



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW**  
**on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: W Bates, C Dabbs, J Rea, E Litchfield, H O'Hare, H Catling,  
N Rhodes  
Apologies: N Spalding, M Atherton  
Clerk: C Brettell  
Members of the Public: 4 including District Councillor T Thompson

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

**Action by**

**22/115 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**  
None.

**22/116 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**  
Apologies were received and noted from Cllrs Spalding and Atherton.

Cllr Cheesmond had sent in his resignation earlier that day – this was accepted.  
The Clerk to notify Newark and Sherwood District Council.

It was brought to Councillors attention that Cllr Middleton had not attended a meeting since the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021. The Clerk read out the legislation regarding the 6 month rule.

It was **resolved** to disqualify Cllr Middleton 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 J Middleton to inform him. **Clerk**

**22/117 To receive and approve – Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (Appendix 1)**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record, by adding in the sentence requested by Cllr Atherton.

**22/118 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda**  
(no decisions can be made)  
None

**22/119 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)**  
119.1 Public Participation

A resident commented on the speed of vehicles throughout the village, suggesting that the 30mph zone was continued onto Warsop Lane, and that enforcement be looked at from the corner of Dale Lane, Blidworth all the way to the Doctors surgery on Warsop Lane, Rainworth. Several grot spots were reported including leaves and debris on the pavement opposite the war memorial, on Hillside Road and the jitty between The Crescent and the Quadrangle. The Clerk to report to NSDC and if necessary, ask the Parish Groundsman to clean up. **Clerk**

119.2 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 footpath going through the new development on New Lane, blocked drains on Mansfield Road, and anti-social behaviour on Park Avenue. She had met with the Street Scene team at NSDC – the road sweeper comes every 120 days.

NCC Cllr Smith had sent his apologies but had provided an update on the issues with Lorries on the New Lane development that had been taken up with NSDC Planning, and highways requests for enforcement of the 30mph speed limit through the village.  
This to be discussed further at a future meeting.

**22/120 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village** (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)  
Already discussed.

**22/121 Business**

121.1 To update – Works regarding Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground, and agree contractor for fencing as appropriate (quotations to follow)

The Clerk updated members regarding the Recreational ground. The Planning permission decision date was the 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The Clerk had spoken to the Forestry Commission and Blidworth Oaks school and was awaiting confirmation about the walk ways.

The Clerk talked through the prices, references and boundary opening ideas received from the contractors.

It was **resolved** to select Secure a field as the contractor at a cost of £ 56787. A further site visit to be arranged with the contractor, Councillors and local residents to discuss further before the fencing is confirmed and ordered. The Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**

121.2 To discuss - Consultation on Parking for businesses and residents in the village  
This item was deferred to a future meeting

121.3 To update – Events including the upcoming Jubilee Gala

An events meeting was arranged by the Working party for the 25<sup>th</sup> April so that this could be discussed further.

The Clerk updated members that £400 grant funding had been received from NSDC toward this event.

121.4 To discuss/agree – Licence to occupy land in front of Blidworth leisure Centre including Pit wheel monument and new Lectern (Appendix 2)

It was **resolved** to accept the terms of the lease from NSDC for this land, duly signed by the Chair. The resident could now have the lectern installed subject to confirmation from him that Planning permission is not required.

121.5 To agree – New signage for Marriott Lane and Belle Vue Play areas

It was **resolved** to order 2 park signs as per the original design from Acorn Signs at a cost of £230 each + VAT. The groundsmans to install these. **Clerk/Groundsman**

121.6 To update – Meeting with Inspire to discuss Blidworth Library  
The Clerk updated members regarding the meeting held with Inspire. Inspire were now producing statistics and footfall figures for who is using the Library, and have advertised the Parish Office opening hours. The Clerk gave example prices for equivalent office space. It was agreed that this be put on a future agenda for September. **Clerk**

It was further **resolved** to hold ‘Parish Councillor Surgery sessions’ on a Saturday morning, subject to permission from the Library, to encourage use of the library and widen communication for the Parish Council. **Councillors**

121.7 To discuss – Thompsons Fair having use of Sherwood Avenue Playing field

It was **resolved** to not allow Thompsons Fair the use of Sherwood Avenue Playing field. The Clerk to write to them and explain that due to the work and investment being made in the park it would be unlikely that they would be able to use the land in the future. **Clerk**

121.8 To note – Contract for Dog Waste emptying (Appendix 3)

The Clerk drew members to the attention of the annual agreement for Dog Waste bin emptying and the locations and cost were noted.

