

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.40PM ON THURSDAY 15th MARCH 2012 AT BLIDWORTH
COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE .**

PRESENT

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

Also present were Mr W Richards , Mr T Dennis & Mr J Allen

**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 Items 6.2 Notice of Decision – 6.3 Planning
Application Re 51 Main Street & 9.13 Application to vary premise Licence @ Co-oP Store
Mansfield Road .**

1 . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs B Evans & M Gammon – both Ill .

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

3. MINUTES AND STATUTORY BUSINESS

**3.1 To agree Minutes of Parish Meeting 16th February 2012 . It was Resolved that the
Minutes of the Parish Meeting held 19 January 2012 be agreed – All Agreed Ex Cllr Mrs H
Dennis Abstained .**

**Minutes of Finance & Standards Committee Meeting 1st December 2011- Cllr P Brooks
advised that although these Minutes were approved last month , when he Abstained he
stated that he requested that the reason why he abstained should be put in the Minutes .
Cllr PB stated 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 3.3 – Barbed Wire Fencing – no further news

P3 Item 6.5 – hard copies requested

P3 Item 8.1 – Letters sent to both , both have replied

P3 Item 8.2 – Spoke to AC , he will contact their Members

P3 Item 8.3 – Letter sent to IF .

P4 Item 8.11 – Letters sent – A Carolan is happy with this , no other responses

P4 Item 8.13 – Letters sent to NSDC & CHAD , response from NSDC

P5 Item 9.2 – Letter sent to NCC

4 . FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

4.1 The Schedule of Accounts Net Total £8,296.89 as per Cash Book for February 2012 was **Unanimously Agreed Ex Mrs H Dennis Abstained .**

4.2 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 29th February 2012- **Noted**

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

Mr Richards stated that he had received a copy of the 2 year Lease Agreement with Forest Folk Allotment Society , but it was not signed . Chair stated that it is due for renewal shortly & he will then be sent a completed Copy Agreement .

WR also commented on the poor state of some of our Footpath Stiles etc . He was notified that the local Historical Society have again volunteered to walk all the Footpaths & Bridlepaths outlining any faults on the NCC Documents & also photographing same to complete a CD. When completed we will then liaise with NCC to put right any problems .

Mr T Dennis commented on the amount of litter at the various entrances to the village .

6 PLANNING

To Agree Planning Volunteers for next month – It was Agreed that Cllrs J Durkin & Mrs H Dennis be appointed for Meeting 19 April 2012 .

At this point Cllr P Brooks stated that “ at no time during his Chairmanship did he ever edit Minutes prior to circulation to other Members “ .

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

6.1 . Notice of Decision : Application Number : 11/01112/OUT: Location : The Jolly Friar PH
: Proposal : Demolition of PH + erection of up to 6 dwellings & associated access – **REFUSED**

Late Item 6.2 Notice of Decision : Application Number : 12/00010/FUL: Location : 31 Hillside Road :
Proposal : Non Illuminated Advertisement to front elevation - **APPROVE**

Late Item 6.3 Planning Application : Application Number : 12/00284/FUL : Location : 51 Main Street :
Proposal : single storey rear extension – **Members suggested that although it is stated as a rear extension , from the plans it appears that it could be visible from the road , as it extends to the side & the rear . Also , because it is in the Conservation Area , the decision should come from NSDC Planning Staff following a site visit .**

7 . County Councillor / District Councillors – Blidworth Parish Business

Cllr G Merry said during the BPC Meeting of Dec 8th 2011 Item 7 , it was minuted that “both NCC & NSDC are moving away from the Committee System “, but should have read “Scrutiny Committee System “, to allow more Members to be involved .

He then went on to discuss a recent Meeting with an NCC Portfolio Holder Re Proposed New Project , **which was agreed should be discussed as a CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

8 GENERAL PARISH AFFAIRS

8.1 Neighbourhood Watch – Noted .

8.2 Highways / Footpaths – Cllr Mrs C Dabbs complained that since NCC have cut back the hedges , the amount of litter now showing is an eyesore – **Agreed Clerk contact NSDC to clear this rubbish & the areas around the main entrances to Blidworth .**

8.3 Update Re Lectern @ Rockings – Cllr P Brooks spoke today with N Wort NCC , minor delays in project , as there is a small amount of work to do .

8.4 Blidworth in Bloom – Cllr Mrs C Dabbs updated Members on current state of affairs :-

The large quadruple planter from the Leisure Centre has been transferred to Library where 2 volunteers have refilled same – Fire Station are not planting up this year so Blidworth Brownies are doing this work – Blidworth Oaks School are renovating brickwork @ front of Leisure & also assisting with the Well Dressing on Main Street & making Diamond Jubilee Banners .

Cllr G Merry asked that several photos be taken Re all these projects to help improve our B in B Portfolio .

A Carolan has told Cllr G Merry that if we provide the Hanging baskets he will ensure they water them .

