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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Blidworth Parish Council held at Blidworth Leisure Centre, Belle Vue Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0RD on Thursday 20th June 2019 at 7.30pm

Present:- Cllrs Arnold, Atherton, Campbell, Cheesmond, Dabbs, Middleton, Riggs, Spalding

Apologies: - Cllr Bates

No Apologies: - Cllrs Merry, Woodhead

20/019 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda
None

20/020 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk
Reasons were noted

20/021 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meetings of 9th May 2019
AGM – Cllr Atherton proposed, Cllr Middleton seconded – approved unanimously
Ordinary – Cllr Dabbs proposed, Cllr Riggs seconded – approved unanimously

20/022 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda
(no decisions can be made)
NONE

20/023 To receive Representations
23.1 Public Participation – no public in attendance
23.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners
D/Cllr Arnold reported that the council was settling since the recent elections. All parties are working well together

No County Councillor present

20/024 To receive – Clerk’s Report
24.1 Parishioner comments and issues in the village
The Clerk has spoken to Andy Hardy at N&SDC about the s106 monies that had been allocated to the gym. This is as specified in the s106 agreement which is a legal document.

D/Cllr Arnold confirmed that she had not been consulted with concerning the allocation of the s106 monies.

Cllrs Cheesmond and Middleton met with John Robinson the Chief Executive N&SDC. It was agreed to allocate £5k to the Parish Council – this must be used within the location of the gym.

After a discussion, it was agreed to send a letter to John Robinson outlining our grievances and contesting the allocation of the monies. There are many projects in the village that would benefit from money but they do not fall within the area surrounding the gym. It was also agreed to ask our solicitor to look through the s106 agreement.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to write to John Robinson
Clerk to ask solicitor to look through the s106 agreement

Clerk's Return

Clare will be returning to work on Monday 23rd September 2019.

Allotments

Several allotment holders have been in to pay their rent for this year. Due to staff changes, letters were sent out late. One asked whether there could be an annual meeting with councillors to discuss any issues that may arise.

Uncultivated plots were also reported.

RESOLVED: - Meeting with allotment holders to be arranged later this year
Allotment committee to visit site on a regular basis

20/025 Planning Applications

To receive and where appropriate comment on the following applications: -

Correspondence concerning 15/01330/FUL – Demolition of existing factory shop and erection of 7 dwellings and all associated works Sherwood House, Dale Lane

Correspondence has been received concerning the apparent change of opinion of the council when the plans were resubmitted.

Although no members of the public had been present when the application was discussed, concerns had been reported to a councillor who informed the meeting. The reason for the objection to the resubmission was due to the increase in traffic as each property would be allocated two parking spaces and there were nine properties on the plans.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to reply to email

The following applications have been granted consent:

19/00571/FUL Land adjacent to Former White Lion Public House
Variation of condition 02 attached to planning permission 17/02149/FUL to amend the approved plans to allow changes to the position of boundary treatments and realignment of the retaining wall.

Noted

20/026 Business

- 26.1 To agree – purchase of 5 litter bins
After a discussion it was agreed to spend up to £2k in total on five litter bins. NCC councillors have a divisional fund that could be used for this type of request.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to order litter bins and ascertain where they will be located.
Clerk to inform N&SDC when locations known, to add to the emptying schedule.
Clerk to contact C/Cllr Woodhead for donation towards purchase.

- 26.2 To note – Summer Gala Update
Arrangements are progressing well. There is another meeting schedule for this week.

- 26.3 To discuss – Playground Inspections, (advice from Inspector)
Cllrs Atherton, Cheesmond and Middleton visited Sherwood Park (it had failed on everything following the recent N&SDC inspection). After a discussion, it was agreed to arrange a meeting with the N&SDC officer to discuss what repairs can be carried out in house and which will need a specialist company.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to arrange meeting
Agenda item July – ‘Developing Sherwood Park’

Cllr Campbell is in contact with someone who can access grants of £10k – it will cost 10% of the awarded grant. This grant money can be used for any project.

