



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW  
on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: J Rea, E Litchfield, H O'Hare, H Catling, C Dabbs,  
K Hickenbottom, W Bates, M Atherton, T Smith

Apologies: C Walsh  
Clerk: C Brettell  
Members of the Public: 3 including County District Councillor T Thompson

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

The Chair and members held 1 minute's silence in remembrance of the passing of HRH The Queen.

**Action by**

- 22/42 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**  
Cllr Rea expressed an interest in RCAN should that be discussed.
- 22/43 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**  
Apologies were received and noted from Callam Walsh.
- 22/44 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 (Appendix 1)**  
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 22/45 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda**  
(no decisions can be made)  
None
- 22/46 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)**  
Police report was agreed to be brought forward in case the Officers get called away  
46.3 Police report  
PCSO Tracy Stokes introduced PC Connor Napier who was working with Blidworth and Rainworth for a period of 1 year. They updated on issues in the village including that a CP warning had been issued for off road quad bikes. Councillors asked if the issues with off road bikes could be looked at on Forestry Commission land and if the speed of vehicles on Baulker Lane could be monitored.  
46.1 Public Participation  
Nothing was brought to Councillors attention.  
46.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners  
District Cllr T Thompson reported that the 'Tour of Britain' has been a good success for the village. The yellow covering on Main Street had been removed (covering a hole in the Pavement) and she had supported the Parish Council on a Planning Application she had been asked to comment on. She would also keep in contact with Alan Batty at NSDC regarding the CCTV at Sherwood Avenue Park.

County Councillor T Smith gave updates on progress with the 141 bus which unfortunately wasn't being used. The Notts Connect service were looking at an 'uber' style bus to be used by residents as an alternative.

He had put in 3 requests for Rainworth and 3 for Blidworth with highways. These being:

- Resurfacing on Dale Lane with improvements to the Pedestrian crossing
- The Weight restrictions on lorries to be looked at going through the village
- The Warsop Lane speed limit to be looked at

He also updated members on the accident that had happened on Warsop Lane outside Joseph Whitaker school. NCC were looking at installing further speed humps to reduce the speed of traffic.

140 pot holes had been repaired in the last quarter for both villages (Rainworth and Blidworth).

Cllr Smith had used his Divisional fund to provide Archery boards for Blidworth Parish Council to be used at Sherwood Avenue Park and £500 to Blidworth Methodist Church for repairs.

**22/47 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village** (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

Councillors brought up the need to address parking issues on Belle Vue Lane around school as many drivers were parking inappropriately. This had been raised several times before.

The Clerk to contact Blidworth Oaks School/Police/NCC to discuss.

**Clerk**

The number of lorries/large vehicles are also an issue going through the village. This to be looked at in conjunction with the restrictions on the weight of vehicles. **NCC Cllr T Smith**

**22/48 Financial Matters**

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

48.1 Analysis of Payments – July, August and September 2022 (Appendix 2)

48.2 Analysis of Receipts – July, August and September 2022 (Appendix 3)

48.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> July, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 and 30<sup>th</sup> September (Appendix 4)

48.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for August, September (retrospectively) and October 2022 (Appendix 5)

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

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 48.1 – 48.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments 48.4

48.5 To note – Notice of Conclusion of Audit from PKF Littlejohn

The Notice of Conclusion of Audit from PKF Littlejohn was noted. The Clerk had published the necessary paperwork.

**22/49 Business**

49.1 To discuss – Option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements (emailed out to Cllrs 30<sup>th</sup> August)

It was **resolved** for Blidworth Parish Council to remain 'opted in'.

49.2 To update – Update on works regarding Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground including the tarmacing of entrance area and CCTV

The Clerk updated members regarding the Tarmacing at Sherwood Avenue. Secure a field had provided a price for a Contractor to use concrete at a price of £2266.14. The Clerk was asked to try to obtain further quotations and provide at the next Parish council meeting.

The Clerk discussed the CCTV and Alan Batty at NSDC has asked that a 'commander socket' to be fitted to the lighting column in order for the temporary CCTV to be fitted. The Clerk had gone back to Overton Electrical (Quotation accepted for other works at the July meeting) to ask for a price. This now made the total cost for work to be £ 1163.70.

It was **resolved** to accept this quotation for Overton Electrical. Clerk to arrange. This would take approx.. 2-3 weeks and then the temporary CCTV could be installed. **Clerk**

49.3 To agree – Winter planting in the village

It was **resolved** for David Wilson to carry out the Winter planting in the village at a cost of £1200.

49.4 To discuss – NALC AGM (emailed out to Cllrs 30<sup>th</sup> August)  
Councillors were reminded of this event, anyone wishing to attend to let the Clerk know.

49.5 To agree – To sign the Civility and Respect Project pledge (emailed out 6<sup>th</sup> October)

It was **resolved** to sign the Civility and Respect Project pledge.

49.6 To update – Licence to occupy land in front of leisure Centre (Emailed out to Cllrs 5<sup>th</sup> September)

It was **resolved** to sign this agreement based on the Licence drawn up by the Newark and Sherwood District Council legal team. **Chair**

49.7 To discuss – Dogs on lead zone at Sherwood Avenue Recreation Ground  
This was deferred to the Parks and Open Spaces Working Party. **Parks Working Party**

49.8 To discuss – NALC park inspection session  
Following a discussion regarding this it was **resolved** that this session was not needed.

