



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW**  
**on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: J Rea, E Litchfield, H O'Hare, C Williams, T Smith, G Fisher, H Catling  
Apologies: K Hickenbottom, C Walsh, W Bates  
Clerk: C Brettell  
Members of the Public: 4 inc. PCSO T Stokes and PC C Napier

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

**Action by**

- 23/20 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**  
Cllr Catling declared that she knew the applicant of Planning Application 23/00719/FUL
- 23/21 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**  
Apologies were received and noted from K Hickenbottom, W Bates and C Walsh
- 23/22 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 23/23 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda**  
(no decisions can be made)  
Cllr Rea updated members regarding the names that has been chosen. These included: Druid Stone Walk, Coleman Rise, Robert Jones Road, Marion Meadow, Seam Street, BOPS Avenue, Sherwood Oak Road and Coal Avenue. The Clerk to make contact with school to confirm the names of the children involved and to arrange a time for Cllrs Rea and Williams to present the awards in school.  
  
The name 'Willets' also to be submitted as requested by residents to remember Sergeant Michael Willets GC, from the parachute Regiment who is now buried in St Mary's Church, Blidworth. **Clerk**
- 23/24 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 23/33 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.**  
None.
- 23/25 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)**  
25.1 Public Participation  
Nothing to report  
  
25.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners

Cllr Thompson had emailed the Parish Council to say:

*I have submitted comments to planning about south of Dale Lane. The glass collection could be soon taking place.*

*There has been complaints about motor bikes being a nuisance & very noisy, it is being looked into. The police are involved.*

Cllr Smith reported that NSDC have now formed a Council, being a mixture of Labour, Liberal Democrats and Independants.

NCC – The Library re-opening had been a huge success. A large amount of money had been invested in this for Blidworth residents.

Blidworth Lane – Cllr Smith had received lots of complaints regarding the road closure. VIA were able to fine the utility company for not complying with the regulations.

The Highways Manager had visited Blidworth and looked at hot spots, inc. the junction with the Fox and Hounds Public House when it flooded. This is due to an old stream. However, it is not currently putting lives at risk and causing damage to property. Trenches have been dug to help with drainage.

The Tour of Britain route has not been confirmed yet, but is likely to not come through the village.

Cllr Smith had looked at option for a crossing on Dale Lane. Near the junctions with Sherwood Avenue and Park Road are possible locations. Cllr Smith to put this forward, and confirmed that this was not being considered due to the possible development of Dale Lane.

Cllr Rea, thanked Cllr Smith for his efforts for pushing Blidworth forward for the Library re-furbishment. Having £170K spent on this was fantastic news for the village.

### 25.3 Police Report

PCSO T Stokes and PC Napier reported that there are problems in the village with electric bikes/scooters on roads and footpaths. The off road bike team have been on site, but they are difficult to catch. The Metropolitan Police have got powers to stop and persue and it is hoped that this may also be passed to Nottingham Police.

Cllr Rea asked about the number of fires being lit on the land near Sherwood Park. The police did not think that these incidents are related.

They asked residents to continue to report through 101, as the more reports of incidents the more power they have to persue. This to be published on the Parish Council FB Page.

The Chair asked for an update on the CCTV at Sherwood Park. PCSO T Stokes responded to say that it would be easier if the cameras rotated and the image quality was better.

If a crime was reported to them, with a clear image they may be able to caution and take further.

## **23/26 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village** (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

Cllr Litchfield asked if speed humps could be installed on Belle Vue Lane. Cllr Smith responded to say that the Highways Manager had been out and there were very few reports of speeding, so these would not be considered.

Cllr Catling discussed the footpath onto the Meadows development, as there was now no access. Cllr Smith to look into this.

**Cllr Smith**

Cllr Litchfield asked whether the trees outside Blidworth Welfare could be removed/cut back.

Cllr Smith/Clerk to enquire with NCC/VIA

**Cllr Smith/Clerk**

Speeding issues were also discussed. Data from the speed monitoring to be requested from NCC. There are also a number of agricultural vehicles moving at speed through the village.

This to be addressed by NCC by contacting the local farms.

**Cllr Smith**

### **23/27 Financial Matters**

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

27.1 Analysis of Payments – May 2023 including (Appendix 2)

27.2 Analysis of Receipts – May 2023 (Appendix 3)

27.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> May (Appendix 4)

27.4 To authorise the schedule of payments for June 2023 (Appendix 5)

The Chair checked the bank reconciliation figures with the bank statements.

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 27.1 – 27.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments (27.4)

### **23/28 Business**

28.1 To update – Section 106 meeting and plan moving forward

This was deferred until the next meeting. A meeting to be arranged with the public in July.

28.2 To discuss – Blidworth Parish Council Logo

Members discussed this and the new logo proposals put forward by Cllr Litchfield.

It was agreed to ask Mandarin Creates if they have the original logo in colour and in a Jpeg. file that could be used.

If a new logo is to be designed it will be incorporated into the work when designing the walking trail, which would be discussed further.

28.3 To agree – Purchase of pop up banners

Following a discussion it was **resolved** to order 2 pop up banners, and a cost of no more than £50 each. One with Blidworth Parish Council on and one with pictures/photos of the village. Both on a green background.

