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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 19th September 2019 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Arnold, Atherton, Bates, Cheesmond, Dabbs, Middleton, Riggs, Spalding

Apologies: Cllrs Campbell & Merry

No Apologies: Cllr Woodhead

20/043 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda

None

20/044 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

Reasons were noted. For information, the agenda and other documents were sent to both personal and Blidworth Parish Council email addresses.

20/045 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meetings of 18th July 2019

Minutes were approved unanimously. (Proposed Cllr Middleton, seconded Cllr Spalding)

20/046 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda

(no decisions can be made)

None

20/047 To receive Representations

47.1 Public Participation

Member of the public commented that the village is looking generally good however there are weeds under the seats near the shops making the area look untidy.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to look at who is responsible and speak to handyman if appropriate.

Member of the public commented on the parking on Belle Vue Lane, especially at school drop off/pick up times.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to arrange a meeting with VIA to look at parking issues around the village.

47.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners

C/Cllr not in attendance.

Due to the summer break, there was nothing to report from District Council.

The Chair expressed disappointment that the C/Cllr has not attended a meeting since May 2019 and has not sent in a report informing the meeting on any relevant matters relating to Blidworth. There are lots of issues in the village that are NCC matters. Cllr Bates commented that Cllr Woodhead is not at meetings as she is representing Blidworth at other meetings.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to write to C/Cllr to ask if the Parish Council meeting dates clash with NCC meetings.

20/048 To receive – Clerk’s Report

48.1 Parishioner comments and issues in the village

A complaint has been made to the Information Commissioner’s Office relating to a breach of confidentiality by the previous Locum Clerk. The Parish Council have been asked to explain how it happened and what steps have been taken to ensure it does not happen again.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to inform ICO

Trees have been cut at the rear of Forest Road and then dumped into Sherwood Park. The owner of the property has been contacted and assured the Parish Council that they would remove the dumped material. This has still not taken place. N&SDC inspected the waste and will charge over £400 to remove it.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to write to property owner and ask for the material to be removed or we will ask N&SDC to do so and forward the invoice.

Travellers were recently camped on Sherwood Park, the padlock was cut in order to gain access. The Clerk took advice from N&SDC and the police. The land is owned by CISWO but the Parish Council is the primary tenant so it was our responsibility to take action.

Bailiffs were contacted and served notice (cost £350) and the travellers were given until 6.00pm to leave the site. They left later that night. The bailiffs returned the next morning to check the site was clear. (cost £1,600).

A new padlock was installed and the Chair arranged for a steel box to be fabricated and welded over the padlock.

20/049 Planning Applications

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

19/01489/FUL Windowless brick extension joined to the main building to house a sauna and steam room for leisure centre.
Blidworth Leisure Centre, Belle Vue Lane, Blidworth

Cllr Bates declared a non-pecuniary interest.

RESOLVED: - Cllr Cheesmond proposed rejecting the application as it is an “illegal application” due to the wrong name being used on the Property Name on the application form.

VOTE: - Cllrs Atherton, Cheesmond, Dabbs, Middleton, Riggs, Spalding – objected to the application

Cllrs Arnold and Bates – abstained

19/01437/FUL Installation of a 199kw Biomass boiler within an existing building (retrospective)
Haywood Oaks Farm, Haywood Oaks Lane, Blidworth
DECISION: - Support application with no comments.

15/01330/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 4 dwellings
Cornerways, Beck Lane, Blidworth

After a discussion, Councillors requested the following comments be made to N&SDC.

“due to lack of information provided, no decision could be made. In future, could planning application paperwork be sent to Blidworth Parish Council so informed decisions can be made”

RESOLVED: - Clerk to forward comments to N&SDC

The following applications have been granted consent:

19/00184/FULM Change of use of land for equestrian use, extension of existing building to form Tack Room and 1 additional stable.
Granted full planning permission major

The Parish Council had objected to this application previously however, Cllr Merry was disappointed with the comments that had been sent to N&SDC on behalf of the Parish Council. D/Cllr Woodhead had informed the meeting that she would “call the application in.” The Chair asked the Clerk to find out if that happened.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to make enquiries at N&SDC.

19/01431/TPO Undertake works to lime tree protected by TPO N323 identified as T3; Fell 1 Lime Tree
3 Dove Cottages, Belle Vue Lane, Blidworth
Granted works to trees protected by TPO

20/050 Business

50.1 Developing Sherwood Park

The meeting agreed to arrange a Parks Sub-Committee meeting to look at the development of the whole site.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to arrange meeting

50.2 Youth Forum

There has been a really good response from the posters. Still waiting for the school to reply and for Ollerton & Boughton Town Council to send dates for the Junior Meeting so Cllrs Arnold & Spalding can attend.

50.3 Highways Matters

The winter plants need to be ordered for the Memorial, Tesco, 3 tier planters, 3 tubs – the cost will be similar to last year. Approved unanimously. (Cllr Cheesmond proposed, Cllr Middleton seconded)

The hedge outside the Welfare needs cutting.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to write to Steward

Burma Road hedges need cutting.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to report.

Hedge at the junction of New Lane and Cross Lane needs cutting.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to report

50.4 Andrew Cutts Memorial – Future Maintenance

Andrew Cutts' mother has approached Cllr Riggs to ask for reassurance that the memorial will be maintained when she is no longer able to do it herself. After a discussion, the following was agreed;

RESOLVED: - The Parish Council to look for a volunteer to maintain the memorial.

The War Memorial Sub-Committee to discuss way forward.

A complaint has been received concerning the condition of the flag on the War Memorial which has now been removed. It was proposed to purchase two Union Flags (one for use all year and one for Remembrance Sunday). Approved unanimously.

The Clerk has enquired with the Royal British Legion about whether the St George's Cross can be flown on St George's Day and the Armed Forces Day flag on Armed Forces Day. The RBL confirmed that this is allowed.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to order flags as appropriate.

50.5 Pensioners Party – Wednesday 4th December 2019

The date was approved unanimously. The Welfare and Caterers have been booked.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to arrange Events Sub-Committee meeting at the Welfare (after the Caterers have contacted the Parish Council)

50.6 Christmas Fayre – Saturday 23rd November 2019

The date was approved unanimously. The Seasonal Decorations Licence has been sent to VIA.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to ask Cllr Merry if he would be interested in joining the Events Sub-Committee.

50.7 Possibility of Village Market

The Clerk had made enquiries with N&SDC and Mansfield to find out if Blidworth would be able to hold a market in the future. Markets cannot be held within 6 2/3 miles of Towns/Villages that hold a market charter. Blidworth is outside of this distance so could hold a market, if desired.

RESOLVED: - Cllr Riggs to look at in the future.

50.8 Forest Folk / Tesco Corner

Tesco own the long flowerbed that the Parish Council used to plant up and maintain. This has not been done since Tesco took over ownership.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to write to Tesco to reclaim the flowerbed.

The whole area was discussed. This is a big project that could take place over the winter.

RESOLVED: - Cllrs Atherton, Dabbs and Riggs to meet to discuss the way forward.

50.9 Marriott Lane Area

Due to a commitment, the police were unable to attend this meeting to discuss the recent issues around Marriott Lane.

RESOLVED: - Agenda item – October and invite the police to attend.

50.10 Summer Gala

This year's event was well attended and the day was enjoyable. The Parish Council received complaints from the police and a stallholder concerning the behaviour of one councillor at the event. The Chair and Cllr Middleton met with the Councillor who has resigned from the Events Sub-Committee. An email explaining the situation was sent to all Councillors.

50.11 RCAN – Sustainable Village Halls Event & Village Halls Week 2020

RESOLVED: - Clerk to circulate email to all councillors

The Chair, Cllrs Middleton and Riggs met with Peter Gaw and Clare Tobin from Inspire to look at options concerning the Parish Council moving into the library. It was a very positive meeting and Inspire were open to suggestions. There is an opportunity for other agencies to use the space.

The library would be open more often and messages could be left for the Parish Council for times when the Clerk is not at the office.

Costings provided by Inspire were circulated to all councillors. This is only the first draft – the library have assured they do not want to make a profit from the Parish Council.

The current office space is not fit for purpose for the Clerk or for holding meetings without being disturbed.

The library has proper facilities (toilets and kitchen etc) and would provide a buffer between the public and the Clerk.

There is a possibility for the Parish Council to pay for up to 10 hours additional staff time; however more information is needed. A tenure of 3 years has been proposed to Inspire.

The library staff need to be kept informed about what is happening.

Cllr Bates moved to accept proposal, Cllr Dabbs seconded – unanimous

RESOLVED: - Parish Council to look at in two stages, first move the Clerk to the library and then look at additional hours. (Look at ringfencing some general reserves money to pay for the 3 year tenure and additional staff hours)

Clerk to arrange meeting for next week, with The Chair, Cllrs Middleton and Riggs.

50.12 Winter Service 2019/20 – Bags of Salt & Grit Bins

RESOLVED: - Clerk to place order, as previous years.
Clerk to find out why the grit bin from the top of the jitty on Oak Avenue has been removed and whether it can be replaced.

50.13 Quarterly Litter Picks

The Parish Council would like to arrange litter picks, involving local groups. Four litter picks per year – need to set dates.

RESOLVED: - Cllrs Atherton and Bates to organize.

50.14 Overhanging Trees – Allotments

A complaint has been received concerning overhanging branches from large trees on properties on Boundary Crescent.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to write to residents.

20/051 Financial Matters

51.1 To authorise schedule of payments for July/August/September 2019
Approved unanimously.

- 51.2 Analysis of Payments – July & August 2019 – noted
- 51.3 Analysis of Receipts – July & August 2019 – noted
- 51.4 Approval of Updated Financial Regulations

RESOLVED: - Circulate to Councillors and Agenda for October Meeting.

- 51.5 Approval of Insurance Renewal
The email received did not state the cost of the insurance.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to circulate cost for approval and make payment.

- 51.6 Confirmation of Final Payment to PWLB – noted
- 51.7 External Audit – Approved for Sign Off – noted

20/052 To note – Correspondence received

- 52.1 Monthly Play Inspection Report – noted

RESOLVED: - Clerk to chase works with Bob Marshall

- 52.2 Parish Council Conference 2019

RESOLVED: - Clerk to circulate email to Councillors

The Blidworth Together Event is this Saturday 21st September – noted

20/053 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.

20/054 To Note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 17th October 2019

Meeting closed 2120hrs