

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.40PM ON THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER 2011 AT BLIDWORTH
COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE .**

PRESENT

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

Chair welcomed everyone , & asked if all mobile phones could be switched off & stated that there were 3 Late Agenda Items :-

3.3 Minutes of Finance & Standards Committee 1st December 2011

8.8 BPC Complaints Procedure (b/f from last month)

8.9 Police House , Blidworth

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 also stated that Mr & Mrs Thompson were here Re Item 9.1- Agreed to discuss early .

1 . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs B Evans & A Fell .

2 . Declarations of Interest Re any Items on the Agenda - None.

3. MINUTES AND STATUTORY BUSINESS

3.1 Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held 10 November 2011 were agreed .

3.2 Parish Clerk's Update on Actions Taken.

P1 – Re FP No 1 (barbed wire fencing) – Clerk still to ascertain who owns this field , & will then follow up .

P1 – Illegal Parking – Police have issued tickets – Clerk to follow up with NSDC Warden.

P1 Proposed Light @ War Memorial – RF is arranging same with NCC .

P1 Hire of Room – School has now responded – £30 for Min 2 hours (Discounted Rate as Cllr/ Governor can lock up afterwards) .

P2 Item 8.2 – Members attempted to set up a meeting with Mrs N . Mrs N has re-iterated that she does not want a walkers gate at all , but does not mind residents using this track in daytime , but main gate will be locked at night . It was resolved that we do not consider this matter any further – **All Agreed (Ex 1 & 1 Abstention) .**

P3 Item 8.2 – Grit Spreader & Signs for Grit Bins – Clerk is arranging same .

Late Item 3.3 Minutes of Finance & Standards Committee 1st December 2011 – Deferred to next Meeting

7.40pm Agreed to bring forward Item 9.1 Request for Funfair @ Sherwood Ave P.F.

9.1 . Members have obtained references from sites previously used – no problems at all . Owner is a member of Showmans Guild , & is not a traveller . Would like to be on site from Sunday to Sunday , & operate Thurs; Fri; & Sat; 6 – 9pm . All rides end @ 9pm - £1 charge , Dodgems £1 per car – aim to attract families – have own Security & Power – will ensure site is rubbish free each day – have a £11m Insurance Policy & will provide £1k Bond - would like to use site on a trial basis , preferably May or June 2012 .

Members Agreed Unanimously to allow Funfair subject to the following :-

To finalise Date & exact area @ Playing Field .

To establish (Free) Car Park Area & agree layout of Barriers .

To receive a copy of a Risk Assessment , Insurance Policies & Staff Certificates .

BPC to consider linking same with Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and / or Xmas .

4 . FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

4.1 The Schedule of Accounts Net Total £6,465.29 as per Cash Book for November 2011 was agreed .

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

4.3 Financial Update 1st April to 30 Sept 2011 – **Noted**

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD – No public present .

6 PLANNING

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

6.1 . Planning Application : Application Number : 11/01514/FUL : Location : The Coach House , Lindhurst Farm : Proposal : Installation of Solar Panels to roof of building - **AGREED.**

7 . County Councillor / District Councillors – Blidworth Parish Business

Cllr G Merry reported he attended Planning Meeting & spoke Re Lyndhurst Development.

He has also spoken with Lynn Sykes , Deputy Director of Leisure , Re Land @ end of Belle Vue Lane – Coal Board & Forestry Commission have no objection to BPC changing the use of this site as long as it remains for leisure and not commercial use .

8 GENERAL PARISH AFFAIRS

8.1 Neighbourhood Watch Report – Noted .

8.2 Highways / Footpaths – members reported there are a multitude of signs on Main Street , including a Danger Horses Sign causing problems with manoeuvring – **Cllr GM & Clerk to deal with .**

Obstruction on Footpath due to overgrown bushes / hedges on Belle Vue Lane – Clerk to send photos to D Best NSDC for clarification of ownership .

Complaints Re new wall adj entrance to School @ Belle Vue Lane – Clerk has emailed A Adams but to date he has not replied .

Members queried numbers & sites of Grit Bins – Cllr GM will provide same .

Lay-by near Co-oP & Pelican crossing – Clerk to contact NCC , needs resurfacing .

Cllr G Merry will co-ordinate Snow Committee – NCC Gritting Route will be on Notice Board

It was noted that Rainworth PC have a portable Grit Spreader – Agreed to find details of same , Chair to follow up Re similar spreaders used by NHS .

Cllr PB as School Governor to report to them gritting problems near School .

Chair suggested we purchase stick –on labels for Grit Bin – THIS GRIT BIN IS FOR HIGHWAY USE ONLY.

8.3 Update Re Lectern @ Rockings –Cllr PB has met N Wort (NCC) , now agreed revised design & awaiting graphics for a template .

8.5 Annual Audit Returns 2009/10 & 2010/11 – Clerk advised that both years have now been signed off & returned with no matters to report . However , the Auditor has mentioned that our bill will include an additional charge of £325 , being cost of his response to an objection by one of our residents , again .

8.6 Sub-Committees – Members discussed the fact that both NCC & NSDC are moving away from the Committee System because otherwise , some members lose account of what is happening @ the authority . Meetings are for everyone to attend .BPC now has 3 Committees – H&S/Finance & Bloom , plus Working Parties for Planning / Xmas Festival . After a long discussion it was finally Proposed , Seconded & Agreed by 7 votes to 1 , with 1 Abstention , that all forms of Working Parties & Committees be scrapped & that Members decide at every Meeting which Members are to make Planning Site Visits for following month .Agreed that we may have to extend Meetings to deal with subjects previously discussed in Committee .

8.7 NSDC Precept Estimates 2012/13 – Clerk advised refer to Budget Meeting to complete this Return .

8.8 BPC Complaints Procedure – Agreed that amendments are needed & to refer same to next Meeting .

8.9 . Police House Blidworth – Agreed Clerk to write to Police advising the property is not suitable for our purpose .

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

9.1. Request for Funfairs @ Sherwood Ave Playing Field - SEE PAGE 2 .

9.2 Requisition from W Richards & 5 other local residents to apply for planning permission for building on Dale Lane Allot. Site & to acquire other land with proceeds – **more beneficial to get outline planning permission to build – feedback from NSDC Re allocations due early next year – Agreed defer to Feb/March 2012 .**

9.3 The University of Nottingham Research Project Re Sherwood Forest - **Noted .**

9.4 Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons – **Defer to January Meeting**

9.5 PSMA Newsletter 6 - **Noted**

9.6 not just swimming , invite to meeting re new Pool @ Rainworth - **Noted**

9.7 Notts Police Re Nk & Sherwood Safer Neigh. Groups - **Noted**

9.8 Fields in Trust – Save a space for me results - **Noted**

9.9 Men in Sheds – Thanks for Festival - **Noted**

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

- 1.** PDP Compliance News 08.11.11
- 2.** PDP Compliance News 15.11.11
- 3.** PDP Compliance News 22.11.11
- 4.** PDP Compliance News 29.11.11
- 5.** FOI News from PDP 15.11.11
- 6.** FOI News from PDP 29.11.11
- 7** Rainworth PC Re Recording of Meetings – **It was Unanimously Agreed we buy Tape Recorder & a set of headphones – tapes to be erased after written Minutes are signed .**

THE CHAIR THEN PROPOSED & IT WAS AGREED “THAT IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE TRANSACTED (COMPLAINTS) , IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC BE TEMPORARILY EXCLUDED AND THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW “ .