



MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held remotely via ZOOM at 7.00p.m. on Thursday 18th March 2021

Present: Councillors: J Cheesmond (Chair), J Middleton, K Arnold, Y Woodhead,
LJ Campbell, C Dabbs, N Spalding, W Bates, E Litchfield,
Apologies: J Rea, N Rhodes
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: 6

Action by

21/091 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 21/099 and Cllr Cheesmond declared an interest in Payments 21/98.4

21/092 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Rea and Cllr Rhodes due to illness. Cllr Campbell informed members she would be leaving the meeting early.

21/093 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2021 (Appendix 1)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th February 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

21/094 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decisions can be made)

None

21/095 To receive Representations

95.1 Public Participation including Pandemic Update

The Clerk had circulated an update from Gilly Hagen in her absence.

Cllr Woodhead joined the meeting at 7.05pm

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

Cllr Woodhead updated members regarding the New Lane road junction. The proposed scheme would be going to a committee on the 1st April, due to the number of complaints received.

21/096 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in Village

96.1 To Discuss Traffic calming in the Village

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

21/097 Business

97.1 To Agree – Plans for Bloom 2021 and prices from David Wilson

Cllr Dabbs gave an update on the planting in the village. The Clerk provided members with the prices quoted from David Wilson at an approx. price of £3155 including the additional planting of 4 new large planters to be situated at the Library. The Clerk had spoken to the

Library about cleaning the outside area and putting in 4 of the new planters. This was agreed to be carried out by the Groundsman.

It was **resolved** to proceed with the summer planting from David Wilson

97.2 To Discuss/Agree scheduled training for Parish Groundsman and start date to commence full time/additional hours and village grass cutting

It was **resolved** to commence the handyman on 30 hours per week subject to evaluation starting from 1st April 2020. This was to be reviewed at the next meeting.

97.3 To Discuss/Agree email from VIA regarding trees and removal of festive Lights (Appendix 2)

The Clerk updated members regarding the correspondence received from VIA.

It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain prices for the lights to be removed and discuss further with AW Fencing, and then to be brought to the next Parish Council meeting. **Clerk**

97.4 To Elect – Vice Chair/representative for HR

It was **resolved** that Cllr W Bates be Vice Chair. Cllr Litchfield to represent HR.

97.5 To Discuss Events for 2021/2022

The Clerk updated members with the dates for events as follows:

Summer Gala – Sun 18th July

Christmas Light Switch on Event – Sat 27th November

Pensioners Christmas Party – Wednesday 8th December

It was agreed to commence planning for these dates in the hope that these events will go ahead. The Events Working Party to discuss and bring back to Full Council (Cllrs Dabbs/Arnold/Spalding/Litchfield)

97.6 To Discuss – Thompsons Fair request to use Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground (Appendix 3)

It was **resolved** to allow Thompsons Fair use of the Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground in September, with the usual agreement/arrangements in place.

Cllr Spalding left the meeting at 8.15pm

97.7 To Discuss – Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Litchfield made a presentation to members regarding his proposal for Blidworth Parish Council to have a Neighbourhood Plan.

It was **resolved** for Cllr Litchfield to talk to local groups and move this forward bringing back to Council future proposals, to see if this is viable. **Cllr Litchfield**

97.8 To Discuss – Position of Outdoor Gym Equipment and potential consultation

Cllr Campbell explained to Councilors that she would like the Parish Council to reconsider its position on the location of the outdoor Gym Equipment. When carrying out her research in initiating the Gym project she felt a more suitable location for the gym equipment would be on the upper field next to the NCC owned field. Cllr Campbell asked for one month to consult

with residents who had aired their grievances about the proposed positioning of it. The Proposal was seconded by Cllr Cheesmond and a vote taken against it.

It was **resolved** to locate the Outdoor Gym Equipment as agreed with Caloo (the supplier) adjacent to the MUGA as per the Parish Councils resolution on the 7th January (20/62.5).

Cllr Campbell left the meeting at 8.26pm

97.9 To Discuss – Outdoor Gym Equipment Maintenance plan (deferred from last meeting/emailed out to Cllrs 25th January)
It was agreed to not take out any additional maintenance package.

97.10 To Discuss/Agree – Purchase of Grounds maintenance equipment, and fuel

It was agreed for the Clerk and Cllr Litchfield to discuss the requirements including PPE and bring details and costs back to the Parish Council at the next meeting.
The Clerk to circulate the risk assessments for the Fuel Storage to all Councillors, when complete and finalised with Cllr Litchfield
Clerk/Cllr Litchfield

97.11 To Discuss/Agree – Offer of 106 money from Newark and Sherwood District Council regarding Newark and Sherwood Homes Development off Belle Vue Lane
The Chair updated members with the Offer of 106 money from Newark and Sherwood District Council to a value of £6908.75. The Clerk showed members the agreement document from NSDC.

It was **resolved** to accept this figure of £6908.75. the necessary paperwork to be completed.
Clerk/Chair

97.12 To Discuss – Future meetings via Zoom/Meetings in person and Legislation
The Clerk updated members regarding the legislation to have virtual meetings which ends on the 7th May. With this in mind and the unlikelihood of not being able to hold meeting in person at the Library, in the short term it was agreed to move the Annual meeting to the 6th May 2021. It was also agreed that Annual Parish Gathering would not take place in April and would be held later in the year if possible.

97.13 To Agree – Annual subscription to NALC

Following discussion, it was **resolved** to subscribe to NALC.

97.14 To Discuss/Agree – Maintaining of green Space at Clare Hill, Blidworth (Appendix 4)

It was **resolved** to maintain this area of Greenspace through the Parish Groundsman.
Clerk/Parish Groundsman

97.15 To Review – PSPO's and discuss Dogs on lead zone at Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground (Appendix 5)

The PSPO's were discussed – Clerk to complete the questionnaire (Appendix 5).
The Clerk showed members a plan of the Sherwood Avenue Recreational area based on the lease from CISWO.

It was **resolved** to request a 'Dog's on Lead' zone for the whole area of Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground (area marked red on the Plan). The Clerk to request this from NSDC. It was hoped that this would stop antisocial behaviour in the area and would be monitored and if necessary a Dog Exclusion zone considered.
Clerk

21/098 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

98.1 Analysis of Payments – February 2021 (Appendix 6)

98.2 Analysis of Receipts – February 2021 (Appendix 7)

98.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 28th February 2021 (Appendix 8)

98.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for March 2021 (Appendix 9)

98.5 To Agree/Authorise – Additional bank signatories on Unity Trust Bank Account

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 98.1– 98.3 and to authorise the schedule of payments (98.4)

It was further **resolved** to add Cllrs Dabbs, Bates and Litchfield to the authorised Bank Signatories.

Clerk

21/099 Planning Applications

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

Proposal:	Re-use of redundant ancillary office building to an office (B1a/E use)
Site Address:	Syke Breck Farm Blidworth Lane Blidworth NG21 0NZ
Planning Application Ref:	21/00419/FUL

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

Proposal:	Proposed extensions and links to existing buildings
Site Address:	Burma House Burma Road Blidworth NG21 0RT
Planning Application Ref:	20/02230/FUL

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

Proposal:	Proposed flat roofed first floor front extension
Site Address:	10 Clare Hill Blidworth NG21 0TY
Planning Application Ref:	21/00520/HOUSE

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

21/100 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

21/101 To Note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 15th April 2021

21/102 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 9.40pm