



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held at 7.00p.m. on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at**  
**Blidworth Leisure Centre, Belle Vue Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0RD**

Present: Councillors: J Cheesmond (Chair) M Atherton (Vice Chair), J Middleton, P Merry,  
C Dabbs, W Bates, LJ Campbell  
Clerk: C Brettell

In attendance: 0 members of the public

**Action by**

**20/079 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**

*Under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, if any local Parish Councillor is more than 2 months in arrears with their Council tax they must declare an interest and refrain from voting.*

The following Declarations were made:

Agenda items 20/82 (82.1 – 82.5) Cllr's Cheesmond, Middleton,  
W Bates, Campbell, Atherton, Dabbs and Merry

As these pecuniary interests relate to the setting of the precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and in accordance with the Code of Conduct, the above named Councillors remained in the meeting and were able to vote on these matters.

**20/080 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Riggs, K Arnold, N Spalding, Y Woodhead

**20/081 To Consider – Applications for Parish Council Grants (Appendix 1)**

4 grants were considered from 1<sup>st</sup> Blidworth (St Mary's) Guides, Blidworth Army Cadets, Cornwater Evergreens and Ravenshead Community Transport.

It was **resolved** to award each group £200 in line with Blidworth Parish Council Grants Policy. All Grants were for 2020/21 and would be sent out in April. **Clerk**

**20/082 To Agree – Precept for the Financial year 2020/21 including:**

**82.1 To Agree - Allotment fees for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 (Appendix 2)**

It was **resolved** to defer this item until the February meeting subject to an allotment site meeting.

**82.2 To Approve – Pay increase for 2020/21 in line with NJC Payscales**

It was **resolved** to approve the pay increase, although not yet confirmed in line with NJC payscales.

**82.3 To Approve – Handyman/Contractor proposal**

It was **resolved** to approve the proposal to advertise for a Grounds maintenance/handyperson in the Village, and to continue with Weedfree Ltd cutting the grass for the upcoming year. This would be overseen by the HR committee and discussed

at the next meeting.

HR

### **Committee**

#### **82.3 To consider future projects/expenses for the year 2020/21**

The Clerk illustrated to members how the use of reserves could be spent and earmarked for the remaining financial year and the upcoming years. Future plans were also discussed.

It was **resolved** to agree the following projects/expenses:

Sherwood Avenue Park

Library – Office rental and additional Library opening hours and staffing

Provision for a community Hub (if and when possible)

New machinery and equipment for Groundsman/Handyperson

Replacement Lights for the tree at Tesco corner

Blidworth in Bloom

#### **82.4 To Agree the proposed budget for 2020/21 (Appendix 3)**

The Clerk provided members with a proposed budget for 2020/21 based on the previous two years accounts. The Clerk also produced details of the precept request and year end balances over the previous 9 years. These were discussed by members.

In accordance with Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2011 Blidworth Parish Council **resolved** to inform, Newark and Sherwood District Council that the precept request for 2020/21 is £ 77410.05

Equating to £70.30 per Band D Property (2020/21 Council tax base £1101.13)

**Clerk**

**Recorded Vote: For: JC JM CD MA PM Against: WB Abstention: LJC**

### **8.05pm Cllr W Bates left the meeting**

#### **20/083 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meetings of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 (Appendix 4)**

It was **resolved** that minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

#### **20/084 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decisions can be made)**

Several questions were asked regarding items being followed up. These to be brought up again at the next meeting. Cllr Cheesmond updated members that the plinths on Central Avenue had been replaced and Newark and Sherwood District Council are looking into closing the gap as there is no public right of way across the playing field.

#### **20/085 To receive Representations**

85.1 Public Participation

**None**

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

No report.

Cllr Atherton asked if the Parish Council can contact Newark and Sherwood District Council to state that we don't receive reports and would like more information about what is happening at Newark. Furthermore, it would be appreciated if our District and County Councillor keep the Parish informed should there be any developments regarding building works on Three Thorn Hollow.

### **8.30pm Cllr Atherton left the meeting**

## 20/086 Planning Applications

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Householder application to raise the front garden for off road parking.
<b>Site Address:</b>	26 Kirby Close Blidworth Nottinghamshire NG21 0TT
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	19/02050/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Objections' to this application subject to neighbours comments.

<b>Proposal:</b>	Householder application for single storey rear extension.
<b>Site Address:</b>	6 Belle Vue Gardens Blidworth Nottinghamshire NG21 0UN
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	19/02154/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Objections' to this application.

