stated that school charge for room & would send WR a scale of charges .

6 PLANNING

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

6.1 . Notice of Decision : Application Number : 11/01004/FUL : Location : Syke Breck Farm : Proposal : conversion of redundant farm buildings to form 2 residential units & swimming pool & gym : **NOTED**

6.2. CPRE – New Guide – How to respond to Planning Applications - **NOTED**

6.3 . NSDC – Local Dev Framework-Consultation - Allocations & Dev Management

This nationwide scheme began with SCHLAA over a year ago , when anyone could put forward all areas in their village which they thought could be developed . Every town / village is involved & has been contacted . The Government aim is to provide sufficient housing by 2025 to address the current housing shortage .

Several areas in Blidworth are shown on the plans as being suitable by NSDC together with an estimation of properties that could be built . BPC & residents are now invited to discuss these consultation proposals and forward their feedback responses .Chair suggested we call an extra Meeting to brief our Cllrs. on the LDP on 3rd Nov 2011 before Xmas Festival Meeting .

7 . County Councillor / District Councillors – Blidworth Parish Business

Cllr G Merry outlined an outline scheme he is involved in , which could help to improve facilities for local youngsters . All potential user groups could enable better access to numerous funds .

6 GENERAL PARISH AFFAIRS

6.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report – Noted .

6.2 Highways / Footpaths – Clerk to notify NCC Re :- A) Field Lane 30mph sign is rotting and B) Lay - By o/s Co-oP needs resurfacing .

Grit Bin on Dale Lane is to be moved to Lyndhurst Avenue .

Before winter , agreed Cllrs PM & MG be given driving tuition on large mower to help cover for any emergency . NCC Highways will pay farmers £45 per hour for snow clearing . Agreed Cllrs . to pass on to anyone interested .

6.3 Update Re Lecterns @ War Memorial & Rockings Structure .

War Memorial – should be fitted during 1st week of Nov 2011 . **It was also Unanimously Agreed we purchase a Flagpole for this site which is estimated at approx £450 for Heavy Duty Fibreglass Pole , Flag , Delivered & Fitted .**

Rockings Site – an acid etched Lectern . **Members Agreed the proposed narrative . Should be supplied & fitted early Nov 2011 .**

8.4 Report Re Xmas Festival Meeting 6 Oct 2011 – BCA have agreed to donate £450 Re Presents for children – Co-oP agreed new lights & Fishnet have agreed to power theirs - PALS are to donate £500 Re Entertainer & new lights @ Chip Shop – agreed photos be taken to include in B in B Portfolio .

8.5 NSDC Review of Polling Districts , Polling Places & Polling Stations . – Agreed no change .

8.6 Estimate Re Winter Baskets – **Unanimously Agreed we accept quote of £480 .** It was also Agreed to write to Rainworth PC Re Water Bowser , asking for it back / OR share it.

8.7 Parish Suggestion Scheme – New Suggestion Cards were demonstrated . Suggested 5000 cards be bought @ est £120 , to be left @ Library , Comm Leisure Centre & Post Office . All proposed schemes / ideas to be assessed & results put on Notice Board . Discussed that new

Community Church photocopier may be able to do these . Clerk to investigate . Chair suggested that Parish Council surgeries would be an opportunity to read these cards & save Clerk's time .

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

9.1 NSDC Re BCA Meetings - Noted

9.2 Vitalise – Agreed send Grant Form

9.3 NCC Winter Service - Noted

9.4 NSDC Standards Committee Agenda 8 Sept 2011 - Noted

9.5 Re L.I.S Schemes 2012/13 Blidworth Mill & Footpath Blidworth-Ravenshead .

9.6 A Carolan NSDC Re BPC Meetings – SEE PAGE 3

9.7 Notts Police Re Surgery Times / Dates - Noted

9.8 Response from Mansfield DC Re Planning App. Land Adj A617 (MARR) - Noted

**9.9 QE2 Fields Challenge – Protecting your open space – Agreed to Agenda next month
Re poss action next year regarding Village Events .**

9.10 NCC Re Grasscutting 2011 - Noted

9.11 Response from St Andrews Healthcare HQ - Noted , SEE PAGE 2

9.12 Response from Care Quality Commission – Noted , SEE PAGE 2

9.13 NSDC Re Citizen of the Year 2011 , U25's , 26-59 & 60+ - Noted , SEE PAGE 3

9.14 RHS – Growing Communities - Noted

Emails – These are for noting only & may be inspected @ Parish Office

1. PDP Compliance News 21 Sept 2011
2. PDP Compliance News 27 Sept 2011
3. PDP Compliance News 6 Sept 2011
4. PDP Compliance News 13 Sept 2011
5. FOI News from PDP 27 Sept 2011
6. NALC Re £5m for Community Groups in Notts