Cllr Mrs C Dabbs asked if an article could be put in the Focus thanking people for the donations she has received & as a result of which the beautiful flower beds we now have , which will be re-set , hopefully in Red , White & Blue for the Diamond Jubilee Festival .

8.5 BPC Website – Chair & Cllr P Brooks have drawn up a specification & received 2 Invitations to Tender , plus an Expression of Interest . This project will now take a few months to complete .

8.6 Update Re Proposed Diamond Jubilee Event 5 June 2012 – A discussion took place Re arrangements made so far , but it was agreed that we defer all other final decisions & arrangements to the Meeting on 22 March 2012 in BCA Office @ 7pm .

8.7 Update Re Proposed Community Market – Cllr Mrs S Harvey is awaiting results from organiser of Mansfield Woodhouse Market .

8.8 NALC Re Launch of New Website – Noted .

8.9 . Jubilee Event - SEE 8.6

8.10 Blidworth School Field – Chair & Clerk had a discussion recently with Mrs Lasseter over several issues , one of which was Re this area of land adjoining Sherwood Avenue PF . Apparently it was used for games of football , but this has had to be stopped because of dog fouling . After a short discussion , where BPC Chair outlined BPC's possibilities for these 2 areas of land , Mrs L Agreed that we write to NCC with our proposals to a joint lease between us , where BPC will manage this area , & probably fence the area off , to keep dogs out , the School could then carry on using field for school football in school hours , & BPC could provide for football usage out of school hours . This proposed scheme would then still allow School (NCC) , to be owners of this area of land .

8.11 Blidworth Public Toilets – See Item last

8.12 S106 Monies £12,945 – Clerk advised that the offer to transfer these funds from NSDC to ourselves came recently & the Transfer Document was signed , witnessed and returned last week . The cheque should be received next week .

8.13 Update Re Land Allocation – Chair stated that NSDC are not intending to look at other sites .Cllr Mrs H Dennis stated that we need an up to date Traffic Survey from NCC and also recent Accident Statistics . It was suggested we could write to Cllr Jackson (NCC) , to ask for an appropriate Traffic Survey .

Cllr Mrs H Dennis also pointed out that the area opposite the Jolly Friar on Dale Lane has been flooded three times already this year , & suggested we write to NCC Re same .

Cllr G Merry said he has recently been in discussions with Jo Horton , (NCC Highways Engineer) , who recently toured the whole of Blidworth highways area with him & reported back to him . It was Agreed Clerk ask for a copy of this letter .

8.14 Update Re Village Fair – Cllr P Brooks asked Clerk to chase up the request for up to date Risk Assessments & Food Handling Certificates .

8.15 NCC-Consultation on Change to Governance Arrangements – Noted .

8.16 Vandalism – Clerk updated Members on recent spate of vandalism & criminal damage @ Marriott Lane Play Area over last few weeks . Firstly , the entrance gate and fencing was smashed . This was repaired very quickly , then smashed again , and some of this timber was set alight on the rubberised play surface . Finally , some of the Play Equipment in the Play park was daubed in graffiti , some of it obscene . During the whole time , the whole Play Area **has been littered with numerous broken bottles & glass , including approx 10 empty Vodka bottles , which has taken a long while to clear . The Police were informed & 2 Crime Numbers received .**

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

9.1. NCC Youth Services – Clair Dady (NCC Detached Youth Services) has approached St Andrews Mission Hall Committee & Blidworth Welfare Committee , with letter of approval from Chair of Rainworth Welfare , (where they run a Youth Club very successfully) , with the aim of finding a venue in Blidworth for a Youth Club .

9.2 NSDC Training on the Revised Ethical Framework – still going ahead .

9.3 Blidworth Welfare letter of thanks Re Grant - Noted

9.4 NALC – Annual Sub £560.84 + Best Kept Village Comp . 2012 – Agreed we enter ..

9.5.Responses Re Annual Parish Meeting - Noted

9.6 NCC Minerals Plan Consultation (ends 30 March 2012) – Agreed Chair & Clerk respond by 31 March 2012 ..

9.7 Lease of Land – Sherwood Avenue – See later in Confidential Item

9.8 Annual Freedom of Information Conference 17/18 May 2012 London - Noted .

9.9 Police response Re PC Geoff Bacon - Noted

9.10 NCC Re Flooding in Nottinghamshire - Noted

9.11 NSDC Comm Safety Liaison Group Meeting @ K Hall 23 May 6.30pm - Noted

9.12 NHS Public Board Meeting 22 March 2012 @ Birch House - Noted

Late Item 9.13 NSDC- Licensing Act 2003- Application to vary Licence @ Co-op Store - Noted

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

1. PDP Compliance News 14.02.12
2. PDP Compliance News 21.02.12
3. PDP Compliance News 28.02.12
4. PDP Compliance News 06.03.12
5. FOI News from PDP 14.02.12
6. FOI News from PDP 28.02.12

Meeting closed @ 9.30pm .