



## MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held remotely via ZOOM at 7.00p.m. on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Present: Councillors: J Cheesmond (Chair), J Middleton, K Arnold,  
LJ Campbell, C Dabbs, Y Woodhead, E Litchfield  
Apologies: N Spalding  
No Apologies: W Bates, N Rhodes, J Rea

Clerk: C Brettell  
Members of the Public: 2 (S Walker – Blidworth Oaks School. D Bickles – Blidworth Bengals)

### Action by

- 20/057 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**  
Cllr Woodhead declared an interest in Planning 20/063.
- 20/058 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**  
Apologies were received and accepted by Cllr Spalding.
- 20/059 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020**  
(Appendix 1)  
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 20/060 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda**  
(no decisions can be made)
- The Clerk updated members. No further action had been taken in regard to 20/56.3. Items 20/56.1 and 56.2 had been addressed but no response had been received as yet.
- 20/061 Public Participation – Including representation from Blidworth Oaks School, Active4Today and Blidworth Bengals**  
The Chair introduced Mr Walker and Mr Bickles. Kelly Evans from Active4Today was currently furloughed and unable to attend.
- 20/062 To Agree - Future Plans for Sherwood Avenue Recreation ground including:**
- 62.1 Working with Blidworth Oaks and NCC to look at development of the site**  
Mr Walker informed members that a feasibility study, funded by Active Notts had been carried out regarding use of the land. The land was of no direct benefit to the school and it was felt that it could be more beneficial to the community as a whole.  
Dan Bickles talked to members about the Blidworth Bengals that had been formed 4 years ago. The club caters for members from 3-14 years of age from Blidworth and surrounding areas. They currently have around 200 children and games/activities are held in and around Mansfield. There is a need for Blidworth children to access this who may otherwise be able to access this sport due to travel etc.

## **62.2 Provision for Football pitches**

Following discussion, it was evident that there is a need for this. Mr Walker had received some funding for a feasibility study that could be used. This would be looked into.

Mr Walker and Mr Bickles left the meeting (7.32pm). The Chair thanked them both for their time.

## **62.3 Provision for Perimeter security Fencing and LIS funding**

### **62.4 CCTV and Lighting**

The Parish Council had been awarded £30000 to be match funded from the NCC LIS fund towards the fencing, CCTV and lighting. Discussion took place regarding fencing perimeters, allowing footpath and access.

Cllr Campbell to discuss this with the Police and the working party.

The Parks Working party to then come back to full Council to agree proposals before going out to tender.

## **62.5 Purchase of Outdoor Gym Equipment, supplier and area location (Appendix 2)**

Members discussed 6 quotations presented to them for the supply and installation of outdoor Gym equipment.

It was **resolved** to use Calloo Ltd at a cost of £10921.60 + VAT for 8 pieces of equipment. It was further **resolved** for the equipment to be located in a line at the Sherwood Avenue entrance to the park as originally proposed.

## **62.6 Provision for Dog walking area**

Members discussed this at length as it also had an impact on the new play equipment and potential football pitches as dog mess was an issue.

Suggestions/layout etc. were to be discussed later in the project.

## **20/063 Planning Applications**

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

### **The Nottinghamshire County Council (New Lane, Blidworth) (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2020 (3322) emailed out 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020)**

It was **resolved** to object on the following grounds:

**Economic Impact** – Yellow lines (Prohibition of waiting) will impact greatly on the shops in the Village of Blidworth. The Parish Council would like to know what provision has been made for alternative parking in the village, and any impact on the nearby roads for parking.

**Health and Safety** – What provision is made for those with disabilities?

Children attending Blidworth Oaks School from the south side of the village walk on the pavement.

**Access and Traffic** – This prohibition will cause issues for increased traffic and parking on the surrounding roads (New Road/Marriott Lane). Residents living on each side of the road will be affected, as traffic will be forced to use the Mansfield Road/Dale Lane road junctions.

**Noise, Smell and Pollution** – This will all be exasperated by increased cars on neighbouring roads.

Businesses and residents have not been consulted and no relevant traffic survey has been carried out at busy/peak times.

Cllr Woodhead (NCC Councillor) informed members that she had taken the matter up with VIA, as a proper survey had not been carried out. She would report back to the Parish Council and residents with information.

**Cllr Woodhead**

<b>Proposal:</b>	Two storey rear extension, retention of porch to front and render to front elevation (part retrospective) (Resubmission of 20/01551/HOUSE)
<b>Site Address:</b>	77 Dale Lane Blidworth NG21 0SA
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	20/02482/HOUSE

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

**20/064 To note – Correspondence received**

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

**20/065 To Note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

The Clerk informed members that as she was currently self-isolating she would be unable to hand deliver/post any Agendas next week. It was agreed that they would be emailed on this occasion.

**Meeting closed 9.18pm**