



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL  
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW  
on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: C Dear (Vice Chair), T Duffy, A Sykes, E Litchfield, K Marlow

Apologies: Cllr C Walsh, J Harvey, W Bates, T Smith

Clerk: C Brettell

Members of the Public: 4 inc. County Cllr R Ward

Abbreviations: NCC – Nottinghamshire County Council

NSDC – Newark and Sherwood District Council

In the absence of the Chair the Vice Chair (Cllr Dear) chaired the meeting.

**Action by**

- 25/33 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**  
Cllr Marlow declared an interest in 25/46.2
- 25/34 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**  
Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Walsh, Cllr Bates, Cllr Smith and Cllr Harvey.
- 25/35 To determine which items of the agenda, if any, should be taken with the public excluded.** If the Council decides to exclude the public, it will be moved to 25/46 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.  
None
- 25/36 To receive and approve – Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
(Appendix 1)  
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 be accepted as an accurate record. These were signed by the Chair.  
The Chair asked if anyone was recording the meeting to make themselves known.  
It was noted that no one was recording.
- 25/37 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda**  
(no decisions can be made) **and to update on the Actions and Decisions log** (Appendix 2)  
All relevant items are on the agenda. The Action log was looked at and necessary actions updated.
- 25/38 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)**  
38.1 Public Participation  
A resident spoke regarding the Little Lane Allotment that had been put up for sale, and asked if the Parish Council would consider applying to add these allotments as an 'Asset of Community Value'.  
  
A resident asked about the stones that he feels are being flicked up, remaining from the new concrete pathway on Sherwood Park.

Cllr Litchfield responded to the residents email circulated, and expressed concern that the footage was showing areas of Sherwood Park that should not be in view.

The issue of installing privacy netting was raised again and that a response had not been received to the residents email.

Cllr Dear responded in saying that privacy netting will not stop anti-social behaviour and would possibly make matters worse.

**38.2 Report from District Council Representatives on Matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners**

Although invited District Cllr Thompson and Cllr Smith was not in attendance.

**38.3 Report from County Council Representative on Matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners**

Cllr Ward reported that he had been made aware of the tragic loss of young lad in the village. Cllr Ward had been involved in a project with Joseph Whitaker and the Boxing Club to help and educate older children. Surgery sessions to be held with the help of local professionals to help with public speaking, to motivate children and let them see the possibilities.

Flooding issues around the village, were brought up and Cllr Ward had met on site with VIA to discuss the issues.

Cllr Ward further confirmed that he was pushing for Grange Road to be resurfaced.

The bollards had now been installed on Main Street, and Cllr Ward would raise the issues of parking on pavements on Mansfield Road with highways.

Cllr Ward was greatly concerned regarding the weeds around the village he had requested that NSDC send him a planned schedule of works for weedkilling and grounds maintenance.

**38.4 Police Report**

No police report. The Clerk added that she had made contact with Nottinghamshire Police to see who the current contact is.

**38.5 Report from other Community Groups on matters relevant to the Blidworth Community**  
Cllr Duffy updated about the hygiene bank and food bank, promotional information to be circulated when received.

**25/39 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village** (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

Nothing to be addressed. Current issues still being looked into.

**25/40 Financial Matters**

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

40.1 Analysis of Payments – June 2025 (Appendix 3)

40.2 Analysis of Receipts – June 2025 (Appendix 4)

40.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (Appendix 5)

40.4 To authorise schedule of payments for July (Appendix 6) and to agree to authorize the August payments retrospectively

The Vice-Chair checked the bank reconciliation figures with the bank statements, and signed each bank statement.

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 40.1 – 40.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments for July (40.4) for £6031.05.

It was **resolved** to make the August payments as necessary and to approve them retrospectively at the September meeting.

40.5 To agree – internet banking for NatWest Account and change of address for Statements

It was **resolved** to set up internet banking for the NatWest account if possible and to correct/change the statement address.

**25/41**

### **Business**

41.1 To note – Parish Councillor vacancies and application received

The Clerk confirmed that no election had been called and that the Parish Council can now co-opt. It was agreed to advertise and potentially recruit at the Summer Gala.

The Clerk to advertise the 2 vacancies with a view to co-opting at the September meeting.

41.2 To agree – Parish Grant requests (Appendix 7)

It was **resolved** to not support the passion church at this time.

It was **resolved** to support and award £100 to Sams Work Place DofE scheme.

County Councillor R Ward also agreed to support this donation, and would also give money from his Divisional fund.

41.3 To discuss – Parish Council communication and Facebook

It was **resolved** for Cllr Sykes to look at enhancing the Parish Councils Facebook and socials.

