



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 16th September 2021 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: W Bates (Chair), C Dabbs, J Rea, N Spalding, E Litchfield,
Apologies: LJ Campbell, N Rhodes, Y Woodhead
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: 3 including Nottinghamshire County Councillor T Smith and Rev Z
Burton

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A minute's silence was held in memory of Cllr Arnold and ex Councillor Mr A Forman, where Councillors and residents reflected on their service and dedication to the Village.

It was agreed by all to add planning application 21/01958/FUL to the Agenda

21/29 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda

Declaration of interest were made in regard to Cllr Bates – 21/37 Planning Application 21/01579/HOUSE and Cllr Litchfield – 21/35.2 Events, as he is now a Trustee of Blidworth Welfare

21/30 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Campbell and Cllr Woodhead due to illness and Cllr Rhodes due to work commitments.

21/31 To receive and approve – Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd July 2021 (Appendix 1)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd July 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

21/32 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decisions can be made)

The Clerk updated members that despite chasing, Rainworth Fencing had still not provided an installation date for the mural board at Belle Vue Lane Park (21/23.4).

On the advice of JKE Webdesign only 5GB had been purchased for additional storage for emails. The remaining 5GB could be purchased at a later date when needed (21/23.11)

The Clerk was still awaiting the Deeds in regard to 21/28.2.

21/33 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)

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

No report from District.

Cllr Smith updated members and discussed the 6 priority requests he was able to put forward. 3 of which were for Rainworth and 3 for Blidworth. These included resurfacing of Dale Lane, new signage around the Methodist Church and involvement with the Warsop Lane/Mansfield Road area including the pavement being repositioned in an attempt to make it safer for school children. The speed limit had been an ongoing concern and would be looked at too. The

Chair asked if the hedge could be made a priority as several residents had made it known that it was now causing a safety problems for traffic turning out of Blidworth Lane.

Cllr Smith had heard nothing further regarding the proposed pedestrian crossings on Belle Vue Lane and Haywood Avenue put forward by the school in attempt to make the area safe for children. This to be looked at and chased up. **Clerk/Cllr Smith**

The longer term plan would also look at the possibility of a cycle track linking Rainworth and Blidworth.

33.1 Public Participation

Rev Zoe Burton introduced herself and talked about local events in the village including the success of the Toddler group on Thursday mornings at the Mission Hall. Remembrance and the 100-year anniversary celebrations were events for the Parish Council to be involved in.

A resident made comment regarding the flower tubs and the area near the pedestrian crossing that needed tidying. Also, the jitty near the Quadrangle required attention, and overgrown shrubbery on Belle Vue Lane. Clerk to look into and report. **Clerk**

21/34 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village

Nothing further to update following the County Council Report

21/35 Business

35.1 To update - Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground, including quotation to level an area of land

The Chair and Clerk updated members regarding the park. LPS Supplies had cut back the hedge and the area of land to open up the park which had made a great improvement.

However, the Chair and Clerk had met with the contractor with a view to levelling the land, to make it usable for walking on and siting the outdoor gym equipment.

It was **resolved** to accept the quotation of £644 + VAT from LPS Supplies to level/grade out the area, burying the concrete and rubble and re-seeding with grass seed.

The Clerk was still awaiting news from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the land belonging to the School. Cllr Smith kindly agreed to chase this up with the Estates department. **Clerk/Cllr Smith**

The Clerk gave a brief update regarding the CCTV that had been briefly discussed at the July meeting. It was agreed to invite Vault Contracts to a short meeting prior to the next Parish meeting if possible, in order to get some idea of systems and possibilities for the site. Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**

It was also agreed to have an informal meeting with Councillors and residents at Sherwood Avenue Park to keep them informed. Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**

35.2 To Update – Comms/Marketing/Youth Forum & Events Working Party, including the upcoming Autumn Gala

Cllr Litchfield updated members regarding the plans for the Autumn Gala to be held on the 19th September. Everything was in place for the event with activities and entertainment for all. The Clerk had carried out a Risk Assessment.

35.3 To Discuss – Pensioners Party

Members discussed the Annual Pensioners Party with concern that it may not be able to go ahead due to Covid. Some residents were cautious and felt unable to attend. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting, and make a decision whether to go ahead.

35.4 To Discuss/Agree Christmas Lights for 2021

This item was deferred as a quotation had not been received from the Contractor. The Clerk informed members that she has applied for the Licence from VIA on the 12th August. No response had been received from VIA to the email sent 24th May 2021.

35.5 To Agree - Data Protection Essentials (GDPR) course (NALC On-line training)

This item was not discussed.

35.6 To Agree – Winter Planting in the Village

It was **resolved** for D Wilson to carry out the Winter planting at a cost of £1585 which would include the 4 new large planters situated at the Library.

35.7 To Agree – Insurance for the upcoming year

The Clerk had emailed the Insurance renewal and associated paperwork from Came and Company to all members on the 9th September 2021.

It was **resolved** to take out a 3 year long term undertaking with Hiscox at a cost of £1897.47

35.8 To Discuss – Metal detecting on Parish Council Land

Discussion took place regarding the holes that were appearing from metal detecting on various sites around the village.

It was **resolved** to have a 'No Metal detecting' embargo until further notice. The Clerk to contact the 2 gentleman that currently have a metal detecting agreement with the Parish Council.

35.9 To Discuss/Agree Grant Application from Cornwater Evergreens from Covid fund (Appendix 2)

It was **resolved** to award the Cornwater Evergreens £347.34 from the Covid support fund.

