



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 9th February 2023 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: J Rea, E Litchfield, H O'Hare, H Catling, K Hickenbottom, C Williams,
B Bates, M Atherton

Apologies: C Walsh, G Fisher, T Smith

Clerk: C Brettell

Members of the Public: 4 inc. District Cllr Thompson

Abbreviations: NCC – Nottinghamshire County Council

NSDC – Newark and Sherwood District Council

Action by

23/99 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda

Under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, if any local Parish Councillor is more than 2 months in arrears with their Council tax they must declare an interest and refrain from voting.

All Parish Councillors declared an interest in Agenda item 23/106

As these pecuniary interests relate to the setting of the precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and in accordance with the Code of Conduct, all Councillors remained in the meeting and were able to vote on these matters.

23/100 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

Apologies were received and noted from C Walsh, G Fisher and T Smith.

23/101 To receive and approve – Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th January 2023 (Appendix 1)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th January 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

23/102 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decisions can be made)

None

Cllr O' Hare suggested making dates for the Parish Council Surgeries. It was agreed to set dates of the 18th Feb in the Library, the March one at the Mission Hall (last Saturday of the month) and April outside Tesco – subject to confirmation with the venue. **All Cllrs**

23/103 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)

103.1 Public Participation

103.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners

Cllr Thompson had attended the Cost of Living Event that was a success. She had also met with Ellie at the Library to see if local community groups can make use of the new layout/refurbishment when re-opened.

She had chased up the leaf sweeping/cleaning in the village.

Nothing further to report on the Dale Lane planning application.

23/104 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

Councillors discussed the many accidents that had occurred on the junction with Blidworth Lane/Warsop Lane. The Clerk to look into this to ensure a record is kept. If necessary, a FOI request could be sought to determine the number of accidents on these roads. **Clerk**

23/105 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

105.1 Analysis of Payments – November and December 2022

105.2 Analysis of Receipts – November and December 2022

105.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30th November and 31st December 2022
(All emailed out to Councillors on the 26th January)

105.4 Analysis of Payments and Receipts for January and Bank Reconciliation as at 31st January 2023 (to follow)

105.5 To authorise the schedule of payments for February 2023 (Appendix 2)

It was **resolved** to approve the Analysis and payments and receipts for the months of November, December and January and to authorise the schedule of payments for February (105.1 – 105.5) including 1 additional payment of £120.14 for the Mower vehicle insurance – making a total of £16559.35.

105.6 To review – The Financial Risk Assessment

It was **resolved** to accept the Financial Risk Assessment.

23/106 To agree – Precept for the Financial year 2023/24 including:

106.1 To note – Forest Folk Allotment annual payment increase in line with inflation
The increase of £75 was noted making the annual payment a total of £630.00. A new agreement had been sent to the Forest Folk Allotment Society for signing. **Clerk**

106.2 To note – Salary increases for 2023/24 in line with NJC Payscale
These were noted, and were agreed in line with the Green book agreement to which both employees are employed. Any future pay increases to be implemented as per instruction from NALC.

106.3 To agree – Library provision for next 3 years and agreement with Inspire (Emailed out to Councillors 31st January)
This was discussed in length and the cost involved via benefit to residents.

It was **resolved** to enter into both agreements for the library space and Parish Council meetings at a cost of £1650 per annum, and for the additional library opening and staffing at a cost of £3430 per annum for a 3 year term. The Parish Council to request a right to review this annually with an option to withdraw.

106.4 To consider future projects/expenses for the year 2023/24 and agree the proposed budget

Cllrs Catling and O'Hare talked through the figures following discussion by the Working Party at their meeting last week. Projects were discussed and agreed alongside the amount in the

reserves.

It was **resolved** to agree the proposed budget.

106.5 To agree – The precept request from Newark and Sherwood District Council for the year 2023/24

In accordance with Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2011 Blidworth Parish Council **resolved** for the precept requested from NSDC for 2023/24 to be ££90323.00

Equating to £79.82 per Band D Property

8.35pm - A 10 minute comfort break was held

It was agreed to move the Planning items to be discussed prior to the business items due to time

The Chair updated members that several Councillors had arranged a meeting with Matt Lamb at NSDC to discuss the Planning application on Dale Lane. They would report back at the next meeting with further information.

23/109 Planning Applications

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

Proposal:	Proposed Erection of New Cattle Building and Agricultural Store
Site Address:	Land East Of Blidworth Lane Rainworth
Planning Application Ref:	23/00054/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond to this application stating No Comment.

Proposal:	Demolish conservatory. Single storey rear extension and pergola
Site Address:	16 Oak Avenue Blidworth NG21 0TN
Planning Application Ref:	23/00089/HOUSE

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

Proposal:	Increase in roof height to create additional first floor living space and extending to the front with a gable wall and to the rear over the existing flat roof and the construction of a rear extension and demolition and reconstruction of the garage along the boundary. The dwelling will be finished in render.
Site Address:	Sandon New Lane Blidworth NG21 0PW
Planning Application Ref:	22/02186/HOUSE

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

Town and Country Planning act 1990 - Appeal Under Section 78

Site address: Field Reference 5850 Ricket Lane Blidworth
Description of development: Erection of a timber building to store agricultural machinery (retrospective)
Application reference: 22/01125/FUL
Appeal reference: APP/B3030/W/22/3308354
Appellant's name: Mrs Linda Dykes
Appeal start date: 10 January 2023

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

It was **resolved** that there was nothing further to add to this appeal.

