



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 16th June 2022 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: J Rea, E Litchfield, H O'Hare, H Catling, M Atherton N Rhodes
Apologies: C Dabbs
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: 11 including County Councillor T Smith and District Councillor T Thompson

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

Action by

- 22/17 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**
Cllr Litchfield expressed an interest in item 22/23.1 – related to J Litchfield
- 22/18 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk and to note the resignation from N Spalding**
Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Dabbs due to illness.
The resignation of N Spalding was noted. The Chair thanked her for her work in Blidworth.
- 22/19 To receive and approve – Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 19th May 2022 (Appendix 1)**
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th May 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 22/20 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decisions can be made)**
None
- 22/21 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)**
21.1 Public Participation
21.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners
Residents discussed the graffiti and damage to bins at Sherwood Avenue park that had been done over the past few weeks. The Council responded stating that the matters had been reported to the police. Other actions were being looked into.

A resident addressed the Council in regard to his plot on the Appleton Road Allotment site. Originally an allotment which the resident had changed to a builders storage yard with NSDC. The Chair responded stating that the Parish Councils response (minute ref: 22/102.2) made on the 17th February still stands to which the resident had received correspondence.

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

Cllr Smith updated members/residents with the following:

The 30mph speed signs on Dale land had been reinstated (the last ones had been cut off)

He had attended the Falklands War remembrance representing Blidworth

Planning Application 22/00575/FULM had been refused by Planning and he was looking into this.

Cllr T Thompson had been responding to queries from residents

22/23 Business

23.1 To agree – Co-option of 2 Parish Councillors (Appendix 2 – please treat as confidential)

It was **resolved** to co-opt Kevin Hickenbottom and Callam Walsh as Parish Councillors. The Declaration of acceptance of Office was signed by both parties and they both took up seats to continue with the meeting.

23.2 To update – Works regarding Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground including response from the Forestry Commission (Appendix 3)

The Clerk updated members regarding the issues raised at the park and the incidents had been reported to the Police and monitoring requested. The Clerk had chased NSDC regarding the CCTV system which was being looked into, VIA were surveying the lighting column to see if suitable to install the equipment. The Clerk to ask an electrician to look at the faulty light and timer. **Clerk**

The Fencing was well underway to the area – Councillors to arrange a site visit to view in the next few weeks.

The email response from the Forestry Commission and agreement were addressed by Councillors.

It was **resolved** to go back to the Forestry Commission asking for amendments to be considered and this would be re looked at, at a future Parish Council meeting. **Clerk**

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

The Clerk updated members regarding the response that had been received from NSDC, stating that the 'Dogs on Lead zone' had not been agreed due to lack of consultation. The Clerk gave members detail of the reply she had given. Local residents were happy to write in stating the current situation and the need for action to be taken.

23.4 To discuss – The possibility of having railings around the Rockings monument
This item was deferred to a future meeting.

23.5 To note – Annual Park Inspections

It was **resolved** to go ahead with the annual park inspections. Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**

23.6 To note - Allotment forum – details emailed out 6th June 2022
Noted. Details to also be passed on the Forest Folk Allotment Society.

23.7 To discuss – Lease on Parish Council Workshop (copy to follow).

The Clerk had emailed a copy of the lease to all Councillors which expires in 2028. This was to be referred to the HR/Finance working Party for discussion **HR/Finance**

23.8 To note - The Tour of Britain coming through Blidworth on Thursday 8th September – details emailed out 6th June 2022

This item was discussed and noted. Councillors to give thought to how to celebrate this event and discuss at the next Parish Council meeting.

23.9 To discuss – Membership to RCAN and plans for a Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan
Members discussed the prospect of developing both plans based on the informal discussion held earlier in the evening with RCAN. It was agreed to defer this to the Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan working Party for further discussion.

Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan working Party

23.10 To note – Avian Flu in Nottinghamshire

Cllr O'Hare updated members regarding the current situation. Cases had been found in Lowdham and therefore Blidworth was now in the surveillance zone. Anyone with more than 50 birds should register with DEFRA. The Clerk to produce a poster to be displayed at the Allotment sites.

Clerk

23.11 To update – Outstanding allotment fees and Plot Agreements

The Clerk updated members that all allotment fees had been paid, however she was still not in receipt of all Allotment agreements. These to be sent out again with a letter stating that they must be signed within 14 days or the money would be refunded (pro-rotata) and the plot passed on to the next person on the waiting list.

