



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held at 7.30p.m. on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at**  
**Blidworth Leisure Centre, Belle Vue Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0RD**

Present: Councillors: W Bates (Jnr)(Chair), J Middleton, K Arnold, Y Woodhead,  
S Mottishaw, J Bradbury, W Bates (Snr), M Atherton  
Clerk: C Brettell

In attendance: 6 members of the public

**Action by**

- 18/34 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**  
Cllrs Arnold and Woodhead declared an interest in Planning 18/41
- 18/35 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**  
Apologies were accepted from Cllrs K Cocker, J Cheesmond and LJ Campbell
- 18/36 To receive and approve - Minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (Appendix 1)**  
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 18/37 To note – Updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda**  
*(no decisions can be made)*  
Cllr Woodhead referred to 18/28 – GDPR compliance, which she was not in agreement with having an individual Parish Council email account. All other Councillors had now set this up in order to ensure compliance. The Chair explained the security of doing so as no emails are saved on an individual's device. Cllr Woodhead requested that the Parish Council provided her with a device for her use. This was not agreed. It was agreed that Cllr Woodhead have any emails printed out and delivered to her.  
Cllr Woodhead referred to 18/29.4 and informed Councillors that she and Cllr Arnold had been out in the Village with the new CEO of Newark and Sherwood District Council, to look at grot spots.
- 18/38 To receive Representations**  
38.1 Public Participation  
Mr Camidge brought to the Parish Council's attention correspondence he had sent to the Chair and Cllr Woodhead regarding an incident in Police custody. Several posts were still 'live' regarding the incident and Mr Camidge requested that they be taken down. The Clerk was asked to look into this, and ask that posts by the Blidworth Neighbourhood watch to also be removed. The Chair also asked that a letter be sent to Mr Camidge acknowledging this. **Clerk**  
Mrs Dabbs asked members for permission to remove the wreaths at the War memorial prior to it being cleaned. Permission was given.  
38.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners  
Fracking had been an issue raised at County. It is likely that the Government will take the power away from Local Authorities.

Cllr Woodhead reported her meeting with the CEO (already referred to) when asked what areas had been visited, so far it was Belle Vue Lane, but another meeting was to be arranged.

## 18/39 Business

39.1 To discuss – Working in partnership with the BCA

Lucy Chadwick, Alan Higgins and Marks Himsworth were in attendance from the BCA and the Chair invited them to discuss their plans with members.

Provision for young people was one of their priorities and in conjunction with the Parish Council, they would like to carry out a consultation, and have access to this through the Sherwood Community Church. They also have funding to carry out a traffic survey for Blidworth and neighbouring villages Rainworth and Ravenshead.

Providing safe travel to and from Nottingham was also discussed. Children from Blidworth and Rainworth have to walk to Larch Farm at Ravenshead in order to catch a bus into Nottingham. Discussion had took place with Ravenshead Parish Council to see if part of the footpath on the way into Ravenshead could be reinstated to make it safe for pedestrians. This was said to be privately owned. The chair suggested working towards 'linked up community transport' and involving the surrounding villages of Rainworth, Ravenshead and Farnsfield. In the first instance more information was needed and a selection of bus timetables in order to assess viability. **Clerk**

A 'Blidworth Together Event' was being held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November.

39.2 Update from Working Party – Workshop/Machinery

Cllr Middleton updated members with details of what was still in the workshop area, including an update on both mowers.

It was **resolved** to service the large Hayter mower and get into a workable condition before deciding on what to do with it.

It was further **resolved** to sell the John Deere Tractor, as **Sold as seen**, with invites for sealed bids before the 1<sup>st</sup> December. This to be advertised on notice boards and the Parish website.

The cost of a skip was discussed in order to dispose of unwanted items in the workshop. Cllr Cheesmond had offered the use of a trailer and disposal as necessary.

It was **resolved** to take him up on the offer, and Cllrs available would arrange to do this within the next few weeks.

Disposal of the Container would be looked at at a later date.

39.3 Update – New Play area on Belle Vue Lane

The clerk informed members that work on the new park was to start on the 24<sup>th</sup> September. If all goes to plan, the launch party could take place the week before half term (22<sup>nd</sup> October).