49.9 To note – meeting with Inspire to discuss Blidworth Library  
The Chair updated members regarding the meeting held with Inspire on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. This to be discussed again by Councillors at the budget meeting and a decision made regarding the Office space and staffing contribution.

49.10 To update – Jubilee mural board  
Cllr Catling gave an update regarding the meeting held with ImageSkool and NSDC earlier that day. It was resolved for the mural board to be sanded and primed while the issue was resolved. Emails to be sent to both Rainworth Fencing (suppliers of the mural board) and ImageSkool (the artist) in order to rectify. **Cllr Catling**

49.11 To discuss – Winter grit provision  
The Clerk updated members that after evaluating the quantities in the workshop she had ordered the 5 free bags of grit. No other grit had been ordered this year.

49.12 To discuss – Christmas Lights  
The Clerk confirmed that VIA had agreed the licence in principle subject to a further check by VIA when the lights have been installed. AW Ward had not come back with any prices for additional lights. This to be left this year.

49.13 To agree – Moving forward with Neighbourhood Plan and involvement by RCAN Discussion took place regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. This to be discussed further at the next meeting. Cllr Smith and Thompson to look at any cost implication of being allocated a planner at NSDC.

49.14 To agree – Blidworth Walking trail and information board  
Cllr O'Hare provided an update on this. Funding for the lectern/information board had been secured from the Miner2major project and they had provided contacts for other interested parties in the village able to help. Cllr O'Hare to co-ordinate this. **Cllr O'Hare**

49.15 To agree – Insurance renewal (emailed out to Cllrs 6<sup>th</sup> September)

It was **resolved** to renew the Parish Council Insurance from Gallagher as per the long term undertaking agreement.

49.16 To adopt – Equality and Diversity Policy (Appendix 6)

It was **resolved** to adopt the Equality and Diversity Policy. Parish Councillors signed the declaration that they had read and understood the Policy and would adhere to the principles.

49.17 To adopt – Safeguarding Policy (Appendix 7)

It was **resolved** to adopt the Safeguarding Policy. Parish Councillors signed the declaration that they had read and understood the Policy and would adhere to the principles.

49.18 To agree – Arrangements for Remembrance Service

The Clerk ran through the arrangements for Remembrance, she had been in touch with Rev Burton regarding the service. The road closure had been issued and volunteers are needed to be stationed at each road closure point. A risk assessment had been carried out. Following on from the Queens request at compostable flowers for her funeral, it was **resolved** to have a more environmentally friendly wreath. A total spend of £50 agreed with the remaining money from the cost of the wreath to go to the Royal British Legion.

It was further **resolved** for John Wyke Smith to provide the PA system for a donation of £60.

The Clerk informed that under delegated powers 4 companies had been contacted in regard to removing and relaying new turf at the War Memorial. It had been agreed for Ulyett Landscapes to carry out this work at a cost of £500+VAT.

49.19 To agree – Arrangements for Pensioners Christmas Party and Light Switch on Event  
Cllr Litchfield update members regarding each event.

**Christmas Light switch on Event:**

It was **resolved** to book an act at a cost of £85 and spend up to £300 on santa gifts

**Pensioners Christmas Party:**

It was **resolved** for this to be held at the Sherwood Forest Community Church on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December with Patchills Pantry as the caterers at a cost of no more than £9.50 per person. (3 quotations had been obtained). The local schools to provide entertainment. Cllr Litchfield had contacted local businesses in regard to donating raffle prizes.

49.20 To discuss – Allocation of 106 money

The Parks and Open Spaces Working Party had held a meeting and discussed options. They put to members the possibility of several containers/pods to be erected on site at Sherwood Avenue Park to form a community area with bike provision/café etc. It was agreed for Cllr Bates to look into this further by talking to the Planning department at NSDC and CISWO.

It was discussed that a consultation with residents incorporated into the Parish Councillor Surgery sessions would be useful to gauge what residents would like to see for the community.

**Cllr O 'Hare**

## **22/50 Updates from working party leads:**

50.1 Comms/Marketing/Events/Youth Forum

50.2 Bloom/Planting

- Already covered

50.3 Parks and Open Spaces

50.4 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan

50.5 HR/Finance - A Working party meeting to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November to discuss the budget.

## **22/51 Planning Applications**

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Partial change of use of agricultural land to mixed agricultural and equestrian uses, including erection of timber hay barn (on agricultural land) and installation of fencing and gates.
<b>Site Address:</b>	Plot Numbers 6, 7 And 8 Land North Of Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 0NG
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	22/01769/FULM

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Proposed first floor bedroom extension over porch
<b>Site Address:</b>	10 Clare Hill Blidworth Nottinghamshire NG21 0TY
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	22/01844/HOUSE

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Erection of a porch to front elevation.
<b>Site Address:</b>	12 Aberconway Street Blidworth Nottinghamshire NG21 0RF
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	22/01872/HOUSE

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

51.1 To discuss – A Parish Council policy to reject retrospective planning applications

It was **resolved** for Blidworth Parish Council to have a Policy stating that they do not support retrospective planning applications, unless in exceptional circumstances in which case they reserve the right to comment and/or support, as determined by the wishes of Councillors.

**Planning Decisions and Appeals** (Appendix 8) – All noted.

**22/52 To note – Correspondence received**  
All relevant correspondence sent out via email

**22/53 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

9.10pm - Standing orders were suspended for a 10 min comfort break.

**22/54 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**