



MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at Blidworth Welfare, Mansfield Road, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0LR
on Thursday 20th April 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

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

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

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

Action by

- 23/127 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**
Cllr Bates noted that he knew the Planning Applicant – Planning Application 22/02461/FUL and would abstain from voting on this.
- 23/128 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**
Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Atherton, Cllr Rea. Cllr Williams and Cllr Smith were running late.
- 23/129 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2023**
(Appendix 1)
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record. The Vice-Chair signed the minutes.
- 23/130 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda**
(no decisions can be made)
The Clerk updated members regarding the street naming – Blidworth Oaks Primary School had sent in suggestions from pupils and Cllrs Rea and Williams would look at selecting several from the choices to submit to NSDC.
This was noted and deferred to the next meeting.
- 23/131 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 23/140 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.**

It was **resolved** for the Planning Application 22/02461/FUL to be moved to 23/140.

Cllr Williams entered the meeting at 7:07pm

- 23/132 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes per item)**
132.1 Public Participation
Mr Britton updated on the planning application and explained to Councillors his plans for the building.

Cllr Smith entered the meeting 7.11pm

A resident asked about the rubble still on-site at Sherwood Park
It had been agreed to be carried away by NSDC, as arranged by the Clerk, when the ground was less muddy. Cllr Bates offered to do this if this wasn't carried out by NSDC in the next few weeks. However, a cost of taking this to the tip would be incurred.
It was agreed to do this at a cost of no more than £100 if necessary.

132.2 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 the road on 'Fishpool corner' going out of Blidworth, Had been resurfaced.

Discussion was still ongoing with Highways officers regarding the 141 bus. They are preparing and drafting a plan for when funding finishes. Options are being discussed to continue with this bus service.

Cllr Smith also informed members of a funding drive to repair the church roof. It was suggested they could fund raise at the Summer Gala.

132.3 Police report - Not able to attend tonight

23/133 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

Cllr Bates brought up the issues of the Zebra crossing on Dale Lane – the pedestrian crossing had faded. Cllr Smith (NCC) stated that it doesn't meet the criteria for repainting.
It was **resolved** for the Clerk to write to NCC to ask for the reasoning to this decision.

Cllr Hickenbottom enquired if a small roundabout could be installed at this junction, and if any funds from the 'Tour of Britain' could be used. NCC Cllr Smith responded; they assess the road to see if its suitable for the tour and this area was addressed as satisfactory.

It was noted that the markings on the road on the bend coming from A617 onto Haywood Oaks has large potholes and faded road markings. The Clerk to report.

NCC Cllr Smith also mentioned that a crossing at the bottom end of Dale Lane is being considered. If the Dale Lane Planning Application was to go ahead it would make it easier for a crossing, and other improvements to be made.

23/134 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

134.1 Analysis of Payments – March 2023 including year-end spend (Appendix 2)

134.2 Analysis of Receipts – March 2023 including year-end receipts (Appendix 3)

134.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st March (Appendix 4)

134.4 To authorise the schedule of payments for April 2023 (Appendix 5)

It was **resolved** to approve the Analysis and payments and receipts for the month of March and the bank reconciliation, and to authorise the schedule of payments for April.
The Vice Chair checked off the bank statements against these figures and signed them as confirmed.

23/135 Business

136.1 To agree – Proposals and costs for village planting

Cllr Williams updated members regarding his meeting 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. Cllr Williams had organised for volunteers to help with this.

It was **resolved** to proceed with this plan at a cost of no more than £3600. Cllr Williams to liaise with the Clerk, the groundsman and volunteers to carry out the project. **Cllr Williams**

135.2 To agree – Terms of Agreement with Inspire for Library partnership 3 year term
(Appendix 6)

The Clerk confirmed with members as to the items that had been changed as per the discussion at the last meeting.

The contract was then signed by the Vice-Chair.

Cllr Smith abstained from this vote.

135.3 To agree – Contract for Dog mess bin emptying 2023/3

The Clerk updated members regarding the new contract which now showed an increase of 20p per bin per week. This would make the annual charge 1144 + VAT.

It was **resolved** to approve this and the agreement was signed by the Vice-Chair.

135.4 To update – 106 money and proposed scoring rubric to evaluate proposals
(Appendix 7)

Cllr Fisher updated members regarding the rubric scoring system. Councillors agreed that this was a great way forward. The WP to look into this further, maybe adding sustainability into the equation.

