

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.45PM ON THURSDAY 19th APRIL 2012 AT BLIDWORTH
COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE .**

PRESENT

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

Also present were Mr K Stewart & Ms S Baldwin (Brass Band), Oliver Pratley & Mrs H Pratley , Mr C Riley (Welfare – Football),Ms J Mephram , D Donaldson (Welfare), T Dennis , T Wendels , D Harvey , J Allen & J Rea .

7.35pm As Agreed Cllr G Merry presented the following NCC Members Divisional Awards Grants :-

£400 - Blidworth Welfare – D Donaldson (in addition to BPC Grant for all sports) .

£400 – Oliver Pratley & Mother

£300 – Blidworth Parish Council – Re Floodlights @ Skatepark

£500 – Blidworth Welfare – New Strip for Elite Football Team

£200 – Blidworth Brass Band

A Photo Shoot then took place with each of the recipients with Cll Merry .

7.45pm

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 .

1 . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs Mrs L Chadwick (Work) & A Fell (Work) .

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

3. MINUTES AND STATUTORY BUSINESS

3.1 To agree Minutes of Parish Meeting 15th March 2012 . It was Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held 15 March 2012 be agreed **6 Members Agreed & 3 Abstained .**

3.3 Parish Clerk's Update on Actions Taken –

P1 Item 3.3 – Barbed Wire Fencing – NCC are dealing with – s/b done within 1 month

P4 Item 8.11 – See letter from Doctors

P4 Item 8.13 – Cllr G|M been asked for copy letter

P4 Item 8.16 – Report sent to Annette Re Damages / Graffiti

4 . FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

4.1 The Schedule of Accounts Net Total £5,030.74 as per Cash Book for March 2012 was **Agreed Ex Cllrs Mrs H Dennis & B Evans who Abstained** .

4.2 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st March 2012- **Noted**

4.3 DRAFT 2011/12 Final Accounts – Clerk explained the workings of these spreadsheets , which are a summary of the monthly cash book reports . The monthly figures are transferred to the Bank Rec. spreadsheet for reconciliation . The various analyses assist in the breakdown of Income & Expenditure .

8.05pm Standing Orders were suspended .

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

T Dennis again mentioned the amount of litter on some entrance roads to Blidworth , particularly at far end of Haywood Oaks Lane – Cllr G Merry commented that this area is a Hot Spot area that NCC regularly clear .

Mr John Rea , the Co-ordinator for the “Save Blidworth Campaign” , requested that “BPC call an EGM to look at Allotment Land in Blidworth (both Dale Lane & Appleton Road Sites) “. Cllr P Brooks asked JR how he represented the entire village to which JR replied that he does not claim to represent the whole village , but there is a lot of heresay going around particularly regarding re-siting of Allotments .

8.10pm Standing Orders were re-instated .

6 PLANNING

To Agree Planning Volunteers for next month – Agreed Cllrs P Brooks , J Durkin & M Gammon be appointed for Meeting 17 May 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 : 12/00371FUL : Location : 19 Park Avenue : Proposal : change of use from shop to existing dwelling - **AGREED**.

6.2 . Notice of Decision : Application Number : 12/00114/ADV Location : 25-27 Lyndhurst Avenue : Proposal : Non illuminated Advert to front elevation – **Noted**

6.3 . Notice of Decision : Application Number : 12/00113/FUL : Location : 25-27 Lyndhurst Avenue : Proposal : Two storey extensions Etc – **Noted**

6.4 . Notice of Decision : Application Number : 12/00084/FUL : Location : The Barn , Main Street : Proposal : New front door - **Noted**

7 . County Councillor / District Councillors – Blidworth Parish Business

Cllr G Merry stated that he has been advised by his Solicitor that he cannot discuss the letter of complaint to NCC , nor the response from them as per the Agenda , but will bring up once items have been settled .

8 GENERAL PARISH AFFAIRS

8.1 Neighbourhood Watch – no reports , It was suggested we consider using new Notts Police Alert System , a good free local system . **Clerk to discuss with Neighbourhood Watch HQ .** Queries were also made Re timing of transfer of Police Office from Blidworth to Rainworth Village Hall – **Agreed to Agenda next Meeting .**

8.2 Highways / Footpaths – a request was made to improve warning signs to motorists on Main Street from the basic sign - “ Horses “ to ones saying “ Slow – Horses “ , as this high traffic area piece of road is a heavy usage area for horses .

It was also suggested that a 40mph limit be imposed on Haywood Oaks Lane , from the A614 Junction through to our 30mph sign , & the same also , on Fishpool Road , from Telephone Exchange through to 30mph sign on Church Hill – **Agreed Clerk to put to NCC Highways .**

Agreed Clerk to send a F.O.I request to both Police & NCC for both Accident & Traffic Survey Figures for last 5 years .

Several Councillors were concerned at the number of portable buildings for horses on Haywood Oaks Lane - **Agreed Clerk write to Adrian Adams @ NSDC .**

Clerk brought to the attention of Members a complaint about the Footpath in Lyndhurst Parish beyond Providence Farm , where large stones make it unusable for wheelchair users , and to remedy this would need two people for approx half a day plus at least one ton of stone – **Agreed that for the time being , it be left as it is & Clerk to check with Forestry Commission , as it is believed they are responsible for this .**

8.3 Allocations & Dev Management Dev Plan Re Add'l Sites - Noted

8.4 Blidworth in Bloom – an update was given as to good progress made :- we will be collecting 50 planters bought from Rainworth PC for £350 , the headstocks have been renovated & painted , & a new brick wall built in front of them , also pole with 4 large hanging baskets from front of Community Leisure Centre have been transferred to Library. **Agreed Clerk to write letter of thanks to BCA for funding these projects .**

