

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BLIDWORTH
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 19th MAY
2011 AT BLIDWORTH COMMUNITY / LEISURE CENTRE .**

PRESENT

B Evans – Chair
P Brooks
Mrs L Chadwick
Mrs H Dennis
A Fell
M Gammon
G Merry
P Merry
G Stocks (Clerk)

Also in attendance :- Mrs C Dabbs , D Harvey & A Musson .

**Chair asked if all Mobile Phones could be switched off .
He then thanked all Members for their efforts & support in the last year and the
achievements that have been made .**

1. Election of Chair for 2011/12 .

1.1 Cllr G Merry Proposed & Cllr Mrs H Dennis Seconded – Cllr Mrs L Chadwick .
Cllr M Gammon Proposed Cllr P Brooks – not Seconded .
Cllr Mrs L Chadwick was then elected as Chair – For 5 , Against 1 , Abstained 1 .

1.2 Cllr Mrs L Chadwick then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office .

2.1 . Election of Vice Chair for 2011/12 .

Cllr Mrs L Chadwick Proposed & Cllr Mrs H Dennis Seconded – Cllr P Merry .
It was Unanimously Agreed that Cllr P Merry be appointed Vice Chair .

2.2 . Co-option of Councillors .

Chair stated that the advice from NSDC was as follows :-
Post Notice & invite interests in writing .
Notify Returning Officer .
If any 10 Electors want to call an Election they can .
Public Notice to be published & put up on Friday 21 May 2011 .

3 . Appointment of Representatives .

Cllr M Gammon Proposed & Chair Agreed that we should wait until we have a full
complement of Members before we appoint Reps .
Cllr G Merry stated that B in B Reps are critical & should be sorted tonight – Agreed .
Cllr G Merry Proposed & Cllr P Merry Seconded , & it was Agreed Unanimously that
Cllr A Fell be appointed Chair of B in B Committee .
Cllr A Fell then Proposed B Evans to carry on as Secretary if he would – All Agreed

Chair then stated & it was Agreed that we carry on with leaders of Working
Parties/Committees until after next Meeting .

4 . Inspection of Deeds & Inventory .

Clerk stated that , as in previous years , Members can call in the Office , when available , and check any of the above .

5 . To agree Meeting Dates for 2011 / 12 .

Agreed Dates :- June 16 , July 21 , Sept 15 , Oct 20 , Nov 17 , Dec 8 , 2012 – WED Jan 4 (Budget Meeting) , Jan 19 , Feb 16 , Mar 15 , Apr 19 & May 17 (AGM + Parish Meeting @ 8pm) .

6 . Apologies

None .

7 . Minutes & Statutory Business .

7.1 Copies of Minutes & AGM & Parish Meeting held 20 May 2010 - Noted

7.2 Minutes of Meeting held 21 April 2011 .

The Minutes of the above Meeting were approved and signed as a correct record .

7.3 Matters Arising

Cllr G Merry Re Item 2.2 – Cllr GM recently spoke to Insp Wakelin who advised him that the Police need evidence to back up need for a Dispersal Order to be installed – Agreed the Public should report everything & obtain Crime Numbers .

Parish Logo – Agreed with Darren Harvey our choice of design . He will now liaise with us with action to complete the matter .

8 General Parish Affairs

8.1 Parish Office Lease .

Chair agreed to speak with NSDC to try & complete this lease .

Cllr P Brooks commented that he is aware that the Community Leisure Centre are completing a new lease .

8.2 Neighbourhood Watch

Chair stated & all agreed that discussions Re the recent email from Ms Ruben should be a Confidential Item at the end of this Meeting .

8.3 Update Re Lectern Sgt Major Matthew Clay , Scots Guards .

Cllr P Brooks stated he has a quote from Ian Fielding – approx £1,800 , which is too high – asked him to come down to A2 size , but quote has still not arrived yet .

Cllr G Merry advised that he will fund any additional cost > £1,300 .

Cllr P Brooks asked Mrs Dabbs if she had any objections Re Copyright to BPC using a digital photo of her ancestor in this exercise , she confirmed none at all & was pleased that BPC are taking this project forward & is hoping that on Remembrance Day the Brigade of Guards will be able to attend & unveil the Lectern .

8.4 Update Re Blidworth in Bloom

Cllr J Fell commented that areas of Dale Lane need grass cut / strimmed , particularly NSDC planter areas . Agreed Clerk to check with NSDC as to their future programme Re this work .

