



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 21st October 2021 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: W Bates (Chair), J Rea, E Litchfield, LJ Campbell, N Rhodes,
J Cheesmond, J Middleton
Apologies: C Dabbs, N Spalding
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: 6 including Nottinghamshire County Councillor T Smith

Action by

- 21/41 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**
None
- 21/42 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Dabbs due to holidays and Cllr Spalding due to work commitments.
- 21/43 To receive and approve – Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th September 2021** (Appendix 1)
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th September 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 21/44 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 5 'No Metal detecting' signs had been ordered. The work to replace the Decking at 'The Rockings' hadn't started and no deposit had been paid. Cllr Cheesmond queried 21/35.1 and the work to Sherwood Avenue and possible contamination. This was to be put on the next agenda for discussion.
Cllr Cheesmond queried the cost of the work to the Rockings. The Chair clarified this was to be carried out so that it was safe.
- 21/45 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)**
- 45.1 Public Participation
A resident talked to members about the possibility of having a plaque installed at the Pit Wheels to remember those lost in the Mines. Members were in support of this. The Clerk to seek permission to install a plaque on the land and to assist with any grant funding that may be available. **Clerk**
- A resident made comment regarding the flower tubs and the area near the pedestrian crossing that had been tidied, along with the jitty near the Quadrangle. The overgrown shrubbery on Belle Vue Lane was still an issue and the Clerk was chasing this. **Clerk**
- A resident raised the issue of dog mess in Sherwood Avenue Park which was becoming an issue. Children were asking residents for help in cleaning it off clothes etc. The Clerk to contact the Dog Warden to request some monitoring **Clerk**

A resident who had been involved with the Sherwood Avenue Park meeting discussed the BMX track on the Forestry Commission land. He had spoken to the Forestry Warden who had agreed for this to be reinstated/repared by residents but at no responsibility to the Forestry Commission. The Parish Council were in agreement. The resident to forward on the email to the Clerk.

Clerk

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

No report from District.

Cllr Smith updated members with some of the issues raised. He informed members it was likely that the footpath widening on Warsop Lane would happen and had been approved. He had requested a site visit to Blidworth with VIA and would be in touch with the Chair and Clerk to arrange.

He also updated members regarding issues with the new development at The Meadows and confirmed that the Planning Permission had not been breached.

The glass recycling petition was underway for Rainworth and Blidworth.

He, along with Cllr Bates had attended the installation of the new Vicar on Sunday, both confirming what a nice event it was and the prospect of working together in the future.

21/46 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village

Nothing further to update following the County Council Report

21/47 Business

47.1 To update - Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground, including provision for fencing and CCTV and agreeing a plan forward.

The Clerk and Chair updated members regarding the meeting that had been held with residents and Councillors to discuss the boundaries and access points of the proposed fencing. The Clerk had put together a Tender document which was to be circulated to Councillors, prior to the work being advertised on Contract Finder. If necessary a further meeting to be held with residents to discuss fencing, and possible tree planting/wildflowers areas to reduce the need for fencing.

The Clerk updated members regarding a grant she had applied for from Newark and Sherwood District Council regarding the CCTV and lighting.

An informal discussion had taken place prior to the meeting regarding CCTV and it was agreed to develop this further, possibly linking into a community project.

The Clerk updated members that she had sought advice from Newark and Sherwood District Council regarding Planning permission for both the fencing and the CCTV column.

It was **resolved** for the Clerk to apply for Planning permission for the fencing and a CCTV/lighting column.

Clerk

47.2 To update – Comms/Marketing/Youth Forum & Events Working Party, including the upcoming Christmas Light Switch on Event if going ahead.

After careful consideration it was **resolved** for the Christmas Light Switch on Event to not go ahead due to Covid.

47.3 To agree – Whether the Pensioners Party will go ahead in light of Covid

After careful consideration it was **resolved** for the 'Pensioners Christmas Party' to not go ahead due to Covid.