Clerk

23.12 To discuss – Installation of Lectern to celebrate Blidworth Miners (Appendix 4)

The Chair updated members regarding the Lectern. Mr Durkin had confirmed that the necessary permissions are all in place and that no Planning Permission is required.

A celebration event was to be held early September to unveil the lectern once installed. The Clerk to reply stating that Blidworth Parish Council are happy to work with them to arrange this and would like local schools, the Historical society and other local groups to be involved. The donation of £200 pledged towards the lectern was also discussed.

It was **resolved** for this money not to be paid directly to the social Action hub but directly to NCC who are making the payment for the Lectern. If funds have been superseded then this donation to be put towards the celebration event.

23.13 To feedback – Jubilee Gala

Cllr Litchfield fed back to members regarding the success of the Jubilee Gala which despite the weather it had been a good turnout. The Dog Show raised £181 which was given to the Parish Council funds towards a project of their choice. The Parish Council thanked Yvonne and Paul Bullivant for organising this.

23.14 To review – Working Party and Committee leads

The Chair discussed the necessity of each working Party needing a lead. This and members were revisited.

It was **resolved** to appoint a lead to each group as follows:

Working Party/Committee	Members
Communications/Marketing/Events/Engagement Youth Forum - Working Party	Lead - Cllr Litchfield Cllr Rea Cllr Atherton Cllr O'Hare Cllr Catling Cllr Dabbs Cllr Walsh Jason Litchfield (non Council member)
Bloom/Summer Planting/War Memorial Planting - Working Party	Lead - Cllr Atherton Cllr Dabbs Bob Dabbs (non Council member)
Parks and Open Spaces Committee (including footpaths, Conservation Allotments, Workshop, War Memorial and Emergency Action Group) Refer to Terms of Reference Committee to be reviewed after 3/6/9 months for effectiveness	Lead - Cllr Bates Cllr Litchfield Cllr Dabbs Cllr Rea Cllr Atherton Cllr Hickenbottom Cllr O'Hare
Neighbourhood Plan/Parish Plan – Working Party	Lead - Cllr O'Hare Cllr Litchfield Cllr Rea Cllr Catling
HR/Finance – Committee/Working Party	Lead - Cllr Catling Chairman Vice Chairman Cllr Litchfield
Planning – Working Party	Cllr Rea Cllr O'Hare Cllr Walsh

Each lead to take responsibility for organising meetings and objectives and feeding back to full Council.

23.15 To feedback – Sherwood Levelling up meeting on the 13th June
Cllr Catling fed back to members as she and Cllr Bates had attended the meeting. Bilsthorpe Parish Council had made contact and would like to work with Blidworth Parish Council on future plans.

23.16 To discuss – Councillor 'Surgery'
The next 2 Councillor Surgeries arranged are Saturday 18th June and Saturday 9th July. The last one in May had been a success and with publicity it was hoped to encourage more residents to attend.

22/24 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

- 24.1 Analysis of Payments – May 2022 (Appendix 5)
- 24.2 Analysis of Receipts – May 2022 (Appendix 6)
- 24.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st May 2022 (Appendix 7)
- 24.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for June 2022 (Appendix 8)

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

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 24.1 – 24.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments 24.4

Clerk

22/25 Planning Applications

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

Proposal:	Conversion and extension of storage building to form 1 No. 2-bedroom dwelling (resubmission)
Site Address:	Wood End Stables Cross Lane Blidworth Nottinghamshire
Planning Application Ref:	22/01009/FUL

It was **resolved** to Object to this planning application on the same grounds as the previous submission. The land is in greenbelt, and the Parish Council has concern in building on equestrian land, with inadequate highway provision. It had also been brought to the Parish Council's attention that this land had an agreement on it to prevent building.

Planning Decisions

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

Proposal:	Erection of 2.4m high fencing and entrance gates and new CCTV columns
Site Address:	Playing Field Sherwood Avenue Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	22/00369/FULM
Decision:	Grant Full Planning Permission Major

Proposal:	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 (partretrospective)
Site Address:	Plot 1 New Lane Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	22/00575/FULM
Decision:	Refuse Full Planning Permission Major

Both noted

22/26 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

22/27 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 21st July 2022

22/28 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 9.25pm