

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.40PM ON THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER 2013 AT BLIDWORTH
COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE .**

PRESENT

P Brooks – Chair

Mrs L Chadwick

B Evans

A Fell

M Gammon

Mrs S Harvey

T Hurst

G Merry

P Merry

Ms H Warren

G Stocks Clerk

Also in attendance Cllr Mrs Y Woodhead & Mrs E Hurst .

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 Mrs C Dabbs (Ill) .

2 . Declarations of Interest Re any Items on the Agenda – Cllr Mrs H Warren Re Item 6.2.

3. MINUTES AND STATUTORY BUSINESS

3.1 To agree Minutes of Meeting 21st November 2013 – after amendment to delete Cllr Mrs L Chadwick from attendees (Husband Ill) , Cllr P Merry Proposed & Cllr Ms H Warren Seconded Minutes be approved & All Agreed .

3.2 Parish Clerks update on actions taken –

Item 8.1 – Clerk was informed by NCC recently that the replacement Interactive Speed Sign near Welfare should be on site in approx 2 weeks .

Item 8.1 Information Box has been removed .

Item 8.3 – Clerk has sent letters of thanks to Graham and Marylin .

Item 8.10 – Clerk has copied info to Cllr B Evans to take to school .

Item 8.18 – Handyman is making a bin from a disused gas bottle .

Item 9.5 – Large cheque was collected from NWB by Clerk .

4.1 Approval of Schedule of Accounts Re November 2013 Net Total £11,125.48 – Cllr G Merry Proposed & Cllr M Gammon Seconded & All Agreed Minutes be approved .

4.2 Approval of Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30th November 2013- Noted

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD – Mrs E Hurst thanked everyone for their support after the recent break in @ their home . She then advised members of the proposals that Rainworth PC are to put forward Re the Boundary Review .

Cllr Mrs Y Woodhead then stated that our Xmas Lights are the best ever , then suggested for the Boundary Review BPC should do a Village Plan as Rainworth PC have done .

6 PLANNING.

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 : 13/01396 : Location : Christie Dev . Centre , Mansfield Road : Proposal : Garden Room Extension+ Landscaping to Rear - **NOTED** .

6.2 Planning Application: Application Number : 13/01651/FUL : Location : Copt Hill Farm , Ricket Lane : Proposal : Erection of 500W Wind Turbine & Generator – 102m to blade tip – **Members were concerned Re access problems for possibly several months , and a narrow roadway without footpaths , local residents nearby , & also with numerous stables nearby-OBJECT - and the request of Cllr G Merry , suggest that NSDC conduct a full inspection .**

7 County Councillor / District Councillors – **NCC Business** – Cllr Mrs Y. Woodhead stated that NCC are still working on budget cuts to save £154m . They are also discussing proposals Re Gypsy / Travellers Sites in Notts .

BPC Business - Cllr G Merry had no further information than as above .

8 General Parish Affairs .

8.1 Highways / Road Safety / Footpaths – Chair advised the new footpath on Fishpool Road is almost complete . **Cllr Mrs L Chadwick Proposed & Cllr G Merry Seconded & All Agreed that Cllr Mrs L Chadwick attend the next Ravenshead PC Meeting to seek their views Re footpath .**

Cllr B Evans stated that some wheelchairs etc have to go on to the road when passing some of the streetlights on Fishpool Road . **Clerk to check .**

8.2 Update Re Bloom – **Nothing to report .**

8.3 Update Re Switch on Event 30 Nov . 2013 –**Chair stated it was an excellent event . Cllr B Evans commented that the raffle made £275 for Oliver Pratley , & Cllr Mrs L Chadwick stated that all the children’s presents were given out .**

8.5 Update Re Xmas Lighting 2013 – **Chair stated it was brilliant & both he & Cllr G Merry thanked Cllr B Evans & Clerk for their efforts , & that we have already received lots of good comments .**

