



MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at Blidworth Welfare, Mansfield Road, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0LR
on Thursday 16th March 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: J Rea, E Litchfield, H O'Hare, C Walsh, K Hickenbottom, C Williams,
T Smith, G Fisher, W Bates

Apologies: M Atherton
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: 3

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

Action by

- 23/113 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**
None
- 23/114 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**
Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Atherton
- 23/115 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th February 2023**
(Appendix 1)
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th February 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 23/116 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda**
(no decisions can be made)
The Clerk noted the FOI request from NCC highways regarding the accident record on the junction with Warsop Lane/Blidworth Lane – this had been distributed to Councillors.
- 23/117 To determine which items of the agenda, if any, should be taken with the public excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public, the item will be moved to 23/126 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.**
The Clerk updated members that she had added this to this and future agendas so that Parish Councillors can decide and agree if any agenda item be moved to exclude the public. There were no items on this agenda to be considered.
- 23/118 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes per item)**
118.1 Public Participation
A resident asked why the Parish Council precept had significantly increased the Chair responded by stating that the Parish Council had had a lengthy budget meeting and to meet the commitments of the Parish Council, that had been agreed. There had been no increase for several years.
The resident also asked why the Fair had not been invited to stand this year on Sherwood Park. The Chair responded - As previously discussed/agreed, the Parish Council had invested considerable money on the park and did not want to risk problems.

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

Nothing to update from District (Cllrs Thompson and Woodhead)

NCC Cllr Smith updated members that Blidworth on the Move, The methodist Church, St Marys and the SAH had all received NCC funding. Other funds had been used to support the food bank.

Money had been allocated for resurfacing on Main road in the village.

The 141 user figures are still low. NCC Cllr Smith encourages members and residents to use the service. A decision will be made in advance of September and will look at continuing with the service (possibly July).

The Speed reduction measures outside Joseph Whittaker School are still in progress and the intention is to move this forward.

Blidworth Library was currently being refurbished and a considerable amount of money had been invested in this.

Mark Spencer and Ben Bradley are meeting in the village tomorrow – Cllr Smith is happy to raise any issues with them.

Cllr Smith also informed members that the Senior management team at NSDC are aware of the projects that the Parish Council are wanting to undergo at Sherwood Park.

118.3 Police report - Not able to attend tonight

23/119 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

It was noted that although the overgrowth opposite the Fire Station on Mansfield Road had been cut back, it was still causing a problem to large vehicles. The Clerk to report. **Clerk**

23/120 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

120.1 Analysis of Payments – February 2023 (Appendix 2)

120.2 Analysis of Receipts – February 2023 (Appendix 3)

120.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 28th February (Appendix 4)

120.4 To authorise the schedule of payments for March 2023 (Appendix 5)

It was **resolved** to approve the Analysis and payments and receipts for the month of February and to authorise the schedule of payments for March as recirculated earlier today via email – to a total of £ 11332.22.

The Clerk asked for it to be noted that she had requested £10,000 to be transferred from the NAT West savings account into the Unity Trust current account.

The cost of replacement Dog mess bins and their emptying was queried. The Clerk confirmed that each bin currently costs £2 per week to empty. NSDC also offer replacement bins at a cost and also encourage residents to use all normal litter bins for bagged dog mess.

120.5 To note – interim audit

The Clerk updated members that the interim internal audit had taken place in February and all was satisfactory. This would be signed off when she had looked at the AGAR in May.

23/121 Business

121.1 To agree – Proposals and costs for village planting

Cllr Williams updated members regarding their meetings with Wilsons regarding the planting. It would be a cost of £3500 for both summer and winter planting and to plant up many of the planters with perennials that will last through the year.

It was **resolved** to proceed with this plan. Cllr Williams to liaise with the Clerk, the groundsman and volunteers and to bring a full plan back to the next meeting. **Cllr Williams**

Cllr Bates entered the meeting 7.45pm

121.2 To update – Jubilee mural board

The Clerk updated members that negotiations had concluded with NSDC. They had agreed with ImageSkool to re-instate the mural board as it was, if the Parish Council key and prime the boards. It was also requested that the Parish Council sign a disclaimer to ensure there would be no further comeback on NSDC.

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

121.3 To discuss – Street naming (emailed out on 9th March)

The Chair discussed with members the suggestions that had been made from residents.

It was agreed for Councillors to add any suggestions before 12noon

on the 31st March, the Clerk to then forward these suggestions to NSDC.

Clerk

121.4 To update – Blidworth Walking trail and information board (Appendix 6)

Cllr O'Hare updated members regarding the meeting regarding the walking trail app that had been discussed. All done through QR codes. The 12 stage package is a cost of £1960 + VAT + hosting of £200 per year.

All Councillors felt this was a great idea for the village. The Clerk to look into grant funding for this project.

It was **resolved** to move forward with this in principal, looking at funding this through local businesses for sponsorship and grant funding.