47.4 To agree - New festive lights for 2021 (Appendix 2)

It was **resolved** to accept the quotation of £4564 + VAT from AW fencing for the annual refitting, connecting and installing of the village Christmas lights.

It was further **resolved** to accept the quotation of £4385 + VAT from AW fencing to supply and fit 7 new colour changing LED uplighters to the trees along Mansfield Road (Mount Pleasant)

47.5 To discuss – Painting of mural board at Belle Vue Lane Park

The Clerk updated members regarding a potential Community Arts project for the mural boards installed at Belle Vue Lane Park. The information received (already emailed out to Councillors) from ArtSkool would cost £1650. It was agreed for the Clerk to apply for grant funding. **Clerk**

47.6 To agree – splitting of allotment plot A3 at Appleton Road allotments

It was **resolved** to split allotment plot A3 into 2 plots – A3a and A3b

47.7 To update – Wildflower Verges/greening in the village

Cllr Litchfield updated members regarding the meeting held with Cllr Dabbs, the groundsman and the Clerk (details already emailed out to Councillors).

It was **resolved** to proceed with this and to bring back to Council a full plan in the new year.

47.8 To review – Parish Council Grants Policy and application form (Appendix 3)

Members discussed this and it was agreed to amend this policy and have two closing dates per year, and to include a paragraph regarding advertising. The Clerk to revise and bring back to the next Parish Council meeting. **Clerk**

47.9 To agree – Standing Orders 2021 (Appendix 4)

It was **resolved** to adopt the Standing Orders 2021

47.10 To agree – Financial Regulations 2021 (Appendix 5)

It was **resolved** to adopt the Financial Regulations 2021

47.11 To discuss – The walking of Blidworth footpaths and ensuring they are on the Definitive map

This was discussed by members. It was asked if these could be scanned and distributed so that Councilors and residents could walk them. The Clerk to look into this. **Clerk**

The Clerk updated members regarding the existing footpath on the New Lane development. There was a paragraph in the agreement for the developer to pay £4000 for the tarmacking of the public footpath between the property boundary and Meadow Road.

47.12 To discuss – restoration of Finger post at Main Street junction (NCC)

This was discussed by members and agreed for more information to be obtained, and to why this was situated within a property boundary. The Clerk to liaise with NCC Cllr Smith to obtain more details.

Clerk/NCC Cllr Smith

47.13 To discuss – Electrical Inspection for Parish Workshop

It was **resolved** for the Clerk to get 3 quotes, and to go ahead if under £200 with delegated authority. If above this amount then to get Council approval.

Clerk

47.14 To agree – Final arrangements for Remembrance

Concern over this event was discussed in light of Covid and discussion took place. It was agreed that war veterans needed a united front and in not holding this event it lacked solidarity.

After careful consideration it was **resolved** to go ahead with this event but for marshals to request that attendees maintain social distancing out of family groups, and face masks to be worn where appropriate.

It was further **resolved** to order a wreath making a donation to the British Region of £50. Clerk to arrange.

Clerk

Cllr Cheesmond asked for it to be noted that the War memorial and slabs needed cleaning and that the Army Cadets should be thanked for their work in tidying the area.

47.15 To agree – Cllr Campbell to attend NALC's Budgeting for Cllrs, The role of internal audit and internal controls courses

It was **resolved** for Cllr Campbell to attend the 3 training courses at a cost of £90. Cllr Campbell to provide a presentation to Councillors and full information to be reported back to full Council

47.16 To update - Community planning

The Chair updated members regarding a meeting he and Cllr Rea had had with Andy Hardy, Sue Stott and Victoria Endersby at Newark and Sherwood District Council regarding Community Planning. The Chair highlighted the issues that needed to be addressed including a Community building for the Parish, education and bus routes. The Chair asked Councillors to think how the Parish can move forward and develop a plan and be ready for potential 106 money that could be obtained for the benefit of the Parish.

