



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 3rd February 2022 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: W Bates, C Dabbs, J Rea, E Litchfield, M Atherton, N Rhodes
Apologies: N Spalding
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: District Councillor T Thompson

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

Action by

22/77 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda

Under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, if any local Parish Councillor is more than 2 months in arrears with their Council tax they must declare an interest and refrain from voting.

Agenda items 21/80 Cllr's C Dabbs, J Rea, E Litchfield, N Rhodes, W Bates, M Atherton
As these pecuniary interests relate to the setting of the precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and in accordance with the Code of Conduct, the above named Councillors remained in the meeting and were able to vote on these matters. Cllr Litchfield also declared an interest in 22/80 - Parish Grant Application for Blidworth Welfare Football Club

22/78 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Spalding.
The resignation of Cllr Campbell was also noted.

22/79 To consider – Applications for Parish Council Grants (Appendix 1)

These were discussed in detail and the Clerk pointed out the legislation regarding donations to the Church.

It was **resolved** to award a Parish Grant of £200 to:
Memorial Fund Committee- Blidworth Colliery Miners
The Social Action Hub
Blidworth Welfare Football Club

The Rockings Centenary Celebration – Application to be received from Blidworth Historical Society

22/80 To agree – Precept for the Financial year 2021/22 including:

80.1 To agree - Allotment fees for the year commencing 1st April 2023 (Appendix 2)
Consideration was given to the costs incurred at the allotment plots and issues raised.
It was **resolved** to increase the allotment fees, with effect from April 2023 as follows:

Appleton Road

Allotment plots to £30 per annum

Single garage plots to £100 per annum

1.5 plot to £120

Double plots to £200

Commercial Plots to £700 per year

There will also be a £5 administrative fee for all new allotment plot holders from April 2023

80.2 To note – Salary increases for 2022/23 in line with NJC Payscales

Noted – Current payrise pending

80.3 To consider future projects/expenses for the year 2022/23 and agree the proposed budget for 2022/23 (Appendix 3)

The Clerk provided members with a proposed budget for 2022/23 based on the previous three years accounts. The Clerk also produced details of the precept request and year end balances over the previous 8 years. These were discussed by members.

Future projects were discussed in regard to CCTV and fencing at Sherwood Avenue Park

It was **agreed** to ring fence the following reserves:

Repairs and Renewals £5000

Community Funding/Events £5000

War Memorial Maintenance £1000

Sherwood Avenue Park £22116.28

Library – Office rental and additional Library opening hours and staffing £18000 (for remaining 2 year term - £9000 in the current tax year)

Provision for a community Hub (if and when possible) £70,000

Elections £1000

Machinery/Maintenance £3069

Grant money received but not yet spent £20814

Section 106 money £6909

80.4 To agree – The precept request from Newark and Sherwood District Council for the year 2022/23

In accordance with Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2011 Blidworth Parish Council **resolved** to inform Newark and Sherwood District Council that the precept request for 2022/23 is £ 78463

Clerk

Equating to £70 per Band D Property (2022/23 Council tax base £1120.90)

22/81 To receive and approve – Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th December 2021 (Appendix 4)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th December 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

22/82 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decisions can be made)

Nothing to report

22/83 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)

83.1 Public Participation

None

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

The Clerk circulated an update from NCC Cllr T Smith

22/84 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)
Nothing further to report at present.

22/85 Business

85.1 To update – Progress on works regarding Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground
The Chair and Clerk updated members regarding quotations that had been received for CCTV and security fencing.

The Chair and Clerk had had a meeting with NSDC regarding options for CCTV and there was a possibility that the Parish Council could try CCTV for a short period to see if it would be suitable for the area. This would be looked into.

The Clerk had not yet applied for Planning permission as she was awaiting additional information from NSDC.

The Chair and Clerk also had a meeting with the Forestry Commission to discuss entry and exit points in the fencing, which could potentially cause 'Rights of way' issues. The Forestry Commission are looking into this.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting in half term week (4pm) with residents to discuss further the Parish Councils plans before any commitments are made. Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**

85.2 To approve – service of Toro Mower

The Clerk had received several quotations.

It was **resolved** for PS Marsden's of Nottingham to service the mower.

85.3 To agree – Community Arts project on Belle Vue Lane Park (mural board) and 'Blidworth Clean-up Day' supported by Newark and Sherwood District Council

The Clerk discussed with members the meeting that she had had with NSDC and the potential 'Community Clean up' day to be held at Sherwood Avenue, this would include litter picking and information sharing from NSDC, and would involve the youngsters in the village.

It was **resolved** to be on Monday 11th April (school holidays).

The Clerk had been successful in securing grant funding for the painting of the mural board at Belle Vue Park and it was agreed that this would be done on the same day.

The Clerk to liaise with NSDC to arrange.

Clerk

85.4 To agree – Dates for upcoming Events including Annual Parish Meeting

The following Events were agreed:

Annual Parish Meeting – Saturday 23rd April 2022

Summer/Jubilee Gala – Sunday 5th June 2022

Christmas Light Switch on Event – Saturday 26th November 2022

Pensioners Christmas Party – Wednesday 7th December 2022

The Clerk to arrange and book the hall for the Annual Parish Meeting and send out invitations.

The Working Party to arrange Events and bring a report back to Council for agreement.

Clerk/Events Working Party

85.5 To agree – Cllr Spalding to attend 'communicating with young people course' at a cost of £30

It was **resolved** for Cllr Spalding to attend this event at a cost of £30

85.6 To agree – Location of Outdoor Gym equipment at Sherwood Avenue Park (emailed out 20th January)

The Clerk had emailed out the drawing for the location of the outdoor gym equipment. It was agreed to discuss this with residents at the meeting as agreed in item 22/85.1

22/86 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

86.1 Analysis of Payments – December 2021 (Appendix 5)

86.2 Analysis of Receipts – December 2021 (Appendix 6)

86.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st December 2021 (Appendix 7)

86.4 To authorise (retrospectively) schedule of payments for January 2022 (Emailed out 20th January)

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

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 86.1 – 86.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments (86.4) retrospectively.

22/87 Planning Applications

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

Proposal:	Proposed store shed (horticultural equipment and tool store) (re-submission of 21/01783/FUL)
Site Address:	Land Adjacent Churchside Cottages Fishpool Road Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	22/00025/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating that Blidworth Parish Council would like to request that it is confirmed that the proposed store shed is used for the use stated and not later turned into an alternative use.

Proposal:	Proposed oil tank enclosure
Site Address:	Fountain Dale House Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 0ND
Planning Application Ref:	22/00019/HOUSE

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

Planning Decisions

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

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
Decision:	Grant Section 73 Major Applications for the development

Noted

22/88 To note – Correspondence received
All relevant correspondence sent out via email

Cllr Rea drew members attention to the National Care Home event in June and July of this year and it was proposed thar Councillors arrange to visit the care homes in the village.

22/89 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 17th February 2022

22/90 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 9.15pm