



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

Present: Councillors: C Dabbs (Chaired meeting), J Rea, E Litchfield, M Atherton
Apologies: W Bates, N Rhodes, N Spalding, J Cheesmond, LJ Campbell, J Middleton
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: 2 including District Councillor T Thompson

Abbreviations: NCC – Nottinghamshire County Council
NSDC – Newark and Sherwood District Council

Action by

- 21/65 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**
None.
- 21/66 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**
Apologies were received and noted from Cllrs Spalding, Bates, Campbell, Cheesmond, Middleton and Rhodes.
- 21/67 To receive and approve – Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th November 2021 (Appendix 1)**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th November 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 21/68 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decisions can be made)**
The Clerk had updates regarding Confidential information and this was deferred to the end of the meeting.
- 21/69 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)**
69.1 Public Participation
A resident brought to members attention that Belle Vue Lane pavement was unpassable in places due to the overgrown trees and shrubbery. This was an ongoing issue. The Clerk provided an update regarding the reports she had logged with VIA and NSDC regarding this, and the issue being that some of the units belong to private business and some NSDC. This was to be chased up again as a matter of urgency and the District and County Councillors to also be informed.
If not carried out as a matter of urgency the Parish Council to look at engaging a contractor and seeking reimbursement from NSDC. **Clerk/Cllr Thompson/Cllr Smith**
- 69.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners
NCC Cllr T Smith had sent his apologies – the Clerk was in discussion with him regarding issues in the village and he would report back in the new year.
District Cllr Thompson updated on matters that were being looked into.

21/70 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village
Already covered in Agenda item 21/69

21/71 Business

71.1 To update – Progress on works regarding Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground
The Clerk updated members: The fencing tender had gone out and she had met various contractors for site visits. The damaged gates were in hand and the information had been sent to the Insurers (all information previously emailed out to Councillors). Caloo had been contacted in regard to having a site visit to see if the new area of land was suitable to site the Outdoor Gym equipment. Pricing for the CCTV would be available early January due to price fluctuations; this could then be used for grant funding purposes, and be a starting point for the Parish Council. When the information is received for the CCTV column Planning permission can then be applied for at the same time as the fencing.

When carrying out a site visit today (16th Dec) the Clerk had found two gentleman metal detecting on Sherwood Avenue. She had advised them that Metal detecting is not permitted as per the signage on site.

3 Park Rangers employed by the Social Action Hub are due to start on Monday, the Clerk and Parish Groundsman to meet with them. They would start by litter picking in Blidworth, their time split between the villages of Rainworth and Blidworth.

71.2 To update – Casual Vacancy

The Clerk had received confirmation from NSDC that no election had been called. The Parish Council is now free to co-opt should they wish.

It was **resolved** to advertise the vacancy with a view to filling this at the February Parish Council meeting if interest is shown. Potential candidates to apply in writing to the Parish Clerk.

Clerk

71.3 To update – The Rockings Celebration

Cllr Litchfield provided an update regarding the 'Rockings' meetings that he had attended. The Clerk updated members regarding the road closure – As this is a one off event VIA had informed the Clerk that a 'Safety Advisory group' and an 'Event Management plan would need to be in place, along with additional safety measures regarding COVID. After a lengthy discussion regarding the risks involved :

it was **resolved** to write to the Church stating that the Parish Council could not be responsible for the road closure for this event. Their suggestion being to hold a small gathering at the Church or crib and not have a parade.

To note – The Rockings decking replacement work would commence the first week in January.

71.4 To discuss – Provision for the precept 22/23 and discuss delegated powers in the event of meetings not being held in the new year.

It was agreed to monitor the Covid situation in regard to meetings and Councillor attendance.

It was **resolved** for the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair to have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the Parish Council where such decisions cannot be reasonably deferred.

It was further **resolved** for the Clerk to have delegated power for the purposes of Planning and Payments. Councillors would be informed by email to comment on any Planning Applications as necessary.

71.5 To discuss – Tree planting pack offer (emailed out to Councillors on the 7th December)

It was **resolved** to request a wildlife pack (30 x whips) which could be planted at the Marriott Lane Park/Bull Piece

21/72 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

72.1 Analysis of Payments – November 2021 (Appendix 2)

72.2 Analysis of Receipts – November 2021 (Appendix 3)

72.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30th November 2021 (Appendix 4)

72.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for December 2021 (Appendix 5)

The Vice-Chair checked the bank reconciliation figures with the bank statements. It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 72.1 – 72.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments (72.4) including the invoice from Offscreen - £216, the additional invoice from flagpole express - £90 and the invoice from BJ Bakery when received.

21/73 Planning Applications

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

Proposal:	Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission 21/00724/FULM to amend the size and position of the agricultural storage / hay barn (for agricultural purposes only).
Site Address:	Land North West Of Fishpool Road Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	21/02550/S73M

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

Proposal:	Tanking of the existing basement.
Site Address:	Fountain Dale House Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 0ND
Planning Application Ref:	21/02323/LBC

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

Town and Country Planning act 1990

Appeal Under Section 78

Site address: Mccolls Mansfield Road Blidworth NG21 ORB
 Description of development: Proposed two storey dwelling and felling of 2no. trees (re-submission of 20/01200/FUL)
 Application reference: 21/00263/FUL
 Appeal reference: APP/B3030/W/21/3281434

It was **resolved** to add nothing further to this appeal.

It was **resolved** to add the following Planning application to the agenda:

Proposal:	Render dwelling, construction of balcony to rear and window alterations
Site Address:	3 Kirks Croft Blidworth NG21 0QU
Planning Application Ref:	21/02159/HOUSE

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

Planning Decisions

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

None

21/74 To note – Correspondence received
All relevant correspondence sent out via email

21/75 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting - 20th January 2022

21/76 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 8.10pm