

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 15 JANUARY 2015 AT BLIDWORTH
COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE .**

PRESENT

P Brooks – Chair

Mrs L Chadwick

Mrs C Dabbs

B Evans

M Gammon

Mrs S Harvey (arrived 7.40)

T Hurst

G Merry

P Merry

G Stocks - Clerk

Also in Attendance Cllr Mrs Y Woodhead & Mrs E Hurst

Chair welcomed everyone , then asked if all mobile phone / Tape Recorders could be switched to silent . He also thanked all Members for their concerns whilst he was ill over the festive period .

He then reminded Members about Standards & Code of Conduct & to state if they have any conflicts of interest in any Council business on the Agenda .

Before the start of the Meeting Chair advised that the Confidential Item should not be confidential & be dealt with after Item 5 - AGREED

1. Apologies for Absence – Cllrs A Fell (Meeting) & Mrs H Warren (Hospital visit) .

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

3.. Minutes & Statutory Business -

3.1. To agree Minutes of 11 December 2014 – Cllr Mrs L Chadwick Proposed & Cllr P Merry Seconded & All Agreed , (those that were present at this Meeting) , approval of same .

3.2. Parish Clerks update on actions taken – Item 8.1 Re Yellow Lines , no further information from NCC .

Item 8.7- Letters of thanks sent to all those involved in the Annual Pensioners Party .

4.1. Approval of Schedule of Accounts Re December 2014 Net Total £6,282.79 – Cllr Mrs C Dabbs Proposed & Chair Seconded – All Agreed ex Cllr B Evans .

4.2. Approval of Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st December 2014 – Noted

4.3 Quarterly Statements of Income & Expenditure Re 2014/15 to date.- Clerk explained the worksheets 4.3(a) , (b) , (c) & Misc . Expenditure Analysis .

5. Public Participation Period - None

Setting 2015/16 Precept .

Several Members were not happy with the financial statements put before them , & like last year would prefer to see each main heading showing (a) previous year estimate , (b) previous year probable , (c) previous Y/E actual & (d) actual budget for new year .

Cllr G Merry stated if any proposal made represents an increase of more than 2.5% he will not vote .

After much discussion Cllr Mrs L Chadwick made the following 3 Proposals –

1. (Seconded by Cllr M Gammon - Raise Precept by £2,633 (which equates to 4%) , which is our approx. break even point .
2. (Seconded by Chair) -Members to work with Clerk to look at all figures , with a breakdown showing what we spent last year , & what we estimate to spend next year to at least break even .
3. (Seconded by Chair) Members to work with Clerk to make the Accounts more understandable . To report back next month .
4. Cllr T Hurst then Proposed an increase of 3% which was not Seconded
5. Cllr G Merry then Proposed an increase of 2.75% & Cllr T Hurst Seconded this .

VOTES

Proposal 1 – FOR 4 (Cllrs Mrs LC , Chair , MG & BE.(Cllr Mrs SH Abstd)

Proposal 5 – FOR 4 (Cllrs GM , TH , Mrs CD & PM .(Cllr Mrs SH Abstd)

Chair used his casting vote Re Proposal 1 FOR

Proposal 2 – Agreed Unanimously

Proposal 3 – Agreed Unanimously

6. Planning -(Cllr G Merry may comment on any of the Items below , but will not vote) .

6.1 Planning Application : Application Number : 14/02169/FUL : Location : Copt Hill Farm :
Proposal : Minor alteration to Planning App. 13/01651/FUL - **OBJECT**.

6.2 Planning Application : Application Number : 14/02145/ADV : Location : Co-oP Store :
Additional Signs - **AGREED**.

6.3 Notice of Decision : Application Number : 14/01759:FUL : Location : Unit 5,Gilbert Way :
Proposal : Change of use - **NOTED**

6.4 Notice of Decision : Application Number : 14/01828?FUL : Location : Burma House :
Proposal : Change of Use : **NOTED**

6.5 Notice of Decision : Application Number : 14/01962/ FUL : Location : 3 Hilton Park
:Proposal : single storey side extension to form kitchen with utility room – **NOTED**.

6.6 Planning Application : Application Number : 15/00004/FUL : Location : 57 Hillside Road : Proposal : 2 storey extension to N elevation & single storey extension to S elevation - AGREED.

7 . County / District Councillors

7.1 . County & District Councillor Mrs Y Woodhead

7.2. District Councillor – Cllr G Merry - None

8 . General Parish Affairs

8.1 . Highways / Road Safety / Footpaths – Cllr M Gammon complained to NCC Re lack of roads not being gritted recently – no response .

Cllr T Hurst stated that the second light on FP between The Crescent & Boundary Crescent is now complete , but FP needs weedkiller spread on to it .

Cllr T Hurst Proposed & Cllr P Merry Seconded we should appoint a Snow Warden , but advised that if Handyman is appointed he will have to be paid a retainer (minimum 2 hours inc. travelling).

Grit Bins - a discussion then took place as most of these Bins are now empty . Clerk advised that after the last cold snap Julian partially filled each bin & also spread approx. 1.5 Tonnes of bags of grit salt on the main bus routes . We have received a further 1 Tonne bag earlier today .

It was also agreed we should clarify who is responsible for gritting the vast number of footpaths / jitties in Blidworth – we will then grit those we are responsible for .

8.2 Update Re Bloom – Cllr Mrs CD , None

8.3 . Update Re Xmas 2014 Lights – Chair thanked Cllr B Evans & Clerk for their efforts .

8.4 . Items to be considered at NSDC Planning Committee 6 Jan. 2015-None

8.5 . NALC Re PWLB . - Noted

8.6 NSDC – Consultation on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement - Noted

Late Item 8.7 NALC Re LG Financial Settlement - Noted

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

9.1 LCR Winter 2014 - Noted

9.2 NALC Re 2015/16 - S137 Figure £7.36. - Noted

10 . EMAILS (For Noting Only)

10.1 Reserve Forces & Cadets Assoc.- East Midlands Update

10.2 PDP Training Courses Compliance

10.3 PDP Compliance News 09.12.14.

10.4 PDP Compliance News 16.12.14.

10.5 F.O.I. News 17.12.14.

10.6 PDP Compliance News 30.12.14.

10.7 PDP Compliance News 06.01.15.

The Chair will then propose and Members agree that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (Land Registry) , it is in the public interest that the Press & Public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw