



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 17th March 2022 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: W Bates, C Dabbs, J Rea, E Litchfield, M Atherton, H O'Hare, H Catling
Apologies: N Rhodes, N Spalding,
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: 6 including District Councillor T Thompson

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

Action by

22/103 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda
None.

22/104 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk
Apologies were received and noted from Cllrs Spalding and Rhodes.

22/105 To receive and approve – Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th February 2022 (Appendix 1)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th February 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

22/106 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda
(no decisions can be made)
The Clerk updated members regarding 22/97.2 – A draft licence had been received from NSDC in regard to the land for the Pitwheels and proposed lectern. 22/97.5 The Clerk had met with contractors to discuss the roadway into the Dale Lane Allotments. Both items to be brought to the next Parish Council meeting.

22/107 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)

107.1 Public Participation

A resident discussed the contents of his letter regarding his plot on the Appleton Road Allotments, and was not happy at what the Parish Council had offered. This was to be discussed further amongst Councillors later in the meeting.

A resident commented on how well the village was looking. A sign had been put on the railings advertising a care home. Clerk to report if this had permission as it is obstructing the Pedestrian crossing. The kick boards were also looking shabby around the flower beds on Mansfield Road, some had been replaced. The Clerk explained that this was likely to be due to budget cuts, NCC had only replaced those that were essential. The Clerk to bring this up with NCC Tom Smith.

Clerk/NCC Cllr Smith

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

District Cllr Thompson updated on matters that were being looked into. This included the yellow lines on the corner of New Lane, and possible disabled parking. Issues with drains, the parking on Rookwood Close, and the overgrown hedge on Marriott Lane (corner of Butler Drive).

22/108 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

Councillors were pleased with the progress of the footpath on Warsop Lane, and asked whether the temporary 30mph speed limit could be made permanent. Cllr Atherton asked why Kerb stones had not been fitted. This along with Blidworth Lane appear to be accident hotspots. Clerk to discuss this with NCC Tom Smith

Clerk/NCC Cllr Smith

22/109 Business

109.1 Co-option of Parish Councillor

It was **resolved** to co-opt Helen Catling as Parish Councilor.

The declaration of acceptance of Office was duly signed.

109.2 To update – Update on works regarding Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground
The Clerk updated members – the planning permission application had been submitted with a target date of 26th May. Calloo had been contacted to arrange the installation of the outdoor gym equipment and a date was to be arranged.

The Clerk had been requested to send a map to the Forestry Commission with locations of the walk throughs in the fencing in order to agree terms/licence.

109.3 To discuss - Consultation on Parking for businesses and residents in the village
This was deferred to a future meeting when NCC Cllr Smith is available.

109.4 To agree – To enter into services with WA Barnes for a survey of the Appleton Road Allotment site, to measure out plots and produce a plan.

It was **resolved** for WA Barnes to provide a full scaled plan of the Appleton Road Allotments showing exact sizes of each plot at a cost of £350 - £400 + VAT. **Clerk**

109.5 To update - Greening and meadow planting

It was **resolved** to have wildflower areas that are not mown on both Marriott Lane and Sherwood Avenue Parks. The Clerk to liaise with the Groundman and order wildflower seed as necessary. **Clerk/Groundsman**

109.6 To discuss – NSDC ‘Community Clean up Event’ on the 11th April

The Clerk had had a meeting with NSDC and updated members. The day is being arranged as part of the ‘Great British Spring clean’. The plan is to have a litter picking event and to get as many involved as possible. NSDC will also bring other activities and possibly carry out a speed watch in the village. Tesco have kindly offered to provide refreshments. The Community Art work project at Belle Vue would not run on the same day and was to be arranged for later in May to tie in with the Jubilee theme. Blidworth Oaks school are to organize a competition and the winning ‘Artwork’ to be painted onto the mural board.

109.7 To update – Events (Jubilee Celebration)

A further meeting to be arranged to discuss the plans for the Jubilee Gala. Cllr Dabbs to arrange. The Clerk pointed out that there is possible funding available if the working party have a plan of activities. Callam Walsh to be invited to join the Events Working Party.

109.8 To agree – Summer planting in the village

It was resolved for David Wilson to carry out the summer planting in the village at a cost of £3300.

109.9 To discuss - benches at Tesco corner and planting at Rookwood Court

It was **resolved** for the benches to stay in situ around the rockings area. These to be sanded and repainted by the Parish groundsman in 'Moss Green'.
Cllr Litchfield to obtain a quotation for railings to be made around the rockings.

The Clerk had looked into the possibility of using the remaining 2 large planters for siting at Rookwood Court. The Parish Council have an agreement with NSDC to use this land. David Wilson had quoted £200 for fill these with compost and flowers.

Cllr Atherton to look at siting planters on Dale Lane, although permission would need to be sought from NCC. **Clerk**

109.10 To agree – Parish Councillor contact details and photo ID

It was **resolved** for all Parish Councillors and staff to have an ID card with Parish Council details on for use when in the Parish. Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**

The Clerk circulated the Parish Councillor contact details and asked each Councillor to check that their details are correct.

