



MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30p.m. on Thursday 21st November 2019 at
Blidworth Leisure Centre, Belle Vue Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0RD

Present: Councillors: J Cheesmond (Chair) M Atherton (Vice Chair), J Middleton, K Arnold,
Y Woodhead, N Spalding, C Dabbs
Clerk: C Brettell

In attendance: 2 members of the public

It was agreed, due to members leaving early that the Agenda would be subject to change

Action by

- 20/067 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**
Cllr Cheesmond declared an interest in 20/74.9
- 20/068 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr W Bates, LJ Campbell, M Riggs, P Merry
- 20/069 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting of 17th October 2019**
It was **resolved** that minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 20/070 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda**
(no decisions can be made)
The Chair distributed an excerpt from the 'The Good Councillors Guide 2018' regarding submitting apologies to the Clerk, along with an email sent out to all Councillors by Lynn Holland on 14th December 2018, also stating that it is the correct procedure.
- 20/071 To receive Representations**
71.1 Public Participation
A parishioner expressed that he did not agree with the Parish Councils move to the Library. Cllr Woodhead responded stating that the current Office was not fit for purpose and that the Parish have a duty of care to the Clerk. The Chair commented further that this was not just for the Clerk but by expanding the Library opening hours, the Village would benefit as a whole.
The Parishioner also stated that he was extremely disappointed that Elected Councillors were not attending meetings and said they should not have put themselves forward to represent the village if they were not committed and should resign.
71.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners
Cllr Woodhead informed members that NCC were looking at health and wellbeing with an approach to providing a holistic service. Cllr Arnold expressed how busy NSDC had been with flooding issues and they were looking at a working party for Climate.

20/075 Financial Matters

- 75.1 Analysis of Payments – November 2019
- 75.2 Analysis of Receipts – November 2019
- 75.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st November 2019
- 75.4 To authorise schedule of payments for November 2019

The Clerk added a further payment for authorisation to M Cheesmond for additional expenses for Christmas Events of £129.35

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 75.1 – 75.4 and to authorise the schedule of payments

20/073 Planning Applications

Proposal:	Householder application for demolition of conservatory and two dormer windows. New single storey rear extension and dormer window to front elevation.
Site Address:	5 Rigg Lane Blidworth Nottinghamshire NG21 0NS
Planning Application Ref:	19/01979/FUL
Target Date for Decision:	9 January 2020

It was **resolved** that there are ‘No Objections’ to this proposal.

Clerk

20/074 Business

74.1 To Discuss – Letter from the British Legion regarding help with event (previously circulated)

Cllr Dabbs gave an update on VE Celebrations that were being arranged in Rainworth Village. The Clerk confirmed as requested at the previous meeting that Rainworth Parish Council are donating £200 towards this event. It was therefore decided that Blidworth may be involved in its own celebrations and would defer assisting at the British Legion Event in Rainworth until this was fully known

74.2 To Accept – Standing Orders

It was **Resolved** to accept the Standing Orders

74.3 To Accept – Financial Regulations

It was **Resolved** to accept the Financial Regulations

74.4 To Discuss - Village Maintenance and handyman provision

Discussion took place regarding this and the figures prepared by the Clerk. It was decided that this would be deferred to a Working Party consisting of Cllrs Atherton, Dabbs, Middleton, and Cheesmond to discuss and bring back to a future meeting. Cllr Woodhead said she would also like to be involved if available. The Clerk to arrange a meeting.

Clerk

74.12 To Accept - General power of Competence

It was **Resolved** that due to having a qualified clerk and more than two thirds of councillors elected, Blidworth Parish Council is now eligible to use the General Power of Competence.

74.13 To update – Dale Lane Allotments

The Chair updated members regarding a meeting that had taken place with the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair regarding the Land at Dale Lane suitable for building and the possibility of swaping this for land on the outskirts of the Village. Discussion took place regarding this and the Chair suspended standing orders to allow a representative from the Dale Lane Allotment committee to speak. It was agreed that there was a huge amount to discuss and that a further meeting should be arranged with representatives from the allotment committee.

It was also asked as to why this piece of land was still shown on the NSDC Development Plan for the Village. Cllr Woodhead recalled the Parish Council writing to NSDC Planning department and confirmation being sent that this land had been removed from the plan. Cllr Woodhead to contact planning and ask them to contact the Clerk **Cllr Woodhead**
A question was also raised over the water supply to the allotment where a leak was now evident. The Chair responded stating that it is usually the responsibility of the bill payer and not Blidworth Parish Council.

Cllr Woodhead left the meeting at 8.15pm

74.5 To Update – Youth Forum

Cllr Spalding provided an update to members and had visited Ollerton and Boughton's Junior Council along with Cllrs Arnold, Cheesmond and Middleton. She had also arranged to visit the School Council at Blidworth Oaks School on the 5th December.

There had been positive comments both at the Art Club and the BCA. It was requested that Cllr Spalding put together a proposal and costings for how the Youth Council/Forum would run. **Cllr Spalding**

Cllr Arnold and Spalding left the meeting at 8.30pm.

The meeting was suspended until Cllr Arnold returned at 8.40pm.

74.6 To Discuss – Designated Public Space Order

The Clerk drew members attention to Appendix 5 and the information within it. After discussion it was **Resolved** for the Clerk to complete the Questionnaire and request that the Designated Public Space Order is not removed.

74.7 To Discuss – Development of Sherwood Park

The Chair updated members about the renovation work that had been carried out at the skate park and is now complete.

The Clerk had made several attempts to contact CISWO, to no avail regarding developing the area with new facilities. The Chair updated members on the plans and is eager to move forward. The Clerk to persist to ensure permission is sought. **Clerk**

74.8 To Update – Blidworth Library and Parish Office Communication

The Chair updated members. No paperwork has been confirmed as yet but a move to the Library was likely early January. The Clerk to arrange the necessary phone line/broadband transfer.

It was **Resolved** to continue with the current Office for occasional use by the Clerk and for meetings and storage.

74.9 To Update – LIS Grant

The Clerk updated members that a remittance advice had been received regarding the LIS grant money applied for by LH and based on the quotation submitted. This work could now go ahead. The Clerk had requested that Robert Marshall who had carried out work at Sherwood Park provided a quotation and had provided him with the specification.

74.10 To Discuss – Highway Issues

Councillors discussed the usual issues with Cross Lane/Blidworth Lane in regard to flooding, potholes and speeding. The Clerk had requested a site visit with M Keeling (VIA) to discuss the issues raised. **Clerk**

Cllr Atherton discussed the flowerbeds at Tesco corner and the tree/shrubbed area outside the Betting Office on Dale Lane.

It was **Resolved** that Cllr Atherton remove these shrubs/trees as necessary, to provide better vision to pedestrians and users of the highway. NCC to be contacted and asked to remove tree. **Cllr Atherton**

Cllr Arnold was requested to ask NSDC about sweeping the leaves which are a constant danger to pedestrians through the village, and to request that the shrub beds on Dale Lane be cut back/removed. **Cllr Arnold**

74.11 To Agree – Siting of Grit Bin on Oak Avenue and bins around the Village

It was **Resolved** to purchase a (blue) grit bin at a cost of £155 for use on Oak Avenue.
The Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**

Cllrs Dabbs and Atherton to mark out where the new Litter bins are to be fitted in the Village, in preparation for fitting. **Cllrs Dabbs and Atherton**

74.14 To update – Christmas Light Switch on Event and Pensioners Party

The working party had met on the 18th November to finalise the details for these events
Cllr Dabbs fed this back to members.

The Clerk had chased VIA regarding the licence for the Lights which had not yet been received. It was agreed that the lights would be switched on as planned on Saturday 23rd November.

74.15 To Discuss – Central Avenue – damaged plinths and access

The Chair had been contacted by a resident regarding the damaged plinths on Central Avenue. The resident had been in touch with Cllr Woodhead who had stated that there is a public footpath through the Sherwood Avenue playing field which is why they had been removed. Cllr Cheesmond provided members with a map produced by the Senior Rights of Way Officer at VIA clearing showing no right of way through the land. The Clerk had contacted NSDC to request that the plinths to the Boundary be reinstated. A sign to be put up as appropriate. **Clerk**

74.16 To Update – War Memorial

The Chair and Vice Chair thanked all those involved in the upkeep of the War memorial and for those that assisted with the Remembrance Service which had been a great success.

Cllr Dabbs informed members that a large hole had formed in one of the flower beds on the site. It was agreed that this be checked out by the Coal Authority or an appropriate surveyor. The Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**

20/072 To receive – Clerk’s Report

The Clerk updated members on the issues raised and logged by Councillors and parishioners. Cllr Atherton had carried out a Village Litterpick, and the handyman had collected in the Bloom tubs and cleared the borders at the Library and Fire station. Although the winter grit had not yet been delivered, all Parish Grit bins were full and were being topped up as necessary.

20/076 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email. **Noted**

20/077 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.

20/078 To Note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting

It was agreed not to schedule a meeting for December but call one if required. The next meetings scheduled are the Budget/Precept meeting on the 9th January and the next Ordinary meeting on the 16th January 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.26pm