39.4 To Discuss – Highways, Road Safety and Footpath issues

Cllr Motishaw asked for an update on the petition. The Clerk to contact Nottinghamshire County Council. **Clerk**

Cllr Atherton brought up the use of the speed camera purchased by the Parish Council several years ago. The Clerk to look into whether training is required etc. **Clerk**

Cllr Motishaw reported the sign that needs putting back on Rickett Lane, Blidworth. Clerk to report. **Clerk**

The Clerk was asked to request that the Belle Vue Lane entrance and Beck Lane near the war memorial be suggested for potential yellow lines to reduce the number of cars parked blocking the pavement and the ease the flow of traffic on the main Road. **Clerk**

The Chair read out a letter to members from a resident thanking Cllr Cheesmond for cutting back the grass and overgrown hedge on the entrance to Cross Lane, this had allowed drivers visibility from this dangerous junction.

A resident present asked for it to be reported that the road leading down from Blidworth into Ravenshead past the church was in a poor state of repair causing drivers to use the opposite side of the road. The clerk to report this. **Clerk**

Further to the Parish's request earlier in the year correspondence had been received from Mike Keeling to say that consideration was being given to the drop kerb on Andrew Drive. The Clerk informed members that the cutting back of tree outside the Betting shop on Dale Lane was taking place on the 28<sup>th</sup> September.

#### 39.5 To Update – Allotments

The Clerk gave members an update regarding the letters that had been sent out to the Allotment holders as instructed by the working party, and the responses received. The Clerk read out the letter received from the plot holder of G11 regarding his garage, it was agreed that this would be looked at before renewal of his agreement next March.

It was **resolved** that due to the amount of work undertaken on allotment plots A15 and A16 these plots would be rent free for 2019/20, and that any debris would be removed from these plots, to be paid for by the Parish Council.

All issues raised would be looked at again by the allotment inspection team towards the end of the year.

#### 39.6 To Discuss – Remembrance and War Memorial

The Clerk informed members that she along with Cllr Cheesmond and Campbell had met with the vicar to arrange the service. The Clerk had applied for the road closure and arranged for the Payne family to provide cones and signage, which they had kindly done in previous years. The usual PA system company was not available but the Clerk had sourced another Company at a cost of aprox. £220.

It was **resolved** to go with this. **Clerk**

Resident Mrs Dabbs informed members that local businesses had raised money for the Tommy, which had now been purchased.

As previously discussed the Parish Council had **resolved** not to apply for Planning Permission as this was a temporary structure.

Mrs Dabbs also updated members that many residents had been knitting red poppies and she now had over 1200. She was making a display with these in preparation for Remembrance Sunday.

#### 39.7 To Discuss – Invitation to NALC's AGM

It was **resolved** that Cllrs Campbell and Woodhead would attend the AGM. Other members were also welcome to attend.

#### 39.8 To Discuss - Conclusion of Audit from PKF Littlejohn LLP

The Clerk informed members that the Audit was all OK and the relevant paperwork had been published.

#### 39.9 To Discuss - Upcoming Parish Council Events

The Clerk updated members with the upcoming events which are: New Play Park Launch, Remembrance Service, Christmas Light Switch on Event and the Pensioners Christmas Party.

It was **resolved** that Cllrs Cheesmond, Campbell and Atherton form the Events working party in order to arrange and facilitate all these upcoming events.

#### 39.10 To Discuss – New Parish Council Website and Facebook Page

The Clerk showed members the New Website design. All agreed for JKE Web Design to proceed. The Clerk to arrange and provide information as necessary. **Clerk**

It was **resolved** for Cllr Campbell to design and facilitate a Facebook Page for Blidworth Parish Council, which she would monitor. **Cllr Campbell**

#### 39.11 To Agree – Winter Planting

It was **resolved** for David Wilson to carry out the Winter planting as discussed by the Clerk at a cost of £520

Cllr Arnold left the meeting.

39.12 To Discuss – Bloom for 2019

It was **resolved** that Cllr M Atherton be lead coordinator for Bloom next year, and where possible involve the children from Blidworth Oaks School and local community.

39.13 To Agree – Parish Council Insurance renewal (Appendix 2)

The Clerk directed members to Appendix 2 highlighted the 3 quotations received, and details of the policy.

It was **resolved** to proceed with Inspire by AXA, and to take up the long-term undertaking.

Abstention: YW

39.14 To Note – Annual Park Inspections (emailed out to Cllrs on 5/9)

The Clerk pointed out several issues raised, mainly with the Marriot Lane Play Park. It was agreed that she would address with the handyman and get them sorted.

