

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.40PM ON THURSDAY 15th AUGUST 2013 AT BLIDWORTH
COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE .**

PRESENT

P Brooks – Chair
Mrs L Chadwick
Mrs C Dabbs
B Evans
A Fell
M Gammon (advised that he must leave @ 9pm)
Mrs S Harvey (arrived 8.45pm)
G Merry
P Merry
G Stocks Clerk

Also in attendance Inspector A Gann & Mark Spencer MP .

Chair welcomed everyone , then asked if all mobile phones / Tape Recorders could be switched off .

Chair then 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 : Cllr T Hurst – Holiday

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

3. MINUTES AND STATUTORY BUSINESS

3.1 To agree Minutes of Meeting 18th July 2013 -Cllr Mrs L Chadwick Proposed & Cllr M Gammon Seconded – All Agreed .

3.2 Parish Clerks update on actions taken –

Item 4.1 Litter Pickers with Cllr BE not Handyman .

Item 8.2 – Clerk has contacted NCC

8.3 – Clerk spoke with Jo Horton NCC – will be looked at .

8.5 Hamish Adams cannot attend but wished to be updated .

4.1 Approval of Schedule of Accounts Re July 2013 Net Total £3,646.82 - Proposed by Cllr G Merry & Seconded by Mrs L Chadwick – All Agreed .

4.2 Approval of Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st July 2013- Noted

7.50pm - At this point Chair stated that as there was no members of the public in attendance we now move to Item 8.5

8.5 Sherwood Avenue Playing Field .

Chair welcomed Insp . A Gan & Mark Spencer & thanked them for coming .

Clerk then advised them of the recent problems including regular weekend drinking , shouting , singing , broken glass everywhere , including half buried in the ground , mass vehicle damage , fights , harassing nearby elderly residents , damage to nearby fencing etc .

He had also discussed with Sgt Brendon Hunt the problems with youngsters continually riding motor bikes over the park . Sgt BH is trying to arrange the motor bike Police to investigate . Insp .AG replied saying vehicle damage that particular weekend was not just in Blidworth , but several other local villages . So far one person has been arrested & charged , so AG will be in touch .

Police are aware of drink problems on Friday & Saturday evenings . Funding to renew programme Re alcohol & drugs is being renewed later this year . He also stated our Beat Manager will be back soon .

He advised that Police respond mainly to incidents reported on Confidential Phone No . 101 , where any recent hotspots will then be highlighted & senior officers can respond to same . Apparently there have hardly ever been any 101 calls from Blidworth . Agreed we must notify all local residents to make use of this easy & confidential reporting system .

Members were aggrieved that on several occasions our PCSO's are not on duty on Friday / Saturday nights , so we are not getting the service .

Mark Spencer advised that Blidworth may well have social housing problems . Housing Associations already have powers to evict tenants if they or their families regularly breach their rules . He will put pressure on NSDC & Clerk has already spoken with Hamish Adams from Notts. Comm. Hsg. Assoc.

Chair also mentioned to Insp. AG the recent unacceptable situation , where it was suggested by the Police that , in this particular case , local offenders be put on a supervised Community Payback Scheme to repaint the Play Area at rear of BCC . It turned out to be our village handyman was supervising for most of the time .

Chair thanked Insp. A Gan & Mark Spencer for attending .

6 Planning.

6.1 Planning Application : Application Number : 13/00930/FUL : Location : 58 Mansfield Road
Proposal : construct front porch - **APPROVE.**

6.2 Planning Application : Application Number : 13/00406/FUL : Location : Cottage Farm , Cross Lane : Proposal : add'l information regarding this application received earlier this year – **OBJECT & ask that Cllr G Merry request NSDC for a Cllrs Site Visit . .**

6.3 Notice of Decision : Application Number : 13/00600/FUL : Location : The Pinfold, Beck Lane : Proposal : Ground floor , side & front extension - **APPROVE**

7 County Councillor / District Councillors – Blidworth Parish Business - None

8 General Parish Affairs .

8.1 Highways / Road Safety / Footpaths .

Agreed Clerk to write to School as a Member reported that vehicle was on the School Field & the gates were open.

It was reported that the Interactive Speed Sign on Mansfield Road adj Welfare is again not working – **Clerk to advise .**

8.2 Update Re Bloom

Roadside Area o/s Welfare needs weeding – Cllr B Evans suggested we weed & then spray next year .

Cllr Mrs L Chadwick advised that a new Business Manager has started work @ Blidworth Welfare , Chair agreed he will speak with him .

Cllr B Evans suggested a letter be sent to David Wilson regarding the high quality of the baskets , plants etc he has provided – **Clerk to write** .

EMIB Presentation of Awards Event @ Skegness on 11 Sept. 2013 – Chair Proposed & Cllr P Merry Seconded & it was Unanimously Agreed that Cllrs Mrs C Dabbs & B Evans with M Atherton be our reps. to this event & that we try & arrange for 3 reps. from School to also attend if it can be arranged .

8.3 Royal Br Legion Re 2013 Remembrance Day

Chair advised he had recently met Mike Steel & Rev Hazel Robinson & it was Agreed to invite a representative to each others Parade – **Clerk to Agenda for next Meeting** .

8.4 BCA Re Switch on Event

Cllr Mrs L Chadwick stated that BCA , having the knowledge & expertise , would like to be involved in running this Annual Event . She suggested the Function Room could be utilised to make it a larger event .

Cllr B Evans Proposed & Cllr M Gammon Seconded BPC invite BCA to become involved with this Annual Event – **For 4 Abstained 4** .

Chair suggested that as this has been a Parish Event a Working Party be set up Chaired by BPC .

8.5 Police Re Problems @ Sherwood Ave. P.F. –SEE PAGE 2

8.6 Update Re Xmas Lighting 2013 .

Cllr B Evans put forward three suggested options for Members to select from –

1 - using 10 x 20m new Festoons from Belle Vue Lane to Haywood Avenue , then Haywood Avenue to Hatzfeld House , both interspersed with our Uplighters -**Est Cost £2,930**

2 – decorate Holly Tree **Est Cost £350**

3 – install new lighting pillar & decorate Post Office Tree using 30 x 10m Light Strings – **Est Cost £2,370**

EST COSTS FOR ALL 3 SCHEMES £5,650 (+ Est Installation & Electricity Costs £2k) .

. Cllr BE stated that if all the equipment is left in trees each year , it should last at least 4 to 5 years .

After a short discussion Cllr B Evans Proposed we use all 3 schemes @ Est Cost of £7,640

Cllr G Merry Proposed & Cllr Mrs C Dabbs Seconded & it was Unanimously Agreed a Budget of £10k

8.8 Blidworth Gala/Food Fair – Sunday 29 Sept. 2013 – 12 -4 pm @ Welfare

Chair put forward the scheme . Cllr G Merry Proposed & Cllr Mrs L Chadwick Seconded & it was Unanimously Agreed the Event go ahead .

8.9 NSDC – Items for next Planning Meeting – N/A - Noted

8.10 NALC Re DIS – Direct Information Service £2.90 per Edition - Noted

8.11 Grant Application Sherwood & Newark CAB.

Chair stated that once again a representative has not attended our Meeting & suggested that no Grant be given . Cllr P Merry then reported on figures in the Annual Reports .

Chair Proposed & Cllr P Merry Seconded & All Agreed , ex Cllrs Mrs L Chadwick & A Fell Abstained – that no Grant be given .

8.12 Parish Conference – Mon. 7th October 2013 @ K Hall – 5.30 pm for 6pm start

Agreed Chair & Cllr B Evans will attend .

8.13 Standards Training – Mon . 9 Sept 2013 (app. 1.5 Hours) @ K Hall from 5.30 (Tea & B) . Agreed Chair & Cllr B Evans to attend .

8.14 NSDC Allocations & Dev. Management Dev. Plan Document - Noted

8.15 St Mary's Church Interment - Noted

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

9.1 Notes from Meeting of The National Allot. Society E. Mids . Region 22.05.13 - Noted

10 Emails – (FOR NOTING ONLY)

1. PDP - Compliance News – 09.07.13
2. PDP – Compliance News – 16.07.13
3. PDP – Compliance News – 23.07.13
4. PDP _ Compliance News -- 30.07.2013
- 5 FOI News – 17.07.13
- 6 FOI News – 31.07.2013
- 7 PDP Annual DP Compliance Conference

The Chair then Proposed & Members agreed that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (Fire , Land & Xmas Lighting) , it is in the public interest that the Press & Public be temporarily excluded & they are instructed to withdraw