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Application for:	Reserved Matters
Application No:	22/01689/RMA
Applicant:	Mrs Gillian Wragg
Agent:	Mr Gary Quibell
Proposal:	Application for Reserved Matters for 4 Detached Dwellings (all matters reserved) including access drive and parking pursuant to 19/01619/OUT.
Site Address:	Cornerways Beck Lane Blidworth NG21 0QA

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **Refuse Reserved Matters** for the development described in the above application,
Noted

23/107 Business

107.1 To update – Jubilee mural board

Cllr Catling updated members, this was not moving forward with Newark and Sherwood District Council. Cllr Catling had spoken to Blidworth Oaks. It was suggested that Blidworth Art club could reinstate this. To be looked at further and brought to the next meeting.

Cllr Catling

107.2 To update – Moving forward with a Neighbourhood Plan.
The Chair updated members. Despite phone calls and researching it had been had not been possible to move this forward due to time scales. The closing date for applications was the 31st Jan and any funds awarded needed to be spend by 31st March. This was to be picked up again in June, (by potentially new Parish Councillors – Elections dependent).

107.3 To update – Blidworth Walking trail and information board
Cllr O'Hare updated members about the meeting she had had with Miner2Major where an 'App' had been discussed to enhance the trail. Cllr O'Hare to come back with costs etc. and a plan of the trail. **Cllr O'Hare**

107.4 To discuss – Allocation of 106 money and meeting with residents
A meeting has been arranged with NSDC for the 23rd February to move this forward.

107.5 To approve – service of Toro Mower
It was **resolved** to have the Toro mower serviced by PS Marsdens at an estimated cost of £1200.

The Clerk updated members that she had enquired about having a towbar fitted to the mower, in order to pull a small trailer. They had provided an estimate however, confirmed that it was likely that a tow bar would be unsuitable for the mower.

It was **resolved** to not move forward with this.

107.6 To discuss - Extreme skating event on Sherwood Park - 20th May
NSDC had confirmed that they had agreed some funding for Blidworth to have an 'Extreme Skating Event' on Sherwood Park. A date had been agreed of the 20th May. Further details to be circulated when confirmed.

107.7 To discuss – Street naming and suggestions from residents
This item was deferred.

107.8 To discuss – Change in agreement for use of 106 Money from Belle Vue Lane
The Clerk updated members that NSDC had agreed in principal that the agreement could be changed for the money to be spent for use at Sherwood Park. They needed confirmation of various items and the planned expenditure. This to be looked at if and when the grant applied for is confirmed.

107.9 To discuss - Telephone line and broadband for Parish Council
Although discussed and agreed at the January meeting. New information had come to light which would ensure continuity of the Parish Council phone number and email address. BT had offered a better deal which would mean the Parish Council could continue to keep the Broadband and phone line, keeping both the Parish Council email address and phone number. This would be a cost of £28.95 per month (for a 2 year contract).

It was **resolved** to accept this offer.

107.10 To agree – pop up nature sessions from YMCA
The Clerk updated members regarding the YMCA who are wanting to run several sessions in the community at the parks to promote nature making bird boxes, flower bombs etc. The Clerk had been sent a copy of their Public Liability Insurance.

It was **resolved** to allow access to the Parish Councils green spaces. Cllr Rea to liaise with the YMCA to move this forward, and promote as necessary.

107.11 To discuss – Grant award from NSDC for CCTV at Sherwood Park
The Clerk confirmed that the grant of £10,000 towards the CCTV at Sherwood Park had been received. This was to be returned to NSDC if it isn't spent before October 2023. The Clerk had asked Andy Hardy to chase the CCTV team for prices etc. which had not been progressing.
It was agreed for this to be looked at by the Parks WP to see what the requirements of the CCTV are. **Parks Working Party**

107.12 To discuss – Grant application for Army Cadets
This item was deferred.

23/108 Updates from working party leads:

- 108.1 Comms/Marketing/Events/Youth Forum – Nothing to report. Member of the public to join the Working Party
- 108.2 Bloom/Planting – To be updated at next meeting by Cllrs Atherton and Williams
- 108.3 Parks and Open Spaces – Nothing to report
- 108.4 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan – Covered on Agenda
- 108.5 HR/Finance - Covered on Agenda

23/110 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

23/111 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 16th March 2023

Note change of venue, as agreed by Parish Councillors to the function room, Blidworth Welfare, Mansfield Road, Blidworth (venue available FOC and the costs of other venues were felt unjust. Meets criteria CAB section 7.2)

23/112 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