



## MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held remotely via ZOOM at 7.00p.m. on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Present: Councillors: J Cheesmond (Chair), J Middleton, K Arnold,  
LJ Campbell, C Dabbs, W Bates  
Apologies: N Spalding, Y Woodhead  
Clerk: C Brettell  
Members of the Public: 4

### Action by

As members of the public wished to discuss item 20/41.1 it was agreed to move this item after public participation.

#### **20/035 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**

Cllr Bates – Item 20/041 – The Hawthorns

Cllr Cheesmond – 20/40.4

Cllr Arnold – 20/42.10

#### **20/036 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**

The Clerk had received apologies from Cllr Y Woodhead (meeting) and Cllr Spalding (work)

#### **20/037 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (Appendix 1)**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th September 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

#### **20/038 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decisions can be made)**

All self-explanatory. The Clerk informed members that although the replacement Festive lights had been ordered they were now out of stock. This was currently being sorted.

#### **20/039 To receive Representations**

39.1 Public Participation - The landowner of the field (Agenda item 20/41.1) spoke to members regarding her reasons for the proposed diversion.

41.1 To Discuss Proposed Diversion of Footpath 12 (Appendix 6)

The Clerk read out letters received from 3 residents with their objections.

It was **resolved** to object to the proposed diversion on the grounds of:

- This is a well-used and historic footpath, which the landowner would have been aware of when the land was purchased
- When other footpaths in the village have been diverted they haven't been maintained
- The Diversion will not be as easily accessible for less abled walkers.
- This ancient footpath is outlined in many old historical maps / documents and forms part of the historical and cultural character of the village
- the landowner could easily relocate any unpredictable livestock further to the south of the property rather than the north which is encroaching on the public's right of access

39.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners - No County Councillor present and no report sent. Cllr Arnold reported that District are thinking about the County Elections next May. The Chair asked for views/information given regarding forming a unitary Authority. The general feeling was that this was not useful.

## 20/040 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

- 40.1 Analysis of Payments – September 2020 (Appendix 2)
- 40.2 Analysis of Receipts – September 2020 (Appendix 3)
- 40.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (Appendix 4)
- 40.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for October 2020 (Appendix 5)
- 40.5 To Note - Notice of Conclusion of Audit from PKF Littlejohn LLP (emailed out to Councillors 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020)

The Clerk asked for David Wilsons Payment of £1285 to be added on to the schedule of payments for the winter planting – All agreed.

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 40.1– 40.3 and to authorise the schedule of payments (40.4). Item 40.5 was noted.

## 20/041 Planning Applications

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Extension to outbuilding to form garage.
<b>Site Address:</b>	Fountain Dale House Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 OND
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	20/01745/HOUSE
<b>Target Date for Decision:</b>	9 November 2020

It was **resolved** to respond stating ‘No Comment’

<b>Proposal:</b>	Extension to outbuilding to form garage.
<b>Site Address:</b>	Fountain Dale House Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 OND
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	20/01746/LBC
<b>Target Date for Decision:</b>	9 November 2020

It was **resolved** to respond stating ‘No Comment’

<b>Proposal:</b>	Proposed industrial unit to connect to existing unit
<b>Site Address:</b>	Wilkinson Place Burma Road Blidworth NG21 ORT
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	20/01663/FUL
<b>Target Date for Decision:</b>	2 November 2020

It was **resolved** to respond stating ‘No Comment’

<b>Proposal:</b>	Single storey side and rear extension and new window
<b>Site Address:</b>	James Prior House 2 Main Street Blidworth NG21 OPZ
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	20/01725/HOUSE
<b>Target Date for Decision:</b>	4 November 2020

It was **resolved** to respond stating ‘No Comment’

<b>Proposal:</b>	Erection of fence and proposed change of use of land within it (for the display and sale of goods) for a temporary 18 month period (retrospective).
<b>Site Address:</b>	Land To The Front Of 63 - 65 Mansfield Road Blidworth NG21 ORB
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	20/01877/FUL

Blidworth Parish Council wish to OBJECT to this application on the following grounds:

- Vehicles parked previously on the forecourt are now parked on the road and pavement
- Blidworth currently have parking issues on Mansfield Road as there is not enough parking for people using the shops
- Visibility is compromised when entering/leaving the site and neighbouring properties, one of which is the Doctors Surgery
- Storage of gas bottles present a potential health and safety risk.
- Visual impact on the village - Concern that this may set a precedence for other premises along Mansfield Road

It was also noted that this business is of great value to the residents of Blidworth and that the Parish's comments are based purely on the material considerations of planning.

