

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.40PM ON THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2012 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
Mrs S Harvey
G Merry
P Merry
G Stocks (Clerk)

Also present were Mr W Richards , P Worsley & Mrs Grimsey

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

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 then advised there are 3 Late Emails – 10 , 11 & 12 .

1 . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

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

Chair asked & it was Agreed that as Phil Worsley was present , Item 8.10 should be dealt with first .

8.10 Joseph Whitaker Young Engineers – Grant Application -

PW outlined his current teaching career @ J Whitaker School specialising in electronics .
Approx 25 of his pupils are taking in this STEM Project , (Science , Tech. Engineering & Maths .) . These young engineers are taking part in designing & building a small racing car .
The nearest school competing in this 5 year project is at Repton in Derbyshire . The request for funding totals £500 , which will be spent on suitable clothing for all the team .
As an alternative Cllr G Merry then offered £500 from his Divisional Members Fund which will save BPC Funds – this was agreed. Chair will speak with Cllr GM & also liaise with Rainworth Parish Council for further Grant Funds .

3. MINUTES AND STATUTORY BUSINESS

3.1 To agree Minutes of Parish Meeting 19th January 2012 . It was Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held 19 January 2012 be agreed subject to the following amendments :- Present : Cllr J Durkin confirmed he was not present . Item 4.1 – Cllr Mrs H Dennis Abstained . Item 9.13 should be – Letter of Complaint .

3.2 To agree Minutes of Finance & Standards Committee Meeting 1st December 2011 .

Resolved that the Minutes of the Finance & Standards Meeting held 4 January 2012 be Agreed for accuracy- **For 4 – Cllrs P Brooks , G Merry & P Merry Abstained – Cllr PB added that the reason for his abstaining was the Minutes do not follow NALC procedures .**

3.3 Parish Clerk's Update on Actions Taken –

P2 - Item 3.4 Barbed Wire Fencing – discussed & agreed with NCC P3 staff , they are arranging to have hedge cut back & will then ensure barbed wire problem is sorted out .

Item 3.4 Grit Bin Signs – these have now been fitted .

P3 Item 8.2 – Proposed signs on dangerous bend , Haywood Oaks Lane - Clerk has spoken with Jo Horton NCC Highways Inspector who informed there is already a roadside sign approx 200 m from this sharp bend , together with white warning signs in middle of road , plus a large black backed warning sign actually on the bend . She queried as to what else could NCC do , as it appears that speed would have been the cause for vehicles skidding off the road at this site .

4 . FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

4.1 The Schedule of Accounts Net Total £8,788.23 as per Cash Book for December 2011 was Unanimously Agreed Ex Cllrs B Evans & Mrs H Dennis Abstained . **Agreed for next years Xmas Lights we obtain 3 quotes .**

4.2 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st December 2011- **Noted**

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD – Chair stated that due to large Agenda she would allow 3 minutes only .

Mr Richards presented 2 letters requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act – **Agreed Clerk to respond in writing .**

6 PLANNING

To Agree Planning Volunteers for next month – It was Agreed that Cllrs P Brooks , M Gammon & J Durkin be appointed for Meeting 15 March 2012 .

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

6.1 . Planning Application : Application Number : 12/00084/FUL: Location : The Barn , Main Street : Proposal : Replace Front Door - **APPROVE**

6.2 Planning Application : Application Number : 12/000114/ADV: Location : Lyndhurst Stores : Proposal : Non Illuminated Advertisement to front elevation - **APPROVE**

6.3 Planning Application : Application Number : 12/00113/FUL : Location : Lyndhurst Stores : Proposal : Two storey extensions to side elevation , (Ground Floor to be used as Retail Area with first floor as habitable Space) , with a single storey extension to rear (to be used as a stock room for the Retail Area) . A new shop front will be constructed which will include removing the existing bay windows & erecting security grills & a non-illuminated fascia sign . Part of the perimeter will receive wrought iron fencing . A wheelchair access ramp will also be constructed to the front of the building , & the entrance door widened to allow wheelchair access to shop - **APPROVE.**

6.4 Notice of Decision : Application Number : 11/01712/FUL : Location : Land north of Ansec Business Park : Proposal : erection of B1 Light Industrial Unit with Assoc Car Park & Perimeter Fencing - NOTED

6.5 NSDC letter of 13 Jan Re Planning C'ttee Items & letter of 20 Jan correcting proposals – Noted , agreed Clerk to send email requesting hard copies .

7 . County Councillor / District Councillors – Blidworth Parish Business

No problems with snow this year , NCC dealt with snow on pavements . Cllr M Gammon commented that several Grit Bins are now empty – Cllr GM to check . BPC now have a small size manual gritter , cannot trial yet as snow has gone . Agreed we try to keep Beck Lane & Beck Crescent clear .

For Proposed New Project SEE CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

8 GENERAL PARISH AFFAIRS

8.1 Neighbourhood Watch – Noted . Latest SNG Meeting well attended – Cllr P Brooks is Vice Chair . PC Geoff Bacon is being transferred to Sutton . **Agreed** we fully support GB & Clerk to write to Chief Sup't A Khan to request reversal of this decision . Cllr G Merry advised the reason for NCC not carrying on with Drop – In @ Methodist was not because of cutbacks but due to continual vandalism . Noted that Claire Dady from Detached Youth Project , who helps run the Rainworth Youth Club , is keen to set same up in Blidworth .