8.6 NALC Re Council Tax Benefit Support Grant – **Clerk advised - for info only - letter received today Re decision that for year 2014/15 the benefit will be 75% of 13/14 figure – 75% of £11,090 = £8,318.**

8.7 Draft response Re Recommendations from Local Gov't . Boundary Comm'n. – A lengthy discussion took place , with several issues to contend with :-

Residents should be involved . It is estimated that the proposed new development south of Preston Road could total 200 to 300 new dwellings , with proposals in Blidworth for approx 190 total , although Cllr G Merry believes that Parish Boundaries remain the same & proposed new development are not taken into account .

Finally Cllr Mrs L Chadwick Proposed BPC supports the draft recommendation for NSDC to combine Blidworth & South Rainworth as a two member ward :-

Our response must be in by 6th January 2014 .

8.8 Cllr G Merry - Re Dangers caused by speeding vehicles , Heavy Lorries & Speed/Weight Limits through Blidworth – Cllr G Merry would like the main village entrances to be Dale Lane OR Mansfield Road , & heavy vehicles using Three Thorn Hollow should be restricted to 40mph . A short discussion then took place . **Cllr G Merry Proposed the following & Chair Seconded that :-**

1 . Roads into Blidworth be de-restricted down to 40mph – Agreed 9 For 1 Abs .

2. Main route for HGV's is Dale Lane – Agreed 7 For 3 Abs .

3 . Review total restriction of Buses & HGV's from Three Thorn Hollow into Blidworth - 5 For 5 Abs.

8.9 Proposed Food & Craft Fair 24 August 2014 – Chair stated that the whole event should be run by BPC . Some Members were concerned as to whether Parish Councils can run such events – **Agreed Clerk to check .**

A suggestion was made that BCA may wish to be involved ,**Cllr Mrs L Chadwick to investigate . Agreed Clerk to agenda for next Meeting**

8.10 Proposed New Internal Auditor – Clerk put forward his recommendation for a new Internal Auditor for BPC . Paul Strudwick FCCA , retired earlier this year from his post as Chief Accountant at NSDC after approx 25 years service with NSDC . Recently , after a quick chat with him , Clerk enquired as to whether he was interested in the post , & he agreed . Cllrs G Merry & Mrs Y Woodhead , have both known & worked with PS & spoke highly of him . **Agreed he be appointed .**

8.11 Website Provider – Cllr Mrs L Chadwick has not had time recently – **Agreed to Agenda next month .**

8.12 Xmas Light for Shops – Cllr B Evans has spoken with several shopkeepers , particularly BJ's & the Greengrocer , regarding them taking & making use of several of our old festoon lighting strings , giving them ownership & complete responsibility for same . A short discussion then took place possible insurance problems with taking these lights down from other shop premises . **Agreed Cllr P Merry to speak with Mark @ (BJ's) .**

8.13 NALC – Model Standing Orders – Agreed Unanimously

8.14 Update Re Annual Pensioners Party 4 Dec . 2013 – Chair & several Members agreed it was an excellent event . Agreed Clerk send letters of thanks to Jos Whitaker School , Blidworth Oaks School , BJ's , Hazel , Cadets , & Welfare for their assistance on the day .

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

9.1 .Planning Items @ Meeting 3 Dec . 2013 - Noted

9.2.ICO Re Fees / Cost of Compliance - Noted

9.3 Reviewing Level of Support for local bus services - Noted .

9.4 NCC consultation on proposed future model for adult social care in Notts .- Noted

9.5 NALC – Notts CC Planning –Consultation with Parish & Town Councils - Noted

9.6 NCC Re Notts Minerals Local Plan-Extension of time from 23.10.13 to 18.12.13 - Noted.

10 Emails – (FOR NOTING ONLY)

- 1. PDP - Compliance News – 19.11.13**
- 2 FOI News - 20.11.13**

Meeting closed @ 9pm