<b>Proposal:</b>	Alterations to roof including removal of chimney and new dormer windows and rooflights, removal of and alterations to existing bay windows, new porch and single storey rear extension.
<b>Site Address:</b>	The Hawthorns Mansfield Road Blidworth NG21 OLR
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	20/01907/HOUSE

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

41.2 To Discuss Public Consultation on the Draft Residential Cycle and Car Parking Standards & Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document ('SPD') 2020 (emailed out to Councillors 7/10/20

Noted – Off street parking should be considered.

## Planning Decisions

The following Planning decisions have been made:

<b>Proposal:</b>	Prior Approval for Proposed Change of Use from shops (class A1), to 2 apartments (class C3) and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion (first floor only)
<b>Site Address:</b>	McColls Mansfield Road Blidworth NG21 ORB
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	20/00926/CPRIOR
<b>Decision:</b>	Prior Approval Required and Granted

<b>Proposal:</b>	Proposed Two storey dwelling, fell 5 Sycamore Trees
<b>Site Address:</b>	McColls Mansfield Road Blidworth NG21 ORB
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	2020/01200/FUL
<b>Decision:</b>	Refuse Full Planning Permission

<b>Proposal:</b>	Householder application for proposed ground floor side extension
<b>Site Address:</b>	4 Forest View Blidworth NG21 OQT
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	20/01257/FUL
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant Full Planning Permission

<b>Proposal:</b>	Undertake a managed crown lift (removal of epicormic growth, crown clean, dead wood, target prune to provide maximum 3m clearance from buildings and street furniture, and crown lift to no more than 6m from ground level where required) of; 18no. English Oak 1no. Silver Birch 1no. Scots Pine 1no. Oak
<b>Site Address:</b>	Haywood Oaks Lane Blidworth
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	Ref: 20/01629/TPO
<b>Decision:</b>	the proposed tree works do not require permission

All Planning decisions noted.

## 20/042 Business

### 42.1 To Discuss - Remembrance and laying of Wreaths

The Clerk updated members regarding her meeting with Zoe Burton.

It was agreed to have a blessing to mark remembrance and to lay a wreath.

The Clerk to arrange.

**Clerk**

### 42.2 To Discuss – Possible Co-option of Councillors to fill 3 vacancies

The Clerk updated members that following the 14 day period after serving the notices for both wards, no election had been called and the Parish Council are free to co-opt. The Clerk to advertise as appropriate with a view to co-opting in November.

**Clerk**

### 42.3 To Agree – Terms of Reference for Allotment/Open Spaces Committee (Appendix 7)

It was **resolved** to accept the Terms of Reference for the Allotment/Open Spaces Committee. It was hoped that possible new members would join this committee. The Clerk asked if a meeting could be arranged shortly to move forward with several issues that had arisen.

**Clerk**

### 42.4 To update – Meeting with Blidworth Oaks School regarding Community Facilities

The Chair updated members regarding the meeting. The minutes and report had been circulated to all members.

### 42.5 To Discuss - Attendance at NALC AGM on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (emailed out to Councillors 15<sup>th</sup> September)

Noted.

### 42.6 To Discuss - Bloom/War Memorial Planting.

Cllr Dabbs updated members regarding the war memorial and village planting.

### 42.7 To Update - Development of Sherwood Avenue Park

Cllr Campbell updated members regarding the meetings held with contractors and that the skatepark and play equipment should be installed before the end of the year.

The Clerk updated members regarding the possible LIS grant for the fencing and that she had been in contact with the Forestry Commission who should be in touch regarding boundaries and car parking.

### 42.8 To Discuss – Gym Equipment for Sherwood Avenue Park

It was agreed that the Clerk put together the quotations/specifications for the gym equipment for the next meeting in order to move forward. The Chair suggested a meeting with the Police/Forestry Commission in order to see where this could be best placed on the Park.

42.9 To Update – Town and Parish Councils LGR Focus Group

The Chair and Clerk had attended this event which was a pre-consultation for the proposal of 1 unitary Council. The general feeling from the forum was that forming a Unitary Council was not the way forward.

42.10 To Agree – Cllr Spalding Attendance at Virtual Youth Event

( In conversation: Frome — youth first 17th Nov £30)

It was **resolved** for Cllr Spalding to attend this virtual event. Clerk to arrange.

**Clerk**

**20/043 To note – Correspondence received**

All relevant correspondence sent out via email. The Clerk asked for the correspondence with Mark Spencer to be noted.

**20/044 To Note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**20/045 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 9.30pm**