The Community Church have agreed to sponsor 2 flower beds . **Members Agreed that for next year we consider the system used @ Edwinstowe , where local businesses currently pay £20 per basket & Parish Council maintain it . This would give a much greater floral display .**

Other projects include :- Memorial Garden & Well Area – **School & Community Church are involved in this – with sponsorship from members & friends of late Andrew Cutts & donations from Miners Welfare.**

Graffiti on Library bench & post box – **Julian to paint .** Fresh topsoil & compost – **thanks to Ulyetts .** Haywood Oaks Lane Flower Bed – **Scouts are assisting Martin & Craig with this .**

8.5 BPC Website – Agenda next month .

8.6 Update Re Diamond Jubilee Event 5 June 2012 – Last Meeting was 12 April 2012 @ Welfare where Police Dog handler came to agree exactly where display is to be held . Tentatively agreed where most other attractions were to be situated , including the marquee , Police Cars , Ambulance , Fair Rides , Fire Engine , Football Competition etc , **with the stipulation that all spectators MUST be kept off the Cricket Square , which will be roped off** . Clerk advised that he is to receive email application form for St John' Ambulance to attend @ £88 – **Agreed to go ahead & book same .**

8.7 Annual Audit for Y/E 31 March 2012 – Clerk advised that he has received all the documentation to complete the Annual Return . **The timetable for Parishioners to inspect the Accounts is complete & on the Notice Board . Sections 1 , 2 & 4 (Annual Internal Audit Report) , must be completed , and the whole Annual Return must be received by External Auditor by 18 June 2012 .** The first batch of documents for the Internal Auditor will be delivered tomorrow 20 April 2012 . Clerk went through the figures & text on both Sections 1 & 2 of the Annual Return , **Members then Agreed (Ex Cllrs Mrs H Dennis & W Evans Abstained) , that Vice Chair & Clerk sign & Date both these Sections .**

8.8 Update Re Village Fair – May 2012 – No further information , **Agreed Clerk to ring Mr Thompson .**

8.9 Annual Parish Meeting 26 April 2012 @ Methodist Church Hall – Clerk to liaise with Chair next week for final arrangements

8.10 Blidworth Garden Competition – Cllr Mrs C Dabbs & Martin Atherton have suggested that we again hold a Garden Competition for both Adults & Children . The Categories , Judge , & Judging Dates are to be finalised so that posters can be produced .

8.11 NCC Re County Council Owned Land in Blidworth – Clerk to check with NCC that our original letter Re School Field has been received , as we have not yet had a response .

8.12 Complaints – SEE CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

8.13 Renewal of NSDC Annual Contract Re Dog Waste Emptying - £832. – Agreed to pay

8.14 NSDC Re S106 Monies & Copy Agreement – Clerk advised that monies were expected to be in our Bank in March , but have been received in April .

8.15 NCC Re Joint NCC/NALC Seminar on Localism @ Bircotes 17 April OR Ruddington on 19 April 2012 . - Noted

8.16 Suggestion Forms – The Draft Suggestion Forms have been completed . We now need to order & pay for 5,000 of them . A template poster can then be published each month outlining the proposals & the decisions Re same . **Agreed to contact “Men in Sheds “ , to ask them to make sufficient mail boxes , with our Logo burnt on the front .**

8.17 NSDC-Allocations & Dev Management Plan Doc-Summary of Consultation Comments – Members Agreed that we write to Mr Norton Re Page 5 , Issues to be addressed , to request how & who are going to investigate same .

8.18 Update Re Lectern @ Rockings – New photos have had to be forwarded . They have now gone for approval .

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

9.1. NSDC Response Re F.O.I. request – Traffic Survey Land Allocation Doc.- Noted

9.2 NCC Civic Service 24 June 2012- 3pm @ Southwell Minster – Noted –Cllr PB to attend .

9.3 NCC Street Lighting Energy Saving Proposals – A3 plan to come – will decide next month .

9.4 Growing Communities - Noted

9.5. Annual Parish Meeting - Noted

9.6 LCR - Noted

9.7 Response from NCC Re School Field – See Confidential Item

9.8 Update Re Toxic Fire @ Burma Rd Ind Estate 20 March 2012 – Cllr JD reported on this extremely serious situation , with thick toxic smoke & flames over the whole Industrial Estate . We do not appear to have had an official response from anyone as to the cause .

Agreed we invite the NCC Emergency Planning Officer to next Meeting & to contact our local Fire Service for comments .

9.9 Notts Fire & Rescue Magazine – Response Spring 2012 - Noted

9.10 Re Lighting Skatepark Area – Clerk to obtain 2 more quotes .

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

- 1. PDP Compliance News 06.03.12**
- 2. PDP Compliance News 14.03.12**
- 3. PDP Compliance News 20.03.12**
- 4. PDP Compliance News 27.03.12**
- 5. PDP Compliance News 03.04.12**
- 6. FOI News from PDP 13.03.12**
- 7 . FOI News from PDP 27.03.12**

8 . PDP Re FOI Conference & Qualification – London 17 & 18 May 2012.

- 9 . PDP – Re Practitioner Certificate in Data Protection
- 10 . Annette Johnson Re Updates & CHAD article concerning Jodi Ruben
- 11 . SureStart News & weekly timetable + OFSTED Inspection
- 12 . PSMA Newsletter 10
- 13 . Navigus Planning – The Journal of Local Planning
- 14 . Response from Blidworth Library Re Public Toilets
- 15 PDP Compliance News 11 April 2012
- 16 FOI News from PDP 11 April 2012
- 17 Plantscape – Surplus Stock Clearance
- 18 Southwell TC Clerk Re Skatepark Surface Material

9.40pm Agreed to extend Standing Orders for 15 mins .

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

Meeting closed @ 10pm .