<b>Proposal:</b>	Proposed alterations to Hatzfeld House Care Home and erection of new Hub Centre/Laundry for Residential Care
<b>Site Address:</b>	Hatzfeld House 10B Mansfield Road Blidworth Nottinghamshire
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	19/02221/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Objections' to this application.

## 20/087 Business

### 87.1 To Update – Development of Sherwood Avenue Park

The Chair updated members about the plans for the park and the stages of the work being carried out. A site meeting had been held with Andy Harding to discuss our plans and also Proludic to get the ball rolling with Park designs and some ideas of costings. Suggestions and ideas had been put out on facebook to get a general feel for what residents would like to see.

The Clerk had written to CISWO but had not yet received a response.

The next stage was to involve further parties including the Police who are keen to put forward their ideas in regard to security and safety.

### 87.2 To Update and Agree as necessary – Allocation of 106 monies to Blidworth Leisure Centre and further action

The Chair updated members regarding the meeting he and Cllr Middleton had had with Karen White at Newark and Sherwood District Council on the 19<sup>th</sup> December. They had expressed the moral injustice at the 106 monies going towards the Leisure Centre and not to the Parish Council for use in the Village. Several members wished to hold a public meeting to inform the public of the misuse of public money, however it was agreed in the first instance to run an online petition on facebook to get the views of the public. The Clerk and Cllr Campbell to set this up.

**Cllr Campbell/Clerk**

### 87.3 To Update – Highways (meeting with M Keeling)

The Chair updated members of the meeting he and Cllr Campbell had had with Mike Keeling. Nothing still has been done to rectify issues raised almost 2 years ago.

It was resolved to write to Cllr Cottee detailing events and the actions we would like to see of if appropriate have a site meeting with him.

**Clerk**

### 87.4 To Update – Youth Forum

No report.

87.5 To Approve – Grant Applications prepared by Clerk

The Clerk informed members of the Grant applications she had completed. These comprised of:

LIS Grant/Veolia and The Lottery Fund for money towards Sherwood Park and East Midlands in Bloom and Lyndhurst Windfarm Community Fund for support with Bloom and community engagement in the Village.

87.6 To Review – Christmas Event, Pensioners Party and Festive Lights

The Clerk and Chair updated members on the success of these events.

The dates for this year are:

Summer Gala – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Pensioners Party – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

Christmas Light Switch on Event – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020

The Chair brought up that he felt the Blidworth Welfare Band should be sent a donation for the entertainment provided at the Christmas Light Switch on Event. All in agreement.

It was **resolved** to send a donation of £100 to the Blidworth Welfare Band. **Clerk**

It was **resolved** to purchase new lights for the Tree at Tesco corner at the price quoted of £862.00 and approx. £400 for installation by AW Fencing.

It was further **resolved** to book the caterers 'Summerbys Caterers' for the Pensioners Party at the price agreed of £11 per head. Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**

87.7 To Agree – Plans for Bloom 2020

Cllr Atherton updated members on the plans for Bloom which would have a VE Day theme. The Bloom team are to sort the beds and shrubs at Tesco. New tubs are to be used/recycled on the rockings planter and a new base laid to replace the rotten timbers. The Bloom team are to ask people and businesses in the village to sponsor a planter. The Miners wheel at the front of the Leisure Centre will have the signage removed and be planted up and the wheels repainted.

The East Midlands in Bloom seminar and AGM to be attended by MA, CD and RD on the 20<sup>th</sup> February.

It was **resolved** that the Bloom team go ahead with their proposal and any work necessary with the full support of Councillors. **Bloom team**

87.8 To Discuss – Letter from the British Legion regarding help with event and Blidworth VE Day celebrations

Cllr Dabbs updated members about events in the Village. The event was going ahead in Rainworth. As there was some uncertainty as to who was doing what CD to contact the Cadets and confirm and the next meeting. **Cllr Dabbs**

87.9 To Discuss – Necessary action regarding Land at New Lane - Potential Development

Cllr Merry updated members regarding movement on the potential development site. It was agreed to have this item on the agenda each month for updates.

## 20/088 Financial Matters

88.1 Analysis of Payments – November/December 2019 (Appendix 5)

88.2 Analysis of Receipts – November/December 2019 (Appendix 6)

88.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 (Appendix 7)

88.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for December (retrospectively) and January 2020 (Appendix 8)

The Clerk added a further payment for authorisation of £75 to Chip Hosting.

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 88.1 – 88.4 and to authorise the schedule of payments.

## 20/089 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

**20/090 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.*

**20/091 To Note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.