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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 18th July 2019 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Arnold, Atherton, Bates, Campbell, Dabbs, Merry, Middleton, Riggs, Spalding

Apologies: Cllr Cheesmond
Cllr Woodhead – no apologies

20/031 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda
Cllr Merry – 20/038.6

20/032 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk
Reasons were noted

20/033 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meetings of 20th June 2019
Minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chair.

20/034 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda
(no decisions can be made)
NONE

20/035 To receive Representations
35.1 Public Participation
No public in attendance

35.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners
County Councillor not in attendance
No report from District Councillor

20/036 To receive – Clerk's Report
36.1 Parishioner comments and issues in the village
A resident of Forest Road has contacted the council to ask who owns the land behind his property. Previous reports of fly-tipping of garden waste have been made. The land is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to ask handyman to look at the fly-tipping to see if it is obvious where it has come from. Clerk to inform N&SDC

Clerk to write policy about fly-tipping.

20/037 Planning Applications

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

19/01137/FUL Proposed alterations to Hatzfield House Care Home and erection of new Hub Centre/Laundry for Residential Care

Decision: Planning application approved unanimously.

RESOLVED: Clerk to notify N&SDC

Planning Appeal

Belle Vue House, Belle Vue Lane, Blidworth – Noted

The following applications have been granted consent:

19/00550/FUL Demolition of conservatory, erection of two storey side extension and single storey front and rear extensions. – Noted

20/038 Business

38.1 Developing Sherwood Park

Councillors visited the site with Robert Marshall Ltd who carry out all the repairs for N&SDC. An itemised quote has been received. After a discussion it was agreed that due to safety concerns, work should be started as soon as possible. Cllr Campbell proposed, Cllr Dabbs seconded – agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to inform Robert Marshall Ltd

Sportsfield

The Head Teacher would like permission from the council to obtain three quotes for the fencing and bring to next meeting. Agreed unanimously

RESOLVED: - Clerk to inform Head Teacher

38.2 Youth Forum

Cllr Spalding has been approached by the younger residents of the village as they would like to have a voice. Cllr Spalding has researched how other councils involve younger residents. She has spoken to local groups, schools and organisations who are all supportive.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the parish council should financially support with expenses. Councillors congratulated Cllr Spalding on the initiative and the work she has done.

Cllr Spalding to let council know what is needed to set the Youth Forum up. Supported unanimously.

RESOLVED: - Agenda item September

38.3 Highways Matters

Some work has been done on the gutters and kerbs but not all the roads in the village.

There is a pot hole outside the post office between the dropped kerbs.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to report to NCC

Vehicles are parking on the verge opposite the old White Lion.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to report to NCC

There is an overgrown hedge outside the welfare.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to write to the Steward to ask for it to be cut

Hedges either side of Burma Road are overgrown

RESOLVED: - Clerk to report to NCC

Jittys around The Meadows are overgrown

RESOLVED: - Clerk to report to NCC
Clerk to check whose responsibility this is

38.4 Library Update

A meeting has been arranged in August with Inspire. Invite Inspire to a future meeting.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to invite Inspire to a meeting

38.5 Tesco Corner Ideas

The idea of a market was discussed but discounted in that area but maybe in a different part of the village.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to investigate the possibility of a market and agenda for September.

The Tesco or Forest Folk corner needs looking at as a bigger project up to Rookwood Close to include a better bus shelter. Need to look at preventative measures to stop children climbing on the beds and the benches.

RESOLVED: - Parks Committee to look at area and report back to future meeting.
Agenda item September

38.6 Marriott Lane

i. Signs

ii. Marriott Lane Park Issues

The area is being abused and there is evidence of drug use and drinking. A discussion took place which included councillors differing opinions of the problems.

Advice from the police is to install preventative measures including "No Unauthorised Vehicles" signage

RESOLVED: - Clerk to contact NCC re ownership of the Right of Way, the possibility of installing a barrier and signage
Clerk to invite police to a future meeting to discuss the issues and what is happening.
Councillors to meet with NCC and police on site
Agenda item – September

38.7 Allotments

- i. Vacant/uncultivated plots
It was agreed to write to the current plotters giving them a timeframe to inform the council of their intentions with their plot or pay their outstanding rent. Then offer the plots to those on the waiting list.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to write letters

- ii. Proposal
The council has been approached by a local company about a land swap for the Dale Road allotments. The council is STRONGLY against this. The Dale Lane allotment site was gifted to the village many years ago.

RESOLVED: - Invite proposers to September meeting.

38.8 Litter Update

It was agreed to request the whole village is litter picked.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to write to waste management at N&SDC

Cllr Bates proposed organising a mass litter pick next spring – March/April. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: - Council to contact local groups, organisations and N&SDC for interest in the autumn.

38.9 Belle Vue Lane Development s106 Update

No reply has been received from N&SDC

38.10 N&SDC – Arts Funding for Creative Activities for Older People

Grants are available up to £300.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to contact Rookwood Court, St Andrews, Marklew Close and the library for interest.
Clerk to forward to Cllr Campbell

38.11 Metal Detecting Request Update

After a discussion it was agreed to suggest the back end of Marriott Lane, the Bull Piece, The Meadows, New Lane – “Victorian Tip”

RESOLVED: - Clerk to look a minutes from February/March to see what was agreed then.

Cllr Merry to accompany the metal detectors to show the areas in question. Clerk to send email to Cllr Merry.

20/039 Financial Matters

39.1 To authorise schedule of payments for June/July 2019
Agreed unanimously and authorized by the Chair

RESOLVED: - Clerk to make payments

39.2 Analysis of Payments – June 2019 – Noted

39.3 Analysis of Receipts – June 2019 – Noted

Cllr Bates requested that bank statements be provided with the bank reconciliation – for transparency purposes

20/040 To note – Correspondence received

40.1 Men In Sheds / Hazel Robinson – Thank Yous – Noted

40.2 Privy Council Office – Variation Order (Churchyard of St Mary's, Blidworth) – Noted

40.3 NCC – Local Improvement Scheme Award, £3,475

RESOLVED: - Clerk to look at agreement

40.4 N&SDC – Local Development Framework Plan Review – Consultation

RESOLVED: - Clerk to circulate to councilors

20/041 Exclusion of Public (Confidential Items)

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

NONE

20/042 To Note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 19th September 2019

This year's summer gala takes place on Sunday (21st) July, Cllr Campbell needs £400 to pay entertainers and for activities. A discussion took place concerning the suitability and appropriateness of issuing cash to a councillor before quotes/invoices have been received however due to the closeness of the event it was felt there was no alternative. Vote 8 for 1 abstention.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to arrange payment.

In future invoices/quotes to be received before the event to arrange for cheques to be written for the entertainers etc. Approved unanimously.

Meeting closed 2050hrs