A discussion then took place Re the Bloom Portfolio .

Cllr P Brooks stated he may have a copy of the Draft Report on his hard drive .

Clerk to check if a copy of the one produced by Mrs Merry could be in the office – but it was agreed the Portfolio is now out of date & needs re-writing & up to date reports/photos .

Maintenance of War Memorial Area : Members were concerned Re recent rumours that this area was not going to be kept to such a high level & it was agreed that now the election is over we should make a decision of who is to look after this area . B Evans & Mrs C Dabbs both volunteered , (with BPC permission) , to go this weekend to help with the work & try to establish a works programme if necessary . Following this heated debate Cllr Mrs H Dennis requested that there should be respectful communication between Councillors & the Public at all times.

Trees : Chair stated that Blidworth Oaks School are very interested in partaking in our Bloom Events and are arranging to plant these trees on Thursday 30 June 2011 . (Each class has a designated area of school garden space) .

8.5 Register of Interests

Members were reminded to complete & return new forms .

8.6 Highways / Road Safety / Footpaths .

Cllr G Merry stated that he is still trying to check Re amended fence line o/s stables area on Fishpool Road .

Clerk advised we are still awaiting response from D Best NSDC Re Burma Road Site Visit .

A Musson asked for a new small Bus Shelter opp . War Memorial for the numerous elderly people living in that area . Following a site visit from Cllr P Brooks & Clerk , it is thought there may be just enough room for same , but Clerk to try & arrange with NCC .

Cllr M Gammon commented that the new Village Entrance Sign on Blidworth Lane is too close to road & in danger of being hit by lorries – Agreed Clerk to check .

Cllr Mrs H Dennis commented on the footpath at the Church Allotments area , Fishpool Road , where a gate has been put across & a sign erected – Clerk to check . Also FP No 1 has a barbed wire fence next to FP , agreed s/b plain wire .

Cllrs Mrs L Chadwick & P Merry commented on recent speed-watch exercise where 27 speeders , (2 of them between 47 – 50mph) , and the report has been sent to Police

8.7 BPC Annual Garden Competition

Although no one has shown any interest , Chair advised that the local children are very keen to enter the Hanging Basket Competition .

8.8 Update Re NCC L.I.S. Schemes Re a) Lay By / Bus Shelter / Info Area , Mansfield Road & b) Rockings Site Interpretation Board .

All now complete , just waiting for keys to Notice Boards & site new triple Planter .

8.9 Update Re 18 Lyndhurst Avenue .

No further news .

8.10 Notification of minor variation application Re White Lion , Main St. Noted – but White Lion has recently been closed by Police after numerous problems .

8.11 Xmas Festival .

Clerk advised that he is awaiting confirmation of a meeting with our Contractor to finalise design of Xmas Lights Programme .

8.12 Declarations of Acceptance of Office (All Members) .

Clerk received all Declarations .

9 Finance & Accounts

9.1 The Schedule of Accounts Total - (£33,390.31) Re April 2011 were approved Unanimously .

9.2 The Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30 April 2011 was noted .

10 Planning

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

10.1 Adoption of the NSDC Core Strategy Dev . Plan (CD Form) .

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

11.1 PDP 2011 Training Catalogue - **Noted**

11.2 Royal Br Legion – Rainworth & Blidworth & Dist. Branch - **Noted**

11.3 The Playing Field - **Noted**

11.4 Ollerton & Dist C.A.B. – **Noted – Agreed invite to next Meeting**

11.5 Future Standards of Conduct of Members of L.A.'s in England – **Noted & Agreed Clerk to copy for all Members .**

11.6 N&S Parish /Dist. Comm Safety Liaison Group Meeting 23 May 2011 @7pm Kelham Hall - **Noted .**

Emails

1. PDP Compliance News

2. NALC Police Authority News

3. NALC – Good Cllr Guide (64 Pages) .

4. NALC – Legal Topic Note Re Equality Act 2010 (15 pages)

5. Damage Claim Re grass cutting

6. PDP – FOI News

7. PDP – Compliance News

8. PDP – Compliance News

9. A Gann Re Drop in Centre

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10 RHS Urban Greening Project

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm .

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Chair asked if there was any Parish matter either wanted to mention

AM thanked Cllr P Brooks for the introduction to school , when he took them a Plaque , & 3 smaller Plaques for Art & Photography . There will be an article in the local Sherwood Newsletter .

DH said he will liaise with either Clerk or Cllr Brooks to bring the project Re BPC Logo to its conclusion .