



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF BLIDWORTH  
PARISH COUNCIL  
Held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW  
on Thursday 18th 2024 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: E Litchfield (Chair), K Marlow, K Hickenbottom, C Williams, C Walsh,  
T Smith, W Bates, H Catling, T Duffy, G. Fisher

Apologies: C Dear  
Clerk: Darryl Flinders (Locum)  
Members of the Public: 4

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

**The Chair asked if anyone was recording the meeting to make themselves known.**

The Locum Clerk recorded the meeting for accuracy of minute taking. It was noted that everyone else present did not make themselves known.

**24/34 To receive – Declarations of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda.**

None declared

**24/35 To receive – Apologies for absence**

None

**24/36 To determine – Which items of the agenda, if any, should be taken with the public excluded. In accordance with Public Bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960 section 1(2). If the Council decides to exclude the public the item will be moved to 24/47 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.**

It was **resolved** that HR Update regarding staffing matters would be moved to public exclusion (24/47) as it is of a confidential nature

**24/37 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and the HR and Employment Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 2024.**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

It was further **resolved** to accept the minutes of the HR and Employment Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 2024 was a true and accurate record.

**24/38 To note – Updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the agenda (no decisions can be taken) and to update on the Actions and Decisions log.**

No matters arising and no updates on the Actions and Decisions log.

**24/39 To receive representations (no more than 5 minutes)**

**1- Public Participation**

**MOP** - Raised concerns regarding the trail adjacent to the Church of St Mary. The area is overgrown. **It was stated** by The Chair that the parish council have already reported this to NSDC and The Church Council and as yet no response has yet been received from NSDC.

**MOP** -Asking for clarity on the ruling on the use of gazebos, tents and any potential trip hazards.**It was stated** by The Chair that liability would need to be confirmed.

**2- Reports from District and County Councillors**

**Cllr Smith (District & County Cllr)** confirmed that the old Catholic Church is still registered as a Faith Building

He stated that 30 For a reason signs will be in place / Trees on Mansfield Road would be trimmed back on the residents side / £500 Payments from the funding pot have been made to both the cricket club and the church / Planters update Via objections.

Footpath (meadows) development overgrown. It was stated that the closed footpath should re-open in August.

Tenant and Property Inspector help available from 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Letters will b e sent out with more information by NSDC.

**3- Police Report**

No officer present.

**24/40 To Discuss/Update on Highway issues in the Village**

None

**24/41 Financial Matter – To receive and approve accounts and financial information**

1- Analysis of payments – June 2024

2- Analysis of receipts – June 2024

3- Bank reconciliation statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

4- To authorise schedule of payments for July 2024 and agree to authorise August payments retrospectively at the September meeting.

It was **resolved** that all financial matters as presented above have been checked for accuracy, agreed and authorised by the council.

**24/42 Business**

**1- To update – Village trail & information lectern** - The lectern has been ordered for installation at The Library in September

**2 - To note** Via agreement for grass cutting – No update Refer to Sept. meeting

**3 - To agree** Cllr Dear to join HR & Employment Committee - **Resolved** to join

**4 –To agree** Terms of reference for HR & Employment Committee – Deferred to Sept.

**5 - To agree** Offer of painting by resident and areas identified – Deferred to Sept.

**6 –To agree** Cllr Lichfield to attend Chair training with NALC costing £45 – **Resolved**

**7- To agree** Attendance at NALC AGM and appoint a voting rep.- **Resolved Theresa**

**8- To agree** Cutting back of overhanging trees on Sherwood Park – **Completed**

**9- To agree** – Purchase of equipment to ensure safety measures for staff –

**Resolved** budget up to £800

**Chair suspended Standing Orders calling a 15 minute break as a result of Councillor disruption.**

**Meeting restarted at 8:05pm**

**10 –To agree** Dog waste bin to be situated Nr New Lane Development-**Deferred to Sept.**

**11- To agree** Delegated power to Chair/Vice Chair & Clerk to organise village upkeep & maintenance -**Resolved power**

**24/43 Updates from working party leads**

- 1- **Comms/Marketing/Events** – Update received. The Gala had been a success
- 2- **Village planting** – Update received, plants are to be supplied by T Smith
- 3- **Parks & Open Spaces** – No update
- 4- **Finance** – No update

**24/44 Planning Applications**

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Dropped kerb
<b>Site Address:</b>	22 Main Street, Blