



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW**  
**on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: J Rea, E Litchfield, H O'Hare, H Catling, K Hickenbottom, T Smith G Fisher  
Apologies: W Bates  
Clerk: C Brettell  
Members of the Public: 12 inc. District Cllr Thompson and PCSO Stokes and PC Napier

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

**Action by**

**23/85 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**

Cllr O'Hare declared an interest in agenda items 22/94.13 and 22/94.14  
Cllr Litchfield declared an interest in agenda item 22/93.6

**23/86 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**

Apologies were received and noted from W Bates.  
Cllr T Smith would be late to the meeting due to a meeting at NSDC

**23/87 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on:  
the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (Appendix 1)  
the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Appendix 2)**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**23/88 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda**  
(no decisions can be made)  
None.

**23/91** The following agenda item was moved forward following agreement from all Councillors  
To Co-opt Parish Councillors (Appendix 3 – please treat as confidential)

Gary Fisher was asked to talk to members regarding the role and what he could bring to it.

It was **resolved** to co-opt Gary Fisher and Craig Williams as Parish Councillors.  
Gary Fisher signed the declaration and joined the meeting as a Parish Councillor.  
Craig Williams who was not at the meeting would do this at a later date.

**23/89 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes per item)**

89.1 Public Participation

A resident asked what activities were going ahead on Sherwood Park for the children including asking the fair and Circus to attend. The Chair responded stating he had met with NCC Youth service and the Parish council were looking at funding and activities that could be provided. Cllr Litchfield responded by confirming that the PC had already agreed to not allow the fair or circus to attend due to the investment the Parish Council had made on the site.

A resident enquired if a meeting regarding the section 106 money had been arranged. This was to be discussed later and was in progress.

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

Cllr Thompson congratulated the Parish Council on the Pensioners Christmas Party and the Chair thanked her for her help. There is a 'Cost of Living Event' to be held at the library (details are already on the Parish Council Facebook page). There is also some 'Community Chest' grant funding available from NSDC.

Cllr Thompson also updated members that she was looking into the pathway being reopened off Belle Vue Lane with NSDC as requested by the Parish Council at a previous meeting.

89.3 Police report

PCSO Tracy Stokes and PC Connor Napier gave an extensive report on issues and actions in the village. There had been no forensic evidence to link to the Dale allotment site break ins. 2 bikes had been seized and owners fined, and cannabis had been seized from a car. The policing team are working with local schools to provide information of social media and drug safety. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> January there will be a week of action, including speed cameras that will be in operation in the village.

In response to the parking issues on Belle Vue Lane, they have visited site but have no power to enforce action on cars blocking driveways etc.

**23/90 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village** (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)  
Nothing to report.

**23/92 Planning Applications**

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Development for 73 dwellings on grazing land, south of Dale Lane, Blidworth.
<b>Site Address:</b>	Land South Of Dale Lane Blidworth NG21 0SU
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	22/01459/FULM

The Chair updated residents regarding the planning application and the comments raised at the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> January. It was **resolved** to Object to this Planning application as per the statement read out by the Chair - copy attached to the minutes.

<b>Proposal:</b>	Erection of a field shelter and use of land for horse grazing (retrospective)
<b>Site Address:</b>	Field Reference Number 9710 Lindhurst Lane Lindhurst
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	22/02468/FUL

The Parish Council referred to the policy put in place at the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> October (Agenda item 22/51.1)

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'Blidworth Parish Council do not support this application'

<b>Proposal:</b>	Change of use of land to residential garden, retaining wall and new wooden shed.
<b>Site Address:</b>	Land Adjacent Churchside Cottages Fishpool Road Blidworth
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	22/02391/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No comments' to this application.

<b>Proposal:</b>	Removal and replacement a single storey outbuilding and conversion with adjacent barn to form annexe (part retrospective)
<b>Site Address:</b>	Hill Top Farm Ricket Lane Blidworth NG23 0QL
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	22/02461/FUL

Again, the Parish Council referred to the policy put in place at the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> October (Agenda item 22/51.1)

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'Blidworth Parish Council do not support this application'

### Planning Decisions and Appeals

The following Planning decisions/Appeals have been made:

*For the full list of conditions please see the Newark and Sherwood District Council Planning Portal*

### Prior Approval Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 Prior Approval Schedule 2, Part 1 Class A

<b>Application for:</b>	Householder Prior Approvals
<b>Application No:</b>	22/02163/HPRIOR
<b>Applicant:</b>	Mr Williams
<b>Agent:</b>	
<b>Proposal:</b>	Householder prior approval for proposed single storey rear extension The length that the extension extends beyond the rear wall of the original house: 8 metres Eaves height of the extension: 2.5 metres Maximum height of the extension: 4 metres
<b>Site Address:</b>	Sandon New Lane Blidworth NG21 0PW

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the above Act and order, hereby determine that **Application Refused** for the development described in the above application, for the following reason(s).

**Noted**

## 23/93 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

93.1 Analysis of Payments – November and December 2022 (to follow)

93.2 Analysis of Receipts – November and December 2022 (to follow)

93.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> November and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 (to follow)

The Clerk had not received the Natwest bank statements (likely due to the postal strikes) and was unable to provide this information. This was to be obtained and sent out to members prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

93.4 To authorise the schedule of payments for January 2023 (Appendix 4)

It was **resolved** to authorise the schedule of payments including 2 additional payments of £75 for chiphosting and £121 for Workwear. Making a total of £ 4931.56

### A short 10 min comfort break was held.

93.5 To agree – Bank signatories for both NatWest and Unity Trust accounts and to remove J Middleton and Y Woodhead from the NatWest Account

It was **resolved** to remove Y Woodhead and AJ Middleton from the NatWest account and C Dabbs from the Unity Trust account.

It was further **resolved** to add Cllr E Litchfield and Cllr O'Hare to the NatWest accounts as authorised signatories

93.6 To discuss/agree – Parish Council Grant Applications (Appendix 5)

Members discussed the 2 applications for Parish grants. It was agreed to discuss the grant application for the Army cadets further with Craig Williams to ask how the remaining money requested would be funded.

It was **resolved** to award £200 to the Blidworth Colliery Welfare Cricket Club juniors but this would be payable in the new financial year (April 23). **Clerk**

Cllr Litchfield declared an interest and did not vote on this item

## 23/94 Business

94.1 To discuss – CCTV system at Sherwood Park and future plans

The Clerk updated members regarding the temporary CCTV and the images it was providing.

The Clerk to continue to chase Mike Manley at NSDC to provide a quotation for the permanent system. Cllr Thompson suggested to contact the CEO John Robinson at NSDC to move this forward **Clerk**

94.2 To update – Jubilee mural board.

The Clerk updated members regarding the mural board and how disappointed Blidworth Oaks school are that the mural board isn't being re-instated. The Clerk to discuss with NSDC. **Clerk**

94.3 To agree – Moving forward with a Neighbourhood Plan

The Chair updated members regarding the earlier meeting with Emma Raine from Planning Policy at NSDC. He discussed the advantages of having a Neighbourhood Plan. This would be costly, and an investment in time over the next few years.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council apply to NSDC to make a designated plan and an

application for funding is submitted. The new Parish Council in May to then take this forward.

94.4 To update – Blidworth walking trail and information board

Cllr O Hare updated members about the meeting with Miner2Major to move the project forward. A meeting had been arranged with Miner2Major and Councillors were willing to work on the trail and the history surrounding it.

**Cllr O'Hare**

Cllr Smith joined the meeting (8.30pm)

94.5 To discuss – Allocation of 106 money and meeting with residents

The Clerk was to chase up the meeting with NSDC regarding the 106 money. Once arranged Councillors and residents would be invited.

**Clerk/Cllr Walsh**

94.6 To discuss – Street Naming (Appendix 6) emailed out to Cllrs 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021

This was discussed and names suggested for future developments. It was agreed to ask residents on the Blidworth Parish Council Facebook page for suggestions and bring back to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss further.

**Clerk/Residents**

94.7 To update – Christmas Lights in the village

Cllrs O'Hare and Catling updated members regarding the lights for Christmas. There is a need for this to be looked at in preparation for next year. This to be deferred to the April meeting and looked at in further detail.

**All Councillors**

94.8 To agree – Chair Skills Course for Cllr Walsh

It resolved to allow Cllr Walsh to do the Chair Skills course at a cost of £45.

**Cllr Walsh**

It was **further resolved** to allow any Councilors training (e.g. new Councillor training) up to the cost of £45

94.9 To discuss – Change of email address and disconnection of BT telephone line and broadband

It was **resolved** to use the new email address of [blidworthparishcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:blidworthparishcouncil@outlook.com) with effect from the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The Clerk to give notice on the phone line and broadband with BT. The telephone number would also be void and replaced by the Parish mobile phone number.

**Clerk**

94.10 To discuss - Planning Application Local Validation Checklist Consultation emailed out on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022

The Chair referred members to the email and any comments to be added to the consultation before the closing date of the 13<sup>th</sup> February

94.11 To discuss – Monthly Parish Council update (Facebook)

It was **resolved** to put together a monthly update which is to be put on Facebook to promote the Parish Councils activities, having a similar template each month. Cllr Walsh to be asked if he could do this.

**Cllr Walsh**

94.12 To discuss – Party on the Park, May 2023

It was agreed to refer to the Events Working party and bring back to a future meeting.

**Events WP**

94.13 To agree – Additional date for a fire on the Forest Folk Allotments

Cllr O'Hare updated members that the allotment society would like a second fire in April.

It was **resolved** to allow this for a date in April. The Allotment Society to inform the Clerk 2 weeks prior to the fire being held. Cllr O'Hare declared an interest and did not vote on this item.

94.14 To agree - Revision of tenancy agreement for Forest Folk Allotments  
(Appendix 7)

The Chair read out the amendments to the agreement.

It was **resolved** to allow these amendments  
Cllr O'Hare declared an interest and did not vote on this item

**23/95 Updates from working party leads:**

95.1 Comms/Marketing/Events/Youth Forum – Nothing to update

95.2 Bloom/Planting – Cllr Atherton to put together a proposal for plants and costs for the summer/winter village planting

95.3 Parks and Open Spaces – the Clerk updated members that she was applying for grants for new seating and wildflowers at both Sherwood Park and Marriott Lane Park

95.4 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan – As discussed

95.5 HR/Finance – Nothing to update

**23/96 To note – Correspondence received**

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

**23/97 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

The Clerk stressed the need for all Parish Councillors to attend as this was to set the Precept

It was agreed for the March meeting (16<sup>th</sup>) and the April meeting (20<sup>th</sup>) to be held at Blidworth Welfare in the function room.

The Clerk reminded members that the Annual Parish Meeting was to be held at the Methodist Church on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> April commencing at 10am.

**23/98 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 9.26pm**