35.10 To Discuss/Agree Quotation for replacing decking and planters at Tesco Corner

Five contractors had been asked to look at and provide quotations for this work, as discussed at the July meeting.

It was **resolved** to use Mr R Strachan to remove old decking and wood frame and supply and fit new composite decking complete with 4 new planters at a price of £2800. 50% deposit to be paid before work commences. Any electrical work required to the lighting would be an additional cost and a qualified electrician would be required.

35.11 To note - Annual play Inspections (emailed out to Cllrs 2nd September)

Noted. The Clerk and groundsman were carrying out any necessary remedial work.

It was **resolved** to replace the wooden balance beam at Belle Vue Lane Park at a cost of £159.37. Clerk and Groundsman to arrange.

Clerk/Groundsman

35.12 To Discuss – Adoption of the Model Code of Conduct published by the LGA (emailed out to Cllrs 26th July 2021) (Appendix 3)

It was **resolved** to adopt the new model Code of Conduct and to accept any available training from Newark and Sherwood District Council.

35.13 To note – NALC’s AGM (emailed out to Cllrs 5th August 2021)
Noted.

35.14 To Discuss - Wildflower verges
The Parish Council are keen to look into this further. The Clerk had contacted Newark and Sherwood District Council who were happy to meet with Councillors to discuss further. Clerk to arrange
Clerk/Cllr Litchfield/Dabbs

35.15 To Discuss – Provision for winter grit

It was **resolved** to accept the offer of 5 free bags from VIA. **Clerk**

35.16 To Discuss – Provision for Remembrance Service
The Clerk ran through the usual arrangements and it was agreed for the same to be arranged by the Parish Council. It was noted that Cllr Bates would be unable to attend the service, and Cllr Dabbs to act on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk to meet with Rev Burton to discuss the arrangements. **Clerk**

21/36 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

36.1 Analysis of Payments – July and August 2021 (Appendix 4)

36.2 Analysis of Receipts – July and August 2021 (Appendix 5)

36.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st July and 31st August 2021 (Appendix 6)

36.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for September and August (retrospectively) 2021 (Appendix 7)

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 36.1 – 36.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments (36.4) including the premium for the insurance of £1897.47, the annual play inspection invoice for £405.00, the Covid grant money for Cornwater Evergreens £347.34 (21/35.9) and £1400 required for Mr R Stracham as deposit for the work agreed (21/35.10).

36.5 To note – Spending to date from NCC Covid money (appendix 8)
Noted. It was agreed that any remaining money allocated but not spent due to receipts not being received would be reinstated back into the fund after a period of 12 months.

36.6 To note – Conclusion of External Audit by PKF Littlejohn LLP (Appendix 9)
Noted. The Clerk had published the relevant papers on the website.

21/37 Planning Applications

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

37.1 To Discuss -Newark and Sherwood Plan Review – Consultation
(circulated to Councillors 28/7/21)

In regard to the proposed **Site 19 – Cottage Farm, Blidworth/Rainworth (Ref: 19_0014)** it was **resolved** to object on the grounds of:

The land is in greenbelt, and access to the site is onto a problematic and dangerous road that would be unsuitable for this type of site. Previous planning applications have been turned down on this land due to such factors.

Proposal:	Proposed Shed store (horticultural equipment store and pottingshed)
Site Address:	Land adjacent Churchside cottages, Fishpool Road, Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	21/01783/FUL

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

Proposal:	Single storey side extension existing convenience store and Post Office
Site Address:	Blidworth Post Office, Mansfield Road, Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	21/01791/FUL

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

Proposal:	New Vinyl advertising to existing and proposed front windows
Site Address:	Blidworth Post Office, Mansfield Road, Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	21/01792/ADV

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

Proposal:	Single storey timber conservatory to provide link from main house to coach house (amendment to 20/00665/FUL)
Site Address:	Fountaindale House, Rickett Lane, Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	21/01789/HOUSE

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

Proposal:	Single storey timber conservatory to provide link from main house to coach house (amendment to 20/00665/FUL)
Site Address:	Fountaindale House, Rickett Lane, Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	21/01790/LBC

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

Cllr Bates left the room whilst discussion took place regarding this application

Proposal:	Proposed Front Porch Extension
Site Address:	Vanessa House, Mansfield Road, Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	21/01579/HOUSE

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

Additional Agenda item added for discussion – Planning application received today

Proposal:	Conversion and extension of storage building to form 1 No. 2-bedroom dwelling
Site Address:	Wood End Stables Cross Lane Blidworth NG21 0LZ
Planning Application Ref:	21/01958/FUL

It was **resolved** to Object to this planning application on the grounds of it being in greenbelt land, and the Parish Councils concern in building on equestrian land, with inadequate highway provision.

Planning Decisions

The following Planning decisions have been made (full details emailed out to Councillors):

Proposal:	Erection of one bedroom, two storey dwelling
Site Address:	24 Lyndhurst Avenue Blidworth NG21 0RJ
Planning Application Ref:	21/01251/FUL
Outcome:	Refuse Full Planning Permission

Proposal:	Re-render farmhouse with lime render and lime wash finish, repair/replacement of rainwater goods and replacement of roofing felt
Site Address:	Haywood Oaks Farmhouse Haywood Oaks Lane Blidworth NG21 0PE
Planning Application Ref:	21/01396/LBC
Outcome:	Grant Listed Building Consent

Both noted.

21/38 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

21/39 To Note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 21st October 2021

21/40 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 9.36pm