

MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30p.m. on Thursday 20th February 2020 at
Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0PW



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

In attendance: 5 members of the public

Action by

20/092 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda

There were no Declarations of Interest

20/093 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

The Clerk had received apologies from Cllr Rigg due to illness, these were accepted by members. No apologies had been received from Cllr Woodhead

20/094 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2020
 (Appendix 1)

The Chair asked for the matter of the donation to the Blidworth Welfare Band be added to 20/87.6

It was then **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th January 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

20/095 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda
 (no decisions can be made)

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

20/096 To receive Representations

96.1 Public Participation (inc.report regarding metal detecting)

A resident complained about the amount of water on both Blidworth Lane and Haywood Oaks Lane which is causing a problem for motorists. The Chair responded stating that these issues had been reported on many occasions and we had received no positive response from VIA. We were now addressing this with Cllr Cottee at Nottinghamshire County Council.

There was also a request about sweeping the Village as it was very untidy. Cllr Arnold to report at District.

Cllr Arnold

Cllr Atherton informed members and residents that he would be organising a community litter pick next month.

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

District – Cllr Arnold informed members that Newark and Sherwood Homes had now been taken back inhouse by Newark and Sherwood District Council. District were also looking at a 'Climate Emergency'.

County – No Report

20/097 Planning Applications

The Chair asked members if they would consider the following Planning Application that had been received today. All in agreement.

Proposal:	Proposed 1 x two storey new two bed residential unit on the side of the existing house
Site Address:	24 Lyndhurst Avenue Blidworth Nottinghamshire NG21 0RJ
Planning Application Ref:	20/00244/FUL

It was **resolved** for Cllr Dabbs and Campbell to carry out a site visit, and a response would be sent based on their findings. **Cllrs Dabbs and Campbell**

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

Proposal:	Change of use for the space above the double garage from a private home office to a holiday let.
Site Address:	The Old School House Main Street Blidworth Nottinghamshire
Planning Application Ref:	19/02185/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Objections'

Proposal:	Retrospective application for the installation of an ATM installed through existing brick to the far left hand side of the shop front
Site Address:	M And S Local 26 - 28 Lyndhurst Avenue Blidworth Nottinghamshire
Planning Application Ref:	20/00125/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Objections'

Proposal:	Internally illuminated Free Cash Withdrawals sign above the ATM, Blue LED halo illumination to the sign
Site Address:	M And S Local 26 - 28 Lyndhurst Avenue Blidworth Nottinghamshire
Planning Application Ref:	20/00126/ADV

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Objections'

Proposal:	Provision of external metal escape stairs to facilitate emergency fire exit from first floor accommodation areas and railings to first floor windows on rear elevation
Site Address:	The Bird In Hand Public House Main Street Blidworth NG21 0QH
Planning Application Ref:	20/00012/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Objections'

The following Planning Applications have been granted:

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

Noted

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

Noted

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

Noted

The following Planning Applications have been refused:

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

Noted

20/098 Business

98.1 To Update – Development of Sherwood Avenue Park including agreement of fee for consent

The Chair updated members regarding the Park and the initial ‘Concept board’ was shown. Consultation could now take place with local residents to ensure the new development would meet the needs of everyone. The Clerk updated members regarding the Grants that had been applied for towards the project. These included: £10,000 The Lottery Fund, £30,000 LIS Grant from NCC and she was working on an application to Veolia for £75,000.

It was **resolved** to move this project forward, carry out a Consultation with residents and pay the fee of £350 to CISWA for approval. **Clerk**

98.2 To Update - Dale Lane Allotment swap

The proposal was discussed and comments invited from the representatives of the Dale Lane Allotment committee.

It was **resolved** to inform the owners of the land (off Baulker Lane) that Blidworth Parish Council will not exchange the Dale Lane Allotment site with this land and do not wish to take the matter any further. Newark and Sherwood District Council have confirmed that the land is to be taken off the Development plan.

98.3 To Discuss – Letter from the British Legion regarding help with event and Blidworth VE Day celebrations (Deferred from previous meetings)
Cllr Dabbs updated members about this event.

It was **resolved** to send a donation of £200 towards this event.

Clerk

98.4 To Agree – Allotment fees for the year commencing 1st April 2021 and feedback from Allotment Site visit (30th Jan)

This item was deferred until the next meeting where more information is sought from the lease and a further site visit has been carried out to view the current garages and their contents. Cllrs Atherton, Dabbs and Middleton to view garages and act as necessary.

Cllrs Atherton, Dabbs and Middleton

Cllr Arnold to look at Building regs/planning at Newark and Sherwood District Council and see if the Parish are in breach of any regulations

Cllr Arnold

The Clerk informed members that following the site visit in January she had written to plot holders regarding the removal of rubbish on site.

