

MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.00p.m. on Thursday 19th March 2020 at
Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0PW



Present: Councillors: J Cheesmond (Chair), J Middleton, K Arnold, N Spalding
Clerk: C Brettell

In attendance: 1 member of the public

Action by

The Chair asked members that in the light of current circumstances that an additional item be added to the Agenda – Contingency planning for Covid-19 – All in agreement, this would be discussed at the end of the meeting.

20/103 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 20/110.4

20/104 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

The Clerk had received apologies from Cllr Rigg due to illness, M Atherton due to work commitments and C Dabbs and LJ Campbell due to self-isolation. These apologies were recorded and accepted by members.

Apologies were also received from Cllr Merry (no reason given) Noted.

No apologies were received from Cllr Bates and Cllr Woodhead

20/105 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2020
(Appendix 1)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th February 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

20/106 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda
(no decisions can be made)

None

20/107 To receive Representations

107.1 Public Participation

Nothing reported

107.2 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 now closed. Just essential meetings are taking place. Daily updates are being provided.

20/108 Planning Applications

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

Proposal:	Householder application to demolish existing half glazed conservatory to the side of the existing dwelling and replace with traditional build brick extension to the same footprint (revised submission of planning permission 19/01979/FUL)
Site Address:	5 Rigg Lane Blidworth NG21 0NS
Planning Application Ref:	20/00365/FUL

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

20/109 Business

109.1 To Update – Development of Sherwood Avenue Park including update on Grant Applications

The Chair updated members regarding the development plans, the Grants applied for and the consultation that was taking place. £10,000 from the Lottery Fund had been awarded towards Gym equipment. The Clerk had sent the necessary information to CISWO to update the lease for approval but they had not yet responded.

It was **resolved** to split the work into separate projects – Secure fencing/CCTV and Lighting/Skate Park/Play Area/Gym Equipment and to obtain quotations for the work in line with Financial Regulations.

109.2 To Discuss - Feedback from Allotment Site visit (2nd March)

Cllr Middleton updated members regarding their findings, the clerk had already emailed out details to members.

Forest Folk Allotments – All satisfactory

Community Allotments – All satisfactory

Appleton Road Allotments – Issues with garages and vehicle parking. The Clerk had written to the plot holders to ask for issues to be resolved. This would be re-inspected at the beginning of April.

Clerk

109.3 To Update – Youth Forum

Cllr Spalding provided members with an update. Nothing had progressed due to the current circumstances.

109.4 To Update – Bloom and 'East Midlands in Bloom' Entry Application for this year

It was likely that Bloom would now not go ahead, as the 'Best Kept Village' Competition had now been cancelled and any VE Day celebrations postponed.

It was **resolved** that under the circumstances Bloom would be scaled back. Community groups arranged to help would now not be able to, and many of the planting areas may not be accessible due to potential building closures.

109.5 To Update – Highways

The Chair updated members regarding highway issues. A meeting had been arranged with Cllr Cottee, although this was now likely to be cancelled and he had requested that the Clerk email all details to him to look into.

Clerk

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

The Clerk confirmed that no planning information had been received by the Parish Office, and would notify members if and when that was the case. Cllr Arnold suggested that Councillors take photos of the land/area to put together a portfolio for future use. i.e. build up of cars on the nearby roads/amount of rain water and drainage issues **Cllrs**

109.7 To Update - Allocation of 106 monies to Blidworth Leisure Centre

The Chair updated members that after a meeting with Cllr Atherton, the Clerk had written to Karen White (NSDC) to ask if further money could be found (around £36,000) to assist with projects in the Village. The Chair of the Leisure & Environment Committee, Roger Jackson has also been copied into this email.

109.8 To Update – Premier Car Park

The Clerk updated members that she had been into the Premier shop - The Car Park was not in the sole ownership of one person but several of the business premises. Several Councillors had been to look at the car park which at the time was very full.

Following discussion, it was **resolved** to not pursue this matter any further as it would not be prudent to spend Parish Council money on land that is not owned by the Parish Council.

109.9 To Discuss – Access and Maintenance to Marriott Lane Play Park (Private Lane)

The Chair questioned why this was a private Lane when residents have access to a Play Park and field.

It was **resolved** to look at ownership and access rights prior to the next meeting where this could be discussed further. **Clerk**

20/110 Financial Matters

110.1 Analysis of Payments – February 2020 (Appendix 2)

110.2 Analysis of Receipts – February 2020 (Appendix 3)

110.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 28th February 2020 (Appendix 4)

110.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for March 2020 (Appendix 5)

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 110.1 – 110.4 and to authorise the schedule of payments.

It was further **resolved** in the light of the current situation that future monthly payments would be emailed out to Councillors each month prior to being processed and authorised via the online banking process.

Clerk

20/111 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

20/112 To Note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 9th April 2020 this would not be cancelled at this stage and would be addressed nearer time as necessary.

Dates for the Annual Parish Meeting 2020 – 4th April 2020 - Cancelled but would hopefully be re-arranged for later in the year. Clerk to inform everyone **Clerk**

20/113 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.

The Chair asked the member of the public to leave whilst the following items 113.1 - 113.4 were discussed confidentially.

Meeting closed 8.51pm