109.11 To agree – New Councillor training for H O'Hare at a cost of £30

It was **resolved** for Cllr O'Hare to attend the training (online).

109.12 To discuss – mobile CCTV for fly tipping provided by Newark and Sherwood District Council

The Clerk discussed with members the options available for catching the culprits. Councillors to look at fly tipping hotspots so this can be put to NSDC. Cllr O'Hare showed Councillors the 'Clear Waste' app that reports fly tipping straight to the relevant authority. It was agreed to promote this in the village. Clerk to look into this. **Clerk**

109.13 To discuss – Dogs on lead zone at Sherwood Avenue Recreation Ground

NSDC had not yet provided an update, despite this being requested at the Parish Council meeting on the 18th March 2021. This to be deferred to the next Parish Council meeting.

109.14 To agree – Provision of internal auditor

It was **resolved** to use the services of S Stack. Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**

109.15 To agree – Annual membership to Notts Association of Local Councils

It was **resolved** to renew the annual membership subscription to NALC at a cost of £ 681.30

109.16 To discuss – Facebook Communications

It was **resolved** to provide regular (monthly/quarterly) updates about the Parish Council on the Parish Council Noticeboard Facebook page. This would keep residents informed about what is happening in the village. **Clerk**

109.17 To discuss – Community litter picking in the village

The Clerk updated members regarding the Litter picking, mainly anonymously that is happening around the village. The Clerk thanked Freddie Baker who has been litter picking in the Village for the last 3 months as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award. The Clerk to thank both on the Facebook page. Litter picking equipment is available for use by all.

It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the occupiers of all units on the Burma Road Industrial estate asking for their co-operation in keeping the site clear of rubbish, which is becoming a problem. Litter pickers had collected 3 refuse sacks each week over the last few months.

Clerk

22/110 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

110.1 Analysis of Payments – February 2022 (Appendix 2)

110.2 Analysis of Receipts – February 2022 (Appendix 3)

110.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 28th February 2022 (Appendix 4)

110.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for March 2022 (Appendix 5)

110.5 To agree – Additional/Removal of bank signatories for Unity Trust and NatWest Bank Accounts

The Chair checked the bank reconciliation figures with the bank statements. The Current Account bank statement from Natwest had not yet been received.

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 110.1 – 110.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments (110.4) including the invoice from NSDC (trade Waste bins) - £624, and new printer £437.90.

It was further **resolved** to add Cllr M Atherton, Cllr H O'Hare and Cllr J Rea to the Unity Trust and Natwest Bank accounts as signatories, and to remove Cllr K Arnold and Cllr Y Woodhead.

Clerk/Cllrs

22/111 Planning Applications

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

Proposal:	Erection of 2.4m high fencing and entrance gate and new CCTV column
Site Address:	Playing Field Sherwood Avenue Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	22/00369/FUL

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

Proposal:	Proposed rear extension using non-matching materials (retrospective)
Site Address:	77 Dale Lane Blidworth NG21 0SA
Planning Application Ref:	21/02102/HOUSE

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

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - SECTION 174 APPEAL
NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL AGAINST ENFORCEMENT NOTICES**

Site Address: Field Adjacent To New Farm Blidworth Lane Blidworth
 Alleged Breach: Without planning permission, operational development on 'the Land' comprising of the construction of a timber stable building (marked X on the attached Location Plan and identified within photograph 1).
 Application Ref: 21/00269/ENFB
 Appeal Ref No: APP/B3030/C/22/3293543

It was **resolved** to respond stating that the building is on green belt and appears to be for commercial activity. The main road (Blidworth Lane) which it leads out to is a fast and hazardous road. By allowing this development it encourages others to do the same.

Planning Decisions

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

Proposal:	Render dwelling and window alterations
Site Address:	3 Kirks Croft Blidworth NG21 0QU
Planning Application Ref:	21/02159/HOUSE
Decision:	Grant Householder Application

Noted

Proposal:	CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR AN EXISTING TIMBER FRAMED LEAN-TO
Site Address:	14 BYRON STREET BLIDWORTH NG21 0RL
Planning Application Ref:	21/02353/LDC Previous Ref: PP-10292368
Decision:	REFUSE TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE

Noted

22/111.1 To discuss the setting up of a working party to view and discuss Planning applications and report back to Full Council

It was resolved for Cllrs Rea and O'Hare to look at Planning Applications prior to the meeting and bring back to Council any recommendations. **Cllr Rea/O'Hare**

22/112 **To note – Correspondence received**
All relevant correspondence sent out via email

22/113 **To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 21st April 2022 and Annual Parish Gathering – Saturday 23rd April**

A short break was held and the Council resolved to suspend standing orders and continue with the business as the time was now 9.20pm

22/114 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 9.50pm