**Clerk**

Cllr Litchfield to ask Janet Bailey who has kindly taken a selection of photos to email the Parish Council to confirm that we can use these images for promotional purposes.

**Cllr Litchfield**

28.4 To agree – Christmas lights options for 2023

Cllr Williams updated members. It was agreed for the working Party to look at this further and bring a definite plan back to the July meeting.

**Working Party**

The Clerk updated members that she had been in touch with Andy Carolyn at Blidworth Leisure Centre to see if they could put up Christmas lights to replace those that are no longer working at the Leisure Centre.

28.5 To adopt – Blidworth Parish Council Co-option Policy (Appendix 6)

It was **resolved** to adopt the co-option Policy, subject to alterations to the Person Specification.

Cllr Fisher left the meeting at 8.30pm

28.6 To discuss – CCTV at Sherwood Park (feedback from Working Party)

This was deferred to the next Parish council meeting.

- 28.7 To agree – Parish Council Spring/summer updates on Facebook and use of the FB Page.  
The Clerk to put a Spring/Summer update on the FB page. The Chair updated members with the Facebook rules i.e. No advertising, and to take care with spellings, grammar etc. It was requested that Councillors check each others posts prior to approval
- 28.8 To discuss – Parish Councillor photos on website and Facebook  
It was **resolved** to allow photos on the Website and Facebook page of Parish Councillors **Clerk**
- 28.9 To agree – purchase of High-Vis vests for events  
It was **resolved** to purchase 5 high vis vests for events, printed with BPC on at a cost of £9.95 each + VAT **Clerk**
- 28.10 To update – Grass verge cutting in Blidworth and the agreement with VIA  
The Clerk updated members on the grass cutting that the parish undertake for NCC Highways. The Clerk, Chair and Groundsman had met with NCC and assessed the areas that are cut. They had come back to the Clerk with a plan of the areas and the Clerk will liaise with them to confirm the calculations of the areas and the cost. The cost calculated was 2p per m2. The Clerk to challenge this with NCC and to request that payments be made retrospectively. **Clerk**

### 23/29 Updates from working party leads:

- 29.1 Comms/Marketing/Events/Youth Forum – Cllr Litchfield updated on the upcoming Parish Council Gala on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Stall holders have shown interest but need to send payment and a copy of their PL Insurance through. Set up from 10am. Parish Councillors encouraged to help at the event.
- 29.2 Bloom/Planting – The Chair thanked Cllr Williams for his hard work in coordinating this. All the planting is complete and the village is looking great.
- 29.3 Parks and Open Spaces – Cllrs Hickenbottom and Williams had been to look at the area near Marriott Lane, that requires levelling out – this to be looked at further. The Clerk to send out details of the conveyance to all Parish Councillors
- 29.4 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan – nothing to report
- 29.5 HR/Finance – nothing to report

### 23/30 Planning Applications

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Change of use from Use Class E to Use Class F1 (Pollyteach Programme).
<b>Site Address:</b>	Unit 6A, Unit 7 And Land Adjacent Unit 7 Hazel Court Blidworth NG21 0RY
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	23/00719/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond to this application stating 'No Objections' subject to meeting the requirements of NSDC and other partners who have commented.

The meeting had reached 2hours 20 mins.

It was **resolved** to suspend standing orders to continue with the meeting.

<b>Proposal:</b>	Demolition of single-storey side extension and new two-storey side extension.
<b>Site Address:</b>	Norwood Hill Farm New Lane Blidworth NG21 0PW
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	23/00912/HOUSE

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Creation of a driveway and dropped kerb (resubmission)
<b>Site Address:</b>	33 Main Street Blidworth NG21 0PX
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	23/00901/FUL

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Development for 69 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

It was **resolved** to respond noting the slight modifications and confirmation that this does not change our objection. The original objections still stand.

The Chair updated members that a meeting had been arranged with the Developers alongside MP Mark Spencer tomorrow morning.

### 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)**

<b>Application for:</b>	Full Planning Permission
<b>Application No:</b>	23/00273/FUL
<b>Applicant:</b>	Mr Scott Meikle
<b>Agent:</b>	
<b>Proposal:</b>	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.
<b>Site Address:</b>	33 Main Street Blidworth NG21 0PX

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

Noted

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - SECTION 174 APPEAL  
NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL AGAINST ENFORCEMENT NOTICES**

Site Address: Field Reference Number 9710 Lindhurst Lane Lindhurst  
Alleged Breach: Without planning permission, operational development on 'the Land' comprising of the construction of a stable block (marked 'X' on the attached Location Plan and identified within plan 1).

Stable block with an approximate footprint of 200m<sup>2</sup> and pitch height of 3m;

Application Ref: 22/00390/ENFB  
Appeal Ref No: APP/B3030/C/23/3321562

Noted

**23/31 To note – Correspondence received**

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

The Clerk drew members attention to the Sustrans correspondence. Cllr Bates was willing to look at this further with them and will be joined by Cllr Catling.

**23/32 To note – Future dates**

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Upcoming Parish Council Surgery - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023

The Chair thanked Blidworth Welfare for allowing us to meet there, free of charge whilst the library has been closed for refurbishment.

**23/33 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 10.05pm**