



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 10th November 2022 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: J Rea, E Litchfield, C Walsh, K Hickenbottom, W Bates, T Smith

Apologies: H O'Hare, H Catling, C Dabbs, M Atherton, N Rhodes

Clerk: C Brettell

Members of the Public: 5 including 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 fallen.

Action by

22/55 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 (Agenda item 22/62.3)

22/56 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

Apologies were received and noted from H O'Hare, H Catling, C Dabbs, M Atherton, N Rhodes.

22/57 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2022 (Appendix 1)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th October 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

22/58 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decisions can be made)

The Clerk raised the issue of parking on Belle Vue Lane. She had been in touch with the Head Teacher at Blidworth Oaks school who is happy to work with the Parish Council to look at solutions. Cllr Litchfield to liaise with school and look at the possibility of parking at Blidworth Welfare.

Cllr Litchfield

22/59 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)

59.1 Public Participation

A resident discussed road safety with Joseph Whitaker school children, several had been seen on their phones and not aware of vehicles around them. Cllr Bates suggested the use of reflective clothing in the dark weather. The Chair requested that a letter be sent to Joseph Whitaker school. Cllr T Smith updated the resident stating that Joseph Whitaker do have regular road safety sessions with the students.

A resident enquired about the 106 money which was to be addressed later on the agenda. It was requested if NCC could publicise when they are bringing the youth bus to Sherwood Avenue Park. The Clerk to ask.

Clerk

It was suggested to have a notice board at Sherwood Park to be fitted to the railings entrance to publicise events. The Clerk to look into this and ask 'Men in Sheds' if they can make something suitable.

Clerk

59.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners

District Cllr T Thompson reported on various items in the village that she had reported including cleaning the gullies opposite the 'Bird in Hand', the drains on Mansfield Road, and the trees and vegetation on Burma Road. She informed members that the road sweeper will be in the village next week.

Cllr Thompson also updated members regarding the Full Council meeting at NSDC on the 9th November where the 'Development Plan' had been agreed.

County Councillor T Smith provided updates from the Planning meeting at NSDC that he had attended. The Planning Application for 'Stokeley' on Cross Lane Blidworth (22/01712/FULM) had been withdrawn. There are currently 11 ongoing appeals in regard to equestrian land. Cllr Smith also discussed the 'Development Plan' and informed members about the allocation for housing and employment land.

Cllr Smith informed members about his Community Development fund, where local groups could apply for funding. With this in mind Cllr Bates proposed that the Parish Council purchase several established 'Oak' trees for planting to celebrate both the upcoming Coronation of King Charles, and to remember HRH The Queen. Cllr Smith also proposed a bench, made by 'Men in sheds' to also mark these events. **Parks WP/Cllr T Smith/Clerk**

59.3 Police Report

The Police had sent their apologies, information sent had been emailed out to Councillors.

22/60 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

Access into Blidworth from the new development on Three Thorn Hollow (Blidworth Lane) was discussed. It was asked what provision had been made for a footpath/pavement to link the new development with Blidworth. Cllr T Smith to look into this. **Cllr T Smith**

22/61 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

61.1 Analysis of Payments – October 2022 (to follow)

61.2 Analysis of Receipts – October 2022 (to follow)

61.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st October 2022 (to follow)

61.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for November 2022 (to follow)

The Clerk had emailed the financial papers out to Parish Councillors on the 8th November. The Chair checked the bank reconciliation figures with the bank statements.

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 61.1 – 61.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments 61.4

61.5 To Discuss – The Budget for 2023/24

The Chair updated members regarding the HR/Finance working party meeting that had been held on the 3rd November. Budget proposals had been looked at. This to be brought to the December meeting for discussion with a view to these being looked at by members in preparation for the setting of the precept at the January meeting.

22/62 Business

62.1 To update – Update on works regarding Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground including the tarmacking of entrance area and CCTV (Appendix 2)

The Clerk updated members on the electrical work that had been completed. She had contacted NSDC who are now able to install the temporary CCTV which should be within the next few weeks.

The Chair discussed the quotations received for the tarmacking work at the park entrance.

It was **resolved** to not move forward with this work at present.

62.2 To update – Jubilee mural board

The Clerk updated members on the response from James at ImageSkool which stated he was not accepting responsibility for the paintwork peeling off. The Clerk to speak to NSDC to see how to move forward and discuss with Cllr Catling who had taken the lead on this.

Clerk/Cllr Catling

62.3 To agree – Moving forward with Neighbourhood Plan and involvement by RCAN
This was deferred until the next meeting. District Cllr T Thompson said she would make enquires at NSDC as to moving the project forward.

Cllr Thompson

62.4 To update – Blidworth Walking trail and information board

Cllrs were working on this. To be brought to the next meeting.

