



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 18th November 2021 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: W Bates (Chair), J Rea, E Litchfield, C Dabbs, M Atherton
Apologies: N Rhodes, N Spalding, J Cheesmond, LJ Campbell
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: 3 including Nottinghamshire County Councillor T Smith and
District Councillor T Thompson

Action by

21/53 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda

Cllr Bates declared an interest in Planning 21/61 and stated he would leave the meeting when the planning application was discussed.

21/54 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

Apologies were received and noted from Cllrs Spalding, Campbell, Cheesmond and Rhodes.

It was brought to Councillors attention that Cllr Woodhead had not attended a meeting since the 6th May 2021. The Clerk read out the legislation regarding the 6 month rule, and confirmed that the summons for each meeting had been hand delivered.

It was **resolved** to disqualify Cllr Woodhead for failure to attend meetings under section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Clerk to notify Newark and Sherwood District Council and write to Y Woodhead to inform her.

Clerk

21/55 To receive and approve – Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st October 2021 (Appendix 1)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st October 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

21/56 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 the NSDC Dog Warden was now monitoring Sherwood Avenue Park and one fixed penalty notice had been issued for Dog fouling.

The Clerk had obtained 3 quotes for the Electrical Inspection and this was going ahead next week. The money transfer had been successful.

21/57 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)

57.1 Public Participation

A resident reminded Councillors of the need to cut back the overgrown shrubbery on Belle Vue Lane. The Clerk and NCC Cllr T Smith gave a brief update and said it had been reported. The resident commented that Councillors should not take appointment if they were not able to commit to meetings.

The resident also commented on the Remembrance Service that had been held, congratulating all involved for an excellent Service and turnout. The Chair also gave thanks to all those involved.

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

NCC Tom Smith gave a report to Councillors, including that the trees were to be cut back on Mansfield Road out of the Village which were encroaching on the highway. A meeting had been arranged with highways for the 29th November to discuss all issues in the village. The School field was also discussed and the need to push this forward. Cllr Smith was now liaising with a senior Officer at NCC.

There had been several queries regarding the temporary footpath through the New Lane development. Cllr Smith was working with this to try and get a better temporary path. NSDC District Councillor introduced herself to members and provided a written report of the news/issue to date. These were distributed to Councillors and the remaining leaflets left in the Library for residents.

21/58 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village

Nothing further to update following the County Council Report

21/59 Business

59.1 To update - Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground, including tender document for fencing, CCTV and agreeing a plan forward. (Appendix 2)

The tender document was discussed in detail, and the Clerk emphasised that the project would need to be in progress to ensure the Parish Council did not miss out on the LIS Grant funding.

It was **resolved** to have fencing all the way round the area with access gates at the top onto the field entry/exit track up onto Belle Vue Lane. The Clerk to amend the Tender document and put onto the Government Contract Finder. **Clerk**

It was agreed to obtain a quote from Vault Contracts based on the suggestions and information from the previous meeting for CCTV, this could be used as additional information required for the grant funding application.

59.2 To discuss – Work carried out at Sherwood Avenue to level and reseed area for gym equipment

The Chair and Clerk updated members with a statement from the Contactor, and that information had been sought from the Environment Agency. It was agreed that no further action was required.

59.3 To note – Loss of the General Power of Competence (Appendix 3 - legal topic note)

It was **resolved** to acknowledge loss of the General Power of Competence, and the spending powers/restrictions as per the Legal topic note.

59.4 To review – Parish Council Grants Policy and application form (Appendix 4)

It was **resolved** to accept and publish the new Parish Council Grants Policy and application form. **Clerk**

59.5 To discuss – Grant funding for Blidworth on the Move (Appendix 5)

It was **resolved** due to the documentation circulated that this item be deferred to Confidential

59.6 To discuss – 100 Year Anniversary of the ‘Rockings Baby’ (6th February 2021) including contribution towards the event, and the road closure
Cllrs Dabbs and Litchfield gave an update on the meetings held by the Church regarding the Rockings.