121.5 To update – Allocation of 106 money and meeting with residents

The Clerk updated members regarding the current situation with only 16 properties occupied.

The trigger for NSDC to request funds is 40% (32 dwellings).

Cllr O'Hare asked for it be noted that the Forest Folk Allotments require a new meeting room which could be considered for funding. The Chair requested that a further WP meeting be arranged to move this forward. Cllrs Williams, Fisher, Bates, O'Hare, Hickenbottom and Litchfield volunteered for this group.

If necessary, a meeting to be held with the residents at the Welfare function room – Cllr Litchfield to arrange.

121.6 To discuss - Grant funding for Army Cadets (deferred from previous meeting)

The Chair discussed this item. The Army Cadets were currently not in a position to receive this funding and the application was withdrawn.

121.7 To note – Electricity Tariff for Parish Workshop and Sherwood Park

The Clerk updated residents with all tariffs she had obtained which were changing daily. In light of this she had not proceeded to change the tariff (the current agreement ended this week).

It was **resolved** to enter into a 1 year contact with Yuenergy based in Nottingham.

Cllr Bates declared an interest and abstained from this vote

121.8 To agree – Cost for replacement swing and chains due to vandalism on Belle Vue Lane Play Park

The Clerk updated members regarding the vandalism at Belle Vue Lane Park. She had obtained quotations for a replacement swing and chains.

It was **resolved** to order the swing and chains from B&S Chains (Midlands) Ltd at a cost of £176.20 + VAT. To be paid for from the new budget in April.

121.9 To discuss – Future grant applications for projects in the village

The Clerk updated members regarding the grant funding that had been successful for Sherwood Park from the NSDC Community Grant. Although not allocated the full amount, Cllr Smith had offered some funding from his NCC pot in order to be able to purchase all the benches required. Cllr Hickenbottom thanked Cllr Smith for this offer.

The funding for benches and wildflower meadow at Marriott Lane Park applied for from the Lyndhurst Community Windfarm fund had not been successful. It was requested that the Clerk write to them to ask why this was the case and ask for feedback as other groups in the village had been successful with the full amount of their application. **Clerk**

121.10 To agree – Terms of Agreement with Inspire for Library partnership 3 year term (Appendix 7)

Councillors had looked at the agreements for this (the Office and the provision of Front desk Services). Several queries to these agreements were noted. The Clerk to write to Inspire and bring back to the next parish council meeting for signing. **Clerk**

121.11 To note – YMCA wildlife activities in Blidworth

The Chair updated members. The information had been put out on Parish Council Facebook page, and the clerk had emailed Hatzfield House, REAL education and BOPS with the information. Parish Councilors were encouraged to spread the word.

23/122 Updates from working party leads:

122.1 Comms/Marketing/Events/Youth Forum – The Summer Gala was noted 23rd July. Cllr Litchfield had many plans arranged. A WP meeting to be arranged imminently. Skate Park event on 20th

122.2 Bloom/Planting - Cllr Williams to encourage residents to get involved with the village planting - A public meeting to be arranged to discuss this.

122.3 Parks and Open Spaces – meeting to be arranged

122.4 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan - deferred until after the Elections

122.5 HR/Finance - the WP to arrange a meeting in April

23/123 Planning Applications

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

Proposal:	Proposed creation of a dropped kerb to allow vehicle access to the front of the property and creation of a driveway within the front boundary and erection of a gate.
Site Address:	33 Main Street Blidworth NG21 0PX
Planning Application Ref:	23/00273/FUL

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

Proposal:	Retention of existing stables, container and fencing and change of use of land to equestrian (retrospective).
Site Address:	Field Reference Number 1798 New Lane Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	23/00296/FULM

The Parish Council discussed its policy regarding retrospective planning applications.

It was **resolved** to respond to this application stating 'No Comment'
Cllrs O'Hare and Smith abstained from this vote.

To relook at the following Planning Application (the deadline for comment has already passed):

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

The Clerk confirmed that NSDC had confirmed that this could not be relooked at but they would be in contact should they require us to re-address this planning matter in the future.

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

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England)
Order 2015 (as amended)

Application for:	Full Planning Permission
Application No:	22/01968/FUL
Applicant:	Mr Barry Singleton
Agent:	Gino Lombardo Associates LTD Barry Singleton
Proposal:	4 no detached properties with associated detached single garages.
Site Address:	Land At Former T P Ulyett Landscaping The Nursery Main Street Blidworth

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **Grant Full Planning Permission** for the development described in the above

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England)
Order 2015 (as amended)

Application for:	Householder Application
Application No:	22/02186/HOUSE
Applicant:	Mr Williams
Agent:	
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

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **Grant Householder Application** for the development described in the above

Both noted

23/124 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

23/125 To note – Future dates

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 20th April 2023

Annual Parish Meeting – Saturday 22nd April 2023 at Blidworth Methodist Church, Main Street, Blidworth

Parish Councillor surgery session – 25th March 2023 at the Mission Hall to coincide with their Coffee morning

23/126 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 9.32pm