It was agreed for Cllr Campbell to follow up on behalf of BPC.

School Sportsfield

It had previously been agreed that BPC would support the school with this project. The Clerk read from the letter from the Headteacher. After a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Atherton and seconded by Cllr Spalding to support the project and to meet with the Headteacher to discuss what is required and any concerns BPC may have.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to arrange meeting

- 26.4 To discuss – Cutting of Grass, New Lane junction with Hilton Park
This is BPC responsibility.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to contact Weedfree to ensure it is included on the schedule.

- 26.5 To note – Speed limit request, Warsop Lane, Rainworth
An email has been received from VIA East Midlands. After an assessment, it was felt that a reduction to 40mph would not be appropriate.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to ask C/Cllr Woodhead to follow up

Clerk to request speed checking equipment be installed on Warsop Lane
Clerk to request better signage due to children using the lane to and from school.

26.6 To discuss – Overgrown hedges

Various overgrown hedges were reported to the Clerk.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to report via the NCC website.
Clerk to request meeting with Jo Horton and Mike Keeling from VIA East Midlands to discuss various highways issues that need addressing.

26.7 To agree – Request to take over vacant allotments

The request from Sam's Workplace to take over the two vacant plots in the community garden was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to inform Sam's Workplace

26.8 To authorise – Metal detecting request

After a discussion it was agreed that more information was required, including location and timeframe.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to contact for more information

26.9 To discuss – Library Update

Councillors recently visited Misterton. The building is owned by NCC who then rent space to Inspire and the Parish Council. The building is used as a community centre. It was agreed to request a meeting with Peter Gaw (NCC), Clare Tobin (Inspire), library staff and Parish Councillors to discuss the way forward.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to arrange meeting.

26.10 To discuss – Village Hall – Update

The garage is not suitable for a village hall as it would take a lot of work and money to convert to a suitable building. However; the £5k offered by N&SDC could be used to convert to a base for activities for young people.

After a discussion, it was agreed to defer the project until the outcome of the library talks is known.

RESOLVED: - Future agenda item

26.11 To discuss – Highways Matters

See agenda item 20/026.4, 20/026.5, 20/026.6

26.12 To discuss – Garage/Workshop

See agenda item 20/026.10

26.13 To discuss – Church Roof/Toilet

A request for a donation has been received concerning the roof repairs at St Andrew's mission hall and the replacement toilet at St Mary's Church. £830 has been raised so far and the balance required is £720.

Proposed Cllr Atherton to pay balance, Cllr Dabbs seconded – agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to make payment

26.14 To discuss – Bloom

Thanks to Wilson's for the plants this year. Cllr Dabbs has planted the War Memorial, Well area, Leisure Centre. The Community Church donated £250 on the proviso that the garden near the old Fire Station is planted up.

It was felt that Tesco corner needs tidying up, seats need relocating and some form of floral display installed.

RESOLVED: - Ideas to be brought to future meeting.

20/027 Financial Matters

27.1 To authorise schedule of payments for April/May/June 2019
Payments were approved and signed.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to make payments

27.2 Analysis of Payments – May 2019
Approved unanimously.

27.3 Analysis of Receipts – May 2019
Approved unanimously

27.4 To review and authorise the internal audit 2018.19
The internal audit was reviewed and approved unanimously.

27.5 To review and authorise the Annual Governance & Accounting Return 2018.19
The Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement 2018.19 were reviewed and approved unanimously.

20/028 To note – Correspondence received

28.1 VE Day 75 celebrations
Information passed to Cllr Dabbs.

28.2 Neighbourhood Policing Event – 1800hrs, 3rd July 2019 at Castle House

RESOLVED: - Clerk to circulate email.

Due to the recent confusion concerning Councillors not receiving correspondence via email, it was agreed for the Clerk to arrange for all councilors to have Parish Council email addresses set up.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to arrange

The Clerk will be in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.00am – 2.00pm. A sign will be placed in the office window to inform residents when the office is open.

20/029 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.

NONE

20/030 To Note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 18th July 2019

Meeting closed 2122hrs