98.5 To Discuss/Approve – Siting of new garage plot at Appleton Road Allotments (Appendix 2)

It was **resolved** not to give permission for the siting of this Garage plot. Clerk to write to applicant.

Clerk

98.6 To Update – Youth Forum

Cllr Spalding provided members with an update. Not setting up like Ollerton's Youth Council, but working on a Youth Forum with members from 8-18 years of age.

98.7 To Update – Bloom

Clls Dabbs and Atherton had attended the Bloom seminar earlier that day and gave an update on their plans for the competition.

It was requested that Cllr Arnold enquire at Newark and Sherwood District Council as to when the Leisure Centre Signage is to be removed in front of the Pit Wheels. **Cllr Arnold**

98.8 To Discuss/Approve – Library staffing and additional opening hours

The Chair and Clerk updated members on the Library staffing. Inspire had received agreement from Nottinghamshire County Council on the 13th February for the partnership to go ahead and were delighted with the benefits the new partnership between all 3 parties would bring. Inspire had advertised the position to fill the additional 9 hours to be paid for by Blidworth Parish Council (closing date 21st Feb) The chair has signed the agreement and Inspire are in a position to staff the Library with the new opening hours from the 9th March which are as follows:

	Proposed	Existing	Increase
Monday	9.00 – 5.00	9.00 – 12.30	4.5
Tuesday	Closed	Closed	-
Wednesday	1.00 – 5.00	1.00 – 5.00	-
Thursday	9.00 – 1.00	Closed	4
Friday	9.00 – 1.00	9.00 – 12.30	0.5
Saturday	9.00 – 12.30	9.00 – 12.30	-

Inspire will provide a Parish council front desk service that during library opening hours library staff will provide the public with information about Parish Council services, will handle requests for service, reports of faults or issues. This agreement runs until the 31st May 2023.

98.9 To Discuss – Correspondence from Abbey Medical Group regarding highway issues (Appendix 3)

Members discussed the correspondence from the Practice Manager, and linked this agenda item with 20/98.10 Highways

98.10 To Update – Highways

The Clerk updated members that NCC were looking into laying hardcore on Footpath 1. It was **resolved** to forward the matter discussed in 20/98.9, in the absence of our County Councillor along with other issues we have in the Village to Cllr Cottee and if necessary, Cllr K Cutts and MP Mark Spencer.

Cllr Merry asked if the Parish Council could investigate the possible use of the ‘Premier shop’ car park for surgery or shop users in the village, and if necessary, employ the Parish Handyman to clean up. Clerk to investigate and carry out as appropriate **Clerk**
It was **resolved** to look onto this.

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

The Clerk had received no notification from Planning that any appeal of revised application was imminent. Cllr Bates asked for it to be minuted that due to the heavy rainfall a gully had formed causing the drainage on site to alter. Water was running through the tip, meaning there must be a high level of arsenic in the water running off.

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

Further to the last meeting, a public consultation had been put out on Facebook which had received a huge positive response for taking the matter further. The Chair confirmed that Karen White had now agreed that the small amount of money allocated to the Parish Council did not have to be spent within the curtilage of the Leisure Centre.

It was **resolved** to write to Karen White (Newark and Sherwood District Council) and ask her to attend a public meeting where an explanation could be given to residents regarding the allocation of the 106 money. **Clerk**

Cllr Bates left the meeting at 9.05pm

98.13 To Approve – Document Retention Policy (Appendix 4)

It was **resolved** to approve the Document Retention Policy

98.14 To Agree – Services of S Stack for Audit 19/20

It was **resolved** to employ the service of S Stack to carry out future auditing.

20/099 Financial Matters

99.1 Analysis of Payments – January 2020 (Appendix 5)

99.2 Analysis of Receipts – January 2020 (Appendix 6)

99.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st January 2020 (Appendix 7)

99.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for February 2020 (Appendix 8)

The Clerk added a further payment for authorisation of £73.30 to Cllr Dabbs (Expenses for attending East Midlands in Bloom conference).

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 99.1 – 99.4 and to authorise the schedule of payments.

20/100 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

The Clerk drew members attention to the Local Plan -Waste Consultation (emailed out 13/2/20) and the Email regarding DPPO being revoked (emailed out 13/2/20)

**20/101 To Note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 19th March 2020
To Discuss - Dates for April meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting 2020**

It was **resolved** to move the date of the April Ordinary Parish Council meeting to the 9th April, commencing at 7pm. All future evening meetings to commence at 7pm.

It was further **resolved** to have the Annual Parish meeting on Saturday 4th April 10am-12 noon at Blidworth Methodist Church. The Clerk to book the room and invite local groups.

Clerk

20/102 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.

Meeting closed 9.31pm