Cllr Litchfield agreed that he would arrange an open meeting as agreed previously, with residents for early June.

135.5 To discuss – Options for the Village Christmas Lights

Councillors discussed options and possibilities for the lights based on a limited budget.

Cllr Litchfield updated members that there are existing posts for trees on the front of the shops on Mansfield Road – The Parish Council could purchase artificial trees to be lit (battery operated lights) by shop owners. It was also suggested to have a tree at the War Memorial. The Working party to look at this and plans for the lights for the village.

135.6 To discuss/agree – Skate Event at Sherwood Park

The Clerk updated members regarding the Skate Park Jam to be held at Sherwood Park on Saturday 22nd April by NSDC. They had carried out a site visit and had emailed the Clerk the necessary paperwork. The Event was to be held 11am - 3pm and had been advertised on social media.

135.7 To discuss – Notice board for Sherwood Park being made by 'Men in Sheds'

The Clerk updated members regarding the notice board being made by 'Men in Sheds'. The total bill was now £250 and a further £50 if the board is to be installed by them.

It was **resolved** for 'Men in Sheds' to install the notice board – The Clerk to liaise to get this work completed.

135.8 To discuss – Issues with play equipment on Sherwood Park and quotations for repairs

The Clerk updated members regarding the issues with the post on Sherwood park. She had sent footage, photos and Park inspections to Kompan in an attempt to rectify the issue but to no avail.

It was **resolved** for Cllr Catling to look into this and if necessary to contact a solicitor to send a letter to request rectification.

135.9 To update – Meeting with NSDC (M Lamb on the 24th March) regarding the planning application at Dale lane

Cllr Smith provided an update of the meeting with Matt Lamb, Mark Spencer MP, Cllr Rea and Cllr O’Hare. They were happy to arrange a meeting with the Developer and NCHA to discuss further to see how the Parish can influence the development that was likely to go ahead.

Cllr Bates suggested asking residents opinions before taking this further. Cllr Walsh suggested an extraordinary meeting to provide this.

It was **resolved** to hold an extraordinary meeting to discuss with residents. Cllr Smith to ask Matt Lamb to provide further documents, and for Julia Lockwood for confirmation as to whether the District Councillor has ‘called this application in’. Cllr Litchfield abstained from this vote.

135.10 To update – CCTV and incident reporting

The Clerk updated members regarding the recent incidents at Sherwood Park. She had contacted NSDC to ask for the footage, and was advised to obtain an incident number from the Police. This had been done and the footage hopefully retrieved.

The Clerk emphasised the importance of Councillors reporting incidents immediately via 101 so that they can be noted.

23/136 Updates from working party leads:

136.1 Comms/Marketing/Events/Youth Forum – Cllr Litchfield updated regarding the summer Gala to be held on the 23rd July. This will include the Brass band, stalls, Studio 96 Dance troupe, Dog Show. Live and Local – Pirate entertainment for the children. BJ’s catering. The Welfare Cricket Team to provide ‘Have a go’ session.

It was noted that the Youth Forum FB page has been removed as it is no longer used.

136.2 Bloom/Planting – already updated

136.3 Parks and Open Spaces

136.4 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan

136.5 HR/Finance

23/137 Planning Applications

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

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| Proposal: | Demolish single storey front extension, conversion of flat roof over garage to a pitched roof with gable end and install solar panels |
| Site Address: | Stokeley Cross Lane Blidworth NG21 0LZ |
| | 23/00405/FULM |

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

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)

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| Application for: | Householder Application |
| Application No: | 23/00089/HOUSE |
| Applicant: | Mr Benjamin Davidson |
| Agent: | Fred Davidson Limited Mr Fred Davidson |
| Proposal: | Demolish conservatory. Single storey rear extension and pergola |
| Site Address: | 16 Oak Avenue Blidworth NG21 0TN |

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

23/138 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

To note – Thompsons Fair's request to use Sherwood Park

23/139 To note – Future dates

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 18th May 2023 at Blidworth Welfare
Annual Parish Meeting – Saturday 22nd April 2023 at Blidworth Methodist
Church, Main Street, Blidworth

A 15 minute comfort break was held

23/140 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