41.4 To update - Play area, equipment and parking at Marriott Lane and grant funding.

The Clerk updated that she had arranged for Blidworth Oaks School to work with Councillors to share ideas of what they would like to see at Marriott Lane Park. When ideas are in place the Clerk can look at funding options.

It was **resolved** for the Clerk to look into this and bring suggestions and funding options back to a future meeting

41.5 To agree – purchase of new Office printer

It was **resolved** for the Clerk to purchase a new Office printer (same or of similar specification) up to a cost of £350.

41.6 To update - Christmas lights

The Clerk updated Councillors regarding the meeting held with AW Fencing (Contractor) and Councillors on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Several lamp posts have signs and are not usable. The Clerk had contacted NSDC regarding the 'Public Protection' orders that are 2 of the map posts to see if they can be removed. When information has been received from AW Ward the Clerk can apply for the licence from VIA.

41.7 To update – Access to a Water supply and available options.

There was no new update and the Clerk was awaiting a response regarding water costs.

**25/42**

### **Updates from working party leads:**

42.1 Events – Cllr Dear updated Councillors regarding the summer Gala which was underway. Councillor presence was required at the event to help.

42.2 Village Planting – all planting completed. To be relouted at in September.

42.3 Parks and Open Spaces – A meeting had been held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July and items identified on the Parks that the groundsman was now sorting out.

42.4 Finance – A meeting to be arranged to discuss the budget, and to look at the state of the finances.

## 25/43 Planning Applications

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Alterations to front boundary wall and drive to improve parking and access, and a proposed outbuilding to the rear.
<b>Site Address:</b>	Stonebank Main Street Blidworth NG21 0QL
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	25/00892/FUL

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Proposed Detached Garage With Room Over.
<b>Site Address:</b>	1 White Lion Yard Main Street Blidworth NG21 0QD
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	25/01080/HOUSE

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

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Application No	25/00517/LDCP
Date Registered	30 June 2025
Proposal	Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed siting of 6 mobile field shelters, a caravan ancillary to the lawful equestrian use of the site
Location	Plot 12 New Lane Blidworth
Applicant	Mr and Mrs Simon Reavley 40 Kirkington Road Rainsworth NG21 0JR
Q Code	7B Certificate of Lawful Development
Case Officer	Michael Read - Telephone 01636 655965
Application website	<a href="https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&amp;keyVal=STMFURLBLBL00">https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&amp;keyVal=STMFURLBLBL00</a>

It was **resolved** to respond stating:

Blidworth Parish Council object to this application. The Parish Council feel that there is a lack of knowledge of the access or the visual impact on site due to the size of the shelters and caravan. Furthermore, there is a lack of assurance on the environmental impact of the proposed structures on an area of Greenbelt.

## Planning Decisions

The following Planning decisions have been made (full details emailed out to Councillors):

**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>	24/01990/FUL
<b>Applicant:</b>	Mr John Smyth
<b>Agent:</b>	GraceMachin Planning & Property - Mr George Machin
<b>Proposal:</b>	Proposed erection of polytunnel, henhouse/run and the siting of a timber store/seasonal lambing shed (part retrospective)
<b>Site Address:</b>	Ling Farm Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 0NG

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

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

<b>Application for:</b>	Planning Permission
<b>Application No:</b>	24/02202/HOUSE
<b>Applicant:</b>	Mr Lewis
<b>Agent:</b>	Mr Steve Iberle
<b>Proposal:</b>	Demolition of single-storey side extension and outbuilding, Proposed single-storey extension to front, side and rear
<b>Site Address:</b>	Norwood Hill Farm New Lane Blidworth NG21 0PW

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

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)**  
**SECTION 192**  
**(as amended by Section 10 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991)**  
**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND)**  
**(ORDER) 2015 Article 39**  
**CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE OR DEVELOPMENT (PROPOSED)**

The lawful works:

**Application for lawful development certificate for proposed new replacement office facility, services plant room, vehicular crossing entrance (second access) and dropped kerb.**

SECOND SCHEDULE (the land)

The property/land known as:

**Desman Engineering Ltd Burma Road Blidworth NG21 0RT**

This Certificate relates to application reference: **25/00745/LDC**.

**25/44 To note – Correspondence received**

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

The Clerk updated Councillors regarding the consultation received from VIA (March 2025) regarding the reduction of the 18 tonne weight restriction to 7.5 tonne. This would be brought back to the Parish Council when relooked at by VIA.

**25/45 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
at Blidworth Library

It was **resolved** to call an extra ordinary meeting for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July to discuss 'Little Lane Allotments' and an ACV application.

**To note – The date and Place of the next Parish Council Surgery – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**Upcoming events** – Lectern Unveiling Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July – 10am

Summer Gala Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July - 10am

A 10 minute comfort break was held (8.56pm)

**25/46 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 at 9.30pm

Signed as a true record: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_