



MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held remotely via ZOOM at 7.00p.m. on Thursday 18th June 2020

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

Action by

20/001 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 20/008.2

Cllr Bates declared an interest in 20/008.3

20/002 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

The Clerk had received apologies from Cllr Rigg and M Atherton due to illness.

20/003 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2020 (Appendix 1)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th March 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

20/004 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda

(no decisions can be made)

None

20/005 To confirm – Councillor attendance in regard to 6 month rule

Blidworth Parish Council were unable to consider the absence of Cllr Riggs within the 6 period period due to Covid 19 and the question of meetings not having been resolved at the point when the expiry approached, but that absence was approved throughout and the 6 month period. As it would have been extended, given the unprecedented times, this has not been advertised as a vacancy.

Cllr Woodhead joined the meeting at 7.16pm

The Clerk put to Councillors Cllr Riggs' request to extend his period of absence due to illness. Councillors discussed the extension of Cllr Riggs absence and it was **resolved** to extend his absence until the September meeting, which would be reassessed then.

20/006 Financial Matters

6.1 To approve - Internal Audit (Appendix 2)

It was **resolved** to approve the Internal Audit.

6.2 To agree – Inventory/Asset Register as at 31st March 2020 (Appendix 3)

It was **resolved** to agree the Inventory/Asset Register as at 31st March 2020 as £620476.58

It was further **resolved** for the Clerk to obtain a price for a valuation of the land owned by Blidworth Parish Council, and furthermore to contact Charles Dawson regarding the acquisition of land at the Bull Piece, Blidworth.

Clerk

6.3 To consider, approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement – Section 1
(Appendix 4 – Annual Return and schedules)

Consideration was given to the Annual Governance statement by members which was then completed.

It was **resolved** to approve the Annual Governance statement which was then to be signed by the Chair later that evening.

6.4 To consider, approve and sign the Accounting Statement – Section 2
(Appendix 5 – Annual Return and schedules)

It was **resolved** to approve the Accounting Statement which was then to be signed by the Chair later that evening.

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

6.5 Analysis of Payments – March/April/May 2020 (Appendix 6)

6.6 Analysis of Receipts – March/April/May 2020 (Appendix 7)

6.7 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st March/30th April/31st May 2020 (Appendix 8)

6.8 To Authorise schedule of payments for June 2020 (Appendix 9)

Cllrs Arnold and Spalding joined the meeting at 7.31pm

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 6.5 – 6.8 and to authorise the schedule of payments.

20/007 Planning Applications

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

Proposal:	Remove the existing dilapidated single storey office unit and replace with a new two storey office
Site Address:	Andenor Ltd, Crown Structural Building, Burma Road, Blidworth NG21 0RT
Planning Application Ref:	20/00838/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating ‘No Comment’ (Cllr Woodhead abstained from voting).

Cllrs Middleton, Merry and Woodhead left the meeting at 7.40pm

20/008 Business

8.1 To Update – Development of Sherwood Avenue Park including update on Grant Applications and quotations for work

The Chair and Clerk updated members about the Sherwood Avenue Park development and that the Parish Council had been successful in their Grant application from Veolia for the sum of £75000 – subject to contract.

Under financial regulations the Parish Council are to use the Governments ‘Contract Finder’ for work over £25,000. The gym equipment should not fall under this requirement.

It was agreed to have a meeting with the working party to discuss specifications and a plan of works. Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**

8.2 To Agree – New fencing for corner of Sherwood Avenue

The Clerk had received 2 quotations for this work (Rainworth Fencing and Jon Walker Timber Products Ltd). The fence was in a bad state of repair and needed urgent attention.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk obtain a further quotation, and then proceed based on the best value quotation. **Clerk**

8.3 To Discuss/Agree use of Covid-19 funds (NCC) and request from Gilly Hagen (Appendix 10)

The Clerk updated members regarding the Covid emergency fund of £5000 received from NCC to support the Blidworth community – this had been applied for by the Clerk.

Cllr Bates showed members slides regarding the current food situation. It was agreed by all members that help would be needed by the community well into the next few months when the full effects of Covid 19 could be seen.

Councillors discussed use of the money and the application from Gilly Hagen for Blidworth on the Move.

It was **resolved** to allocate £1500 to Blidworth on the Move. This would be given on an as and when required basis and spending of this money should be evidenced and provided to the Parish Council. **Clerk**

8.4 To Discuss/Agree – Use of Sherwood Avenue Park by Pinders Circus

It was **resolved** not to allow Pinders Circus use of the land for the Circus due to the Parish Councils plans for redevelopment.

Clerk to inform them. **Clerk**

8.5 To Discuss/Agree – Signage to reduce vehicle access/speed at Marriott Lane

The Clerk updated members regarding the correspondence she had had with Rights of Way at VIA, and the use of signage. The area was not classed as Byway so appropriate signage could not be used. They are however, considering alternative signage. Clerk to update members as appropriate. **Clerk**

8.6 To Update – Youth Forum

Cllr Spalding provided members with an update. A competition had been held to design a logo for the forum which was now being digitalized. Nothing had progressed other than this due to the current circumstances.

20/009 To receive Representations

9.1 Public Participation

The Clerk had received no comments for the meeting from parishioners

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

Cllr Arnold updated members that Newark and Sherwood District Council Offices are quiet. Daily updates are being provided.

20/010 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

20/011 To Note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 16th July 2020

20/012 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 8.16pm