It was **resolved** for the Parish Council to contribute by dealing with the road closure. The Clerk had applied for this and would report back to Councillors. **Clerk**

59.7 To review - Publication scheme (Appendix 6)

It was **resolved** to accept and publish the Publication Scheme **Clerk**

59.8 To accept – Litter Picking Guidelines and Risk Assessment for volunteers (Appendix 7)

It was **resolved** to accept and publish the Litter Picking Guidelines and Risk Assessment for volunteers **Clerk**

59.9 To note – Cllr Rea to attend Hate Crime Conference for Councillors on the 30th November

Noted

59.10 To discuss – Bus route provision and meeting with Nottinghamshire County Council
The Chair provided an update regarding the meeting he and the Clerk had had with NCC with a view to improving transport links into Nottingham. It was agreed that long term a meeting would be arranged in the Spring with partners including Sustrans and the County and District Councillors. A community event could also be held to discuss what the public would like to see for the future.

59.11 To agree – Artwork for new sign for Sherwood Avenue Park and revised price. (Appendix 8)

It was **resolved** to add ‘Dogs on leads and no Dog fouling’ and approve the artwork (subject to agreement from Veolia) and order from Offscreen at a cost of £170 + VAT supply only.
The Parish Groundsman to fit this. **Clerk/Groundsman**

59.12 To discuss – Street naming suggestions for potential developments (emailed out to Councillors 11th November)

This was discussed – Name suggestions to be brought to a future meeting.

21/60 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

60.1 Analysis of Payments – October 2021 (Appendix 9)

60.2 Analysis of Receipts – October 2021 (Appendix 10)

60.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st October 2021 (Appendix 11)

60.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for November 2021

(Appendix 12) and to agree the December payments being authorised retrospectively in January if necessary.

The Chair checked the bank reconciliation figures with the bank statements.

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 60.1 – 60.3

that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments (60.4), agreeing that the December payments are authorised retrospectively in January if necessary.

21/61 Planning Applications

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

Cllr Bates left the meeting while this application was discussed.

Proposal:	Proposed new business/office unit.
Site Address:	Unit 1 Joseph Court Burma Road Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	21/02149/FUL

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

Cllr Bates returned to the meeting

The Clerk asked Councillors to note the Planning Appeal – 20/01201/FUL. The original comment sent in regarding this application was 'No Comment'.

Planning Decisions

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

Proposal:	New vinyl advertising to existing and proposed front windows.
Site Address:	Blidworth Post Office Mansfield Road Blidworth NG21 0P
Planning Application Ref:	21/01792/ADV
Outcome:	Grant Advertisement Consent

Proposal:	Single storey side extension existing convenience store and Post Office.
Site Address:	Blidworth Post Office Mansfield Road Blidworth NG21 0P
Planning Application Ref:	21/01791/FUL
Outcome:	Grant Full Planning Permission

Proposal:	Single storey timber conservatory to provide link from main house to coach house (amendment to 20/00665/FUL)
Site Address:	Fountain Dale House Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 0ND
Planning Application Ref:	21/01789/HOUSE
Outcome:	Grant Householder Application

Proposal:	Single storey timber conservatory to provide link from main house to coach house (amendment to 20/00666/LBC)
Site Address:	Fountain Dale House Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 0ND
Planning Application Ref:	21/01790/LBC
Outcome:	Grant Listed Building Consent

Proposal:	Change of use from agricultural use to equestrian use
Site Address:	Field Reference Number 6443 Off Blidworth Lane Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	21/01541/FULM
Outcome:	Grant Full Planning Permission Major

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
Outcome:	Refuse Full Planning Permission

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

To note - Gedling Borough Council will be consulting on the Draft Parking Provision for Residential and Non-Residential Developments: Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) between 25th October and 6th December 2021. (emailed out to Councillors 1st November).

All Noted

21/62 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email
The Clerk had ‘thanked’ all those involved in the Remembrance Service.
A Thank you had also been sent to the Rotary Club for the crocus bulbs.

21/63 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting - 16th December 21/ 20th January 2022

It was agreed to have a meeting on the 16th December and to ask Cllr Campbell to present information on the Finance Courses attended.

21/64 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