8.2 Highways / Footpaths – Dangerous bend – Haywood Oaks Lane – following site visit , Jo Horton advised there is a Bend Warning sign , yellow backed chevrons & SLOW carriageway markings already at this site .

Blidworth Historical & Heritage Society have asked if we would like them to do a survey of all our Footpaths as they did last year – **Unanimously Agreed**

Parking Problems Belle Vue Lane – Members are very concerned Re this continual problem as it happens most days & evenings , with vehicles parked on both sides of the road and footpaths . It was suggested we request double yellow lines all the way from the Fire Station , Mansfield Road , through to Belle Vue Lane , & up to School crossing area . Also , on the far side from the corner of Mansfield Road , again up to School crossing area , it is thought that one of the biggest problems is caused by Leisure Centre users .

It was Unanimously Agreed that we speak with Andy Carolan highlighting the problems & ask if he could arrange for a letter to be sent to all their users . We should then allow a month for things to change , if not , we request that double yellow lines be put in .

8.3 Update Re Lectern @ Rockings – Noted that it could be April 2012 before being fitted.

Concerns were recently raised Re Paint blistering on some of the new Notice Boards on Mansfield Road – **Agreed Clerk write to Ian Fielding .**

8.4 BPC Complaints Procedure – Chair assured Members that the copy before them is the exact replica of the NALC Version , with amended Title & Address – **it was then Unanimously Approved .**

8.5 Blidworth Parish Council Website –Chair outlined the information gained , including possible costs , & it was Agreed that we draw up a Website Specification , and then go out to tender .

8.6 Update Re Proposed Diamond Jubilee Event 5 June 2012 – Agreed site to be Blidworth Welfare . Items already booked include NCC Climbing Wall , Toddlers Fairground Ride & Bouncy Slide . Other considerations are Brass Band , Pony & Trap , Children’s Races & Fancy Dress . Plan to discuss ideas with Schools , SureStart , Churches & BPC Bloom Working Party. A meeting to plan event is on 23 Feb. in BCA Office for the following – Chair Mrs L Chadwick , & Cllrs Mrs H Dennis , Mrs S Harvey , M Gammon , P Brooks & G Merry .

8.7 Update Re Proposed Community Market – Cllr Mrs S Harvey is still working on this .

8.8 NALC Re Launch of New Website – Chair advised all Members to look@ this Website .

8.9 . List of B.P.C. Events Booked for 2011/12 – For Member’s Diaries – NOTED

8.10 Joseph Whitaker Young Engineers – Grant Application – SEE PAGE 1

8.11 Blidworth Public Toilets – A short discussion took place Re suggested lack of Public Toilets in Blidworth Library & Doctors , even though NSDC agreed that the Community Leisure Centre Toilets can be also for public use . **Agreed Clerk to write to NSDC , Doctors & Library , to try to obtain written approval for Public Usage of their Toilet(s) .**

8.12 Allotments – **See Confidential Item** Clerk advised that if BPC wish to increase Allotment Rents for 2013/14 we have to give 12 months notice . It was Agreed that will not increase Rents for standard Allotments nor Garage Rents . .

8.13 Update Re Land Allocation – No further news . **Agreed Clerk write to NSDC to request copies of the Traffic Figures , & the source of these figures that were used in the Land Development Planning Consultation , & to also write to Mansfield CHAD Re our concern at the scale of the proposed development in Blidworth & surrounding communities & that the infrastructure cannot support this level of development .**

8.14 Update Re Village Fair – Clerk advised that we are happy with all the arrangements made with Mr Thompson for the event from 8th to 13th May 2012 , with actual Fair Thursday 10 May to Saturday 12 May inc . from 6pm to 9pm .

8.15 Invite to NCC L.I.S Event 15 May 2012 @ Newark Showground 10-1.30pm. – Agreed Cllr G Merry to attend .

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

9.1. CPRE & NALC Re “How to Shape Where You Live - Noted

9.2 NCC – Developing a Notts approach to Localism – Noted – Agreed Clerk to write to NCC & request details of where these areas of land are in Blidworth .

9.3 Training on the “Revised Ethical Framework” 21 Mar 10-12am @ K Hall – Agreed Cllr Mrs H Dennis will attend .

9.4 NSDC Seminar on Localism Act 22 Feb 2012 – Agreed Chair & Clerk to attend & to put on March Agenda .

9.5.NSDC Annual Parish Conference now moved to 1st Oct 2012- Agenda to follow - Noted

9.6 NCC-Notts Minerals Local Plan Consultation – 27 Jan – 30 March 2012 – Agreed to publicise & write to NCC & ask if BPC has any such sites in our Parish & put on March Agenda .

9.7 NSDC 2011/12 Register of Electors - Noted

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

1. PDP Compliance News 17.01.12
2. PDP Compliance News 25.01.12
3. PDP Compliance News 04.01.12
4. PDP Compliance News 07.02.12
5. FOI News from PDP 17.01.12
6. PSMA Newsletter
7. FOI News from PDP 31.01.12
- 8 FCFCG Midlands E-News

9 . Action for Market Towns-Getting to Grips with Localism & Neighbourhood Planning

Late Item 10 . Plantscape – Hanging Baskets / Floral Displays

Late Item 11 . Action for Market Towns – Getting to Grips with Localism & Neigh. Planning

Late Item 12 . CPRE/NALC –Free Roadshows Re Supporting Communities & Neigh. Planning

Meeting closed @ 10pm .