21/48 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

48.1 Analysis of Payments – September 2021 (Appendix 6)

48.2 Analysis of Receipts – September 2021 (Appendix 7)

48.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30th September 2021 (Appendix 8)

48.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for October 2021 (Appendix 9)

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 48.1 – 48.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments (48.4) following the amendment of £772.80.

21/49 Planning Applications

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

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 had been brought to the Parish Council's attention that this land had an agreement on it to prevent building. 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.

Proposal:	Construction of a barn for storage of hay to feed the horses
Site Address:	Skyways Fishpool Road Blidworth NG21 0QP
Planning Application Ref:	21/02012/FUL

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

Proposal:	Proposed Agricultural Barn
Site Address:	Field Ref 0152 Fishpool Road Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	21/02085/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating that the Parish Council are concerned that this barn is for equestrian use and not agricultural. Please confirm.

Members discussed the planning applications that had been received for stables, agricultural and equestrian use and were concerned with consistency.

It was **resolved** for the Clerk to write to the Planning Department at Newark and Sherwood District Council asking for a copy of the 'Change of use' policy and for clarification on what is required and how it is monitored, together with the enforcement policy for non-compliance.

Planning Decisions

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

Proposal:	Erection of seven dwellings and demolition of existing Sherwood House
Site Address:	Sherwood House Dale Lane Blidworth NG21 0TG
Planning Application Ref:	21/00637/FUL
Outcome:	Grant Full Planning Permission

Proposal:	Single-Storey Rear Extension and Alterations (Resubmission: 20/01725/HOUSE)
Site Address:	James Prior House 2 Main Street Blidworth NG21 0PZ
Planning Application Ref:	21/01581/HOUSE
Outcome:	Grant Householder Application

Proposal:	One and Half Storey Side Extension with Single-Storey Rear Extension and Removal of Existing Side Roof to Form Living Space
Site Address:	5 Forest View Blidworth NG21 0QT
Planning Application Ref:	21/01677/HOUSE
Outcome:	Grant Householder Application

Proposal:	Construction of dropped kerb and driveway
Site Address:	21 Haywood Oaks Lane Blidworth NG21 0TP
Planning Application Ref:	21/01777/FUL
Outcome:	Grant Full Planning Permission

Proposal:	Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission 20/00475/FULM to replace the house types listed to Gleeson Homes new Rural 21 range
Site Address:	Land At New Lane Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	21/01502/S73M
Outcome:	Grant Section 73 Major Applications

Proposal:	Application for variation of condition 02 to amend window and door designs attached to planning permission 20/00665/FUL; Householder application for refurbishment and renovation of house including extension to garage block and glazed link to coach house. Alterations including replacement windows; alterations to window openings; removal of non-traditional features e.g. 20th Century chimneys and rainwater goods, removal of non-original partition walls
Site Address:	Fountain Dale House Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 0ND
Planning Application Ref:	21/01608/S73
Outcome:	Grant Section 73 Application

Proposal:	Application for variation of condition 02 to amend window and door designs attached to listed building consent 20/00666/LBC; Refurbishment and renovation of house including extension to garage block and glazed link to coach house. Alterations including replacement windows; alterations to window openings; removal of non-traditional features e.g. 20th Century chimneys and rainwater goods, removal of non-original partition walls.
Site Address:	Fountain Dale House Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 0ND
Planning Application Ref:	21/01626/S19LBC
Outcome:	Grant Section 19 Application

Proposal:	Proposed two-storey side and rear extension to office building including associated car parking, new sliding gate and new boundary treatment.
Site Address:	Fairdale House Enterprise Close Blidworth NG21 0RS
Planning Application Ref:	21/01729/FUL
Outcome:	Grant Full Planning Permission

Noted

- 21/50 To note – Correspondence received**
All relevant correspondence sent out via email
- 21/51 To Note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting - 18th November 2021**
- 21/52 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 9.20pm