Cllrs O' Hare/Hickenbottom

62.5 To update – Arrangements for Remembrance Service

The Clerk ran through the arrangements for the Remembrance Service on Sunday. All necessary paperwork was in place.

The Guides had made a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council which was 'environmentally friendly' and the knitted poppies would be re-used next year. The full donation of £50 would therefore be sent to the British Legion.

Cllr Walsh entered the meeting

62.6 To update – Arrangements for Pensioners Christmas Party and Light Switch on Event
Cllr Litchfield updated members on the preparations for the Christmas Light Switch on. He had managed to secure donations from local businesses for these events.
The Clerk referred to the correspondence she had had with the Insurance Company regarding Public Liability. This had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The recommendation was that all stall holders should hold their own Public Liability to save any liability falling onto the Parish Council.

It was **resolved** that as this is being held as a Parish Council event that Blidworth Parish Council would cover any stall holders unable to provide their own Public Liability Insurance.

The Clerk updated members regarding the Pensioners party, she and Cllr Hickenbottom had visited the SFCC along with the caterers to finalise the plans. Blidworth Oaks and Joseph Whitaker schools had been invited to perform.

It was **resolved** to limit the numbers to 50 (first come first served basis) and if anyone is found to bring alcohol onto the premises to the event they would be asked to leave.

The Clerk had received an email from Blidworth on the Move asking for financial help towards the meals on Christmas Day provided to residents.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council are unable to assist with this financial contribution and they encourage any isolated pensioners to attend the Pensioners Christmas Party.

62.7 To discuss – Allocation of 106 money
Discussion took place regarding the potential 106 money for the New Lane Development.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow residents to speak and were encouraged to be involved with ideas for Blidworth.

It was noted that a repeat of the mis-allocation of s.106 money to the Leisure Centre is not repeated, and that any 106 money is spent to the benefit to Blidworth residents.

It was **resolved** to set up a working party involving Councillors and residents (led by Cllr Walsh) in order to consult with residents on what they would like to see 106 money spent on in the village.

Standing Orders were re-instated

62.8 To discuss – Purchase of allotment land
This was deferred to a future meeting

62.9 To update – Avian Flu in relation to allotment sites
Cllr O'Hare had updated the Clerk with new guidance regarding Avian Flu. Signage has been put up at the Appleton Road Allotment site. The Forest Folk Allotment Society had also put up their own signage to inform plot holders.

62.10 To agree – Purchase of new Parish Laptop

It was **resolved** for the Clerk to spend up to £1000 on a new lap top with the latest Windows and Office Packages. Cllr Walsh to help look at this together with options for better communication technology i.e. 365. **Clerk/Cllr Walsh**

62.11 To discuss – DBS checks for Councillors and volunteers (emailed out to Councillors 3rd November)

The Clerk drew attention to the information regarding DBS checks from NALC stating that DBS checks are not required for all Councillors.

It was **resolved** for Cllrs Atherton and Hickenbottom to have a DBS check for their work with the 'Friends of Sherwood Park' Other Cllrs can have one if they feel it necessary. The SFCC had agreed to carry these out at a cost of £8.40 each. The Clerk to arrange this. **Clerk**

22/63 Updates from working party leads:

- 63.1 Comms/Marketing/Events/Youth Forum
 - 63.2 Bloom/Planting
 - 63.3 Parks and Open Spaces
 - 63.4 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan
 - 63.5 HR/Finance
- All updates had been received

22/64 Planning Applications

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

None received

NCC Cllr T Smith made Councillors aware of the validity of comments received from the Parish Council. A comment of 'No objections' may lead to the application being 'called in' and being brought to the Planning committee for a decision.

Planning Decisions and Appeals

The following Planning decisions/Appeals have been made

The lawful development of:

Proposed replacement windows, fascias, soffits, guttering, down pipes and pedestrian garage door.

SECOND SCHEDULE (the land)

The property/land known as:

11 Will Scarlet Close Blidworth Nottinghamshire NG21 0NJ

This Certificate relates to application reference: 22/01760/LDC.

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

Town and Country Planning act 1990 - Appeal Under Section 78

Site address:	Plots 3 And 15 New Lane Blidworth
Description of development:	Change of use of land to equestrian use and formation of new access tracks to both Plots. New shelter and retention of open fronted field shelter to Plot 3 (part retrospective)
Application reference:	21/02663/FULM
Appeal reference:	APP/B3030/W/22/3305225
Appellant's name:	Mr A Bolton
Appeal start date:	31 October 2022

These were all noted.

22/65 To note – Correspondence received
All relevant correspondence sent out via email

22/66 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 8th December 2022

**Members suspended Standing Orders to have a 15-minute refreshment break.
Standing Orders were then reinstated to continue with the meeting.**

22/67 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 9.40pm