121.9 To discuss – Siting/purchase of new planters on Rookwood Court/Dale Lane

The Clerk updated members regarding the necessary requirements from VIA if planters were to be installed on Dale Lane.

It was **resolved** to look into this for future years and to install the 2 remaining planters on Rookwood Court corner, subject to the necessary agreement from NSDC. **Clerk/D Wilson**

121.10 To discuss – The possibility of railings around the Rockings monument

Cllr Litchfield was looking into this and would discuss at a future meeting. **Cllr Litchfield**

121.11 To note – Allotment agreement signed and received from the Forest Folk Allotment Society for the Dale Lane Allotment site.

Noted – Clerk to circulate

**Clerk**

121.12 To discuss – Community Litter picking events

The Clerk updated members regarding the success of the community litter pick on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. It was agreed for more litter picking events to be arranged.

121.13 To discuss – Works to roadway into the Dale Lane Allotment site

The Chair read out the work descriptions and quotations received.

It was **resolved** to use the services of LPS Supplies at a cost of £520 + VAT, not removing any waste from site. The Clerk to arrange with the Forest Folk Allotment Society. **Clerk**

121.14 To discuss – Independent energy for Blidworth

The Chair discussed the possibility of ‘Independent energy for Blidworth’. It was agreed for Cllrs Bates and Catling to look into this and bring back for further discussion.

**Cllrs Bates/Catling**

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

As no response had been received from NSDC this item was deferred until a future meeting.

## 22/122 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information, including the year-end figures:

122.1 Analysis of Payments – March 2022 (Appendix 4)

122.2 Analysis of Receipts – March 2022 (Appendix 5)

122.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (Appendix 6)

122.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for April 2022 (Appendix 7)

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

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 122.1 – 122.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments (122.4) including the invoice from NSDC (Park inspections) - £90, and Blidworth Methodist Church for use of the hall £40.

**Clerk**

## 22/123 Planning Applications

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Change of use of paddock to equestrian use, erection of stable block, provision of hard standing, formation of new access to highway and parking area (retrospective)
<b>Site Address:</b>	Plot 1 New Lane Blidworth
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	22/00575/FULM

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Two storey new one bed room residential unit on the side of the existing house
<b>Site Address:</b>	24 Lyndhurst Avenue Blidworth Nottinghamshire NG21 0RJ
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	22/00182/FUL

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Two storey front and side extension
<b>Site Address:</b>	Stokeley Cross Lane Blidworth Nottinghamshire
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	22/00614/HOUSE

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

### Town and Country Planning act 1990 Appeal Under Section 78

Site address:	24 Lyndhurst Avenue Blidworth NG21 0RJ
Description of development:	Erection of one bedroom, two storey dwelling
Application reference:	21/01251/FUL
Appeal reference:	APP/B3030/W/22/3291694
Appellant's name:	Mr Ansari Abdulla
Appeal start date:	31 March 2022

It was **resolved** for comments to remain the same as submitted.

**Town and Country Planning act 1990  
Appeal Under Section 78**

Site address: Plot 9 Skylarks Ricket Lane Blidworth  
Description of development: New stable block (retrospective)  
Application reference: 21/00831/FUL  
Appeal reference: APP/B3030/W/22/3290814  
Appellant's name: Mrs Tracy Graham  
Appeal start date: 7 April 2022

It was **resolved** for comments to remain the same as submitted.

**Planning Decisions**

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Proposed oil tank enclosure
<b>Site Address:</b>	Fountain Dale House Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 0ND
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	22/00019/HOUSE
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant Householder Application
<b>Proposal:</b>	Change of use of agricultural land to a mixed agricultural and equestrian use (retrospective)
<b>Site Address:</b>	Field Reference Number 6760 Blidworth Lane Blidworth
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	22/00093/FULM
<b>Decision:</b>	Grant Full Planning Permission Major

Noted.

**22/124 To note – Correspondence received**

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

The Clerk reminded members of the Walkabout at Rookwood Court, Blidworth arranged by NSDC on the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**22/125 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

The Clerk reminded members of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Blidworth Methodist Church.

A short 10-minute break was held and then the Council resumed the meeting.

**22/126 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 9.30pm**