It was **resolved** to purchase a new self-closing gate for this play park.

**Clerk**

39.15 To Discuss – Projects and involvement with Blidworth Oaks School

The Clerk informed members of the discussions she had had with Blidworth Oaks School who are keen to get involved with projects within the Village. The Clerk and Cllr Atherton to liaise with the school and arrange such projects. It had been suggested that they get involved with the War memorial, and winter planting.

39.16 To Note – Proposal for Maid Marion Circle Bicycle route

The Chair distributed to members a map of a proposed route for the Maid Marion Cycle route.

It was **resolved** that the proposal be put to the Forestry Commission to see if it is viable.

**Clerk**

#### **18/40 To receive – Clerks Report**

40.1 Parishioner comments and issues in the Village

The Clerk gave members a brief update

Cllr Woodhead left the meeting

#### **18/41 Planning Applications**

**To receive, and where appropriate comment on the following applications:**

41.1 18/01565/FUL – Field Reference 5907 Beck Lane, Blidworth - Solar PV array covers an area of 130m x 150m. The full array will be made up of 12 rows of 352 panels. Each row will be made up of 8 tables of 44 panels.

The specific location for the proposed Solar PV array is the southern end of an agricultural field to the west of the Haywood Oaks farm buildings and to the south of Blidworth village. The site is part of land owned by Robert Thomas Farms and all fields that surround the site are also owned by RTF.

It was **resolved** to respond with 'No objections to this application'.

**Clerk**

41.2 17/02326/FULM -99 New Dwellings With Associated Access, Earthworks and Other Ancillary and Enabling Works - Land At New Lane Blidworth NG21 0PH

It was **resolved** to add no further comments/objections to those already submitted. **Clerk**

**The following Applications have been granted consent:**

41.3 18/01094/FUL – Demolition of existing failed masonry retaining wall between the Bird in Hand and St Mary's Nursing Home – Rebuild brickwork retaining wall – The Bird in Hand Public House, Main Street, Blidworth, NG21 0QH  
Noted.

- 41.4 1 and 2 Church side Cottages, Fishpool Road, Blidworth – To fell one Sycamore tree and one Ash tree and reduce two branches that are overhanging the private access road (Forest View) to the boundary line  
Noted.

**To comment on the following application for a premises licence:**

- 41.5 Prime Print Group Ltd –Unit 8 Burma Road, Blidworth – Application for manufacturing unit with offices. Licence required for the production and sale of personalized wine and beer

It was **resolved** to respond with 'No objections to this premises licence'.

**Clerk**

Cllr Woodhead returned to the meeting

**18/42 Financial Matters (yellow Papers)**

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

42.1 Analysis of Expenditure – June, July and August 2018 (Appendix 3)

42.2 Analysis of Income – June, July and August 2018 (Appendix 4)

42.3 Bank reconciliation Statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 31<sup>st</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 (Appendix 5)

42.4 To authorise schedule of Payments for August/September 2018 (Appendix 6)

It was **resolved** to authorise both schedules of payment for August and September (including the £1672.89 for Insurance) and to accept and approve the financial information as per items 42.1 – 42.4

Abstention: YW

**18/43 To note – Correspondence received**

All other relevant correspondence/email circulars have been emailed directly to Councillors

**18/44 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

## 18/45 Exclusion of Public (Confidential Items)

*In accordance with Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 section 1 (2) the Council exclude the public and press from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.*

### 45.1 Library update

The Clerk updated members that we were still awaiting terms for both the purchase or lease of the Library.

The Clerk informed members that when meeting with the Vicar it had mentioned that the Mission Hall was available for use by the community and grants had been secured to enhance the building.

### 45.2 FOI - Mr Tristram

The Clerk informed members that she had received several FOI requests from Mr Trsitram which she was dealing with.

### 45.3 Update on Retirement Gift

Further advice had been obtained from NALC as they had put in a request for legal advise from the National ALC. This together with no instruction to pay the momey from the external audtior clearly stated that a lesson should be learnt, but Councillors should not be asked to reimburse the Parish Council for the money spent on the retirement gift.

### 45.4 Cover for Clerks Maternity Leave

The Clerk discussed with members the option of a locum or employing a clerk.

It was **resolved** to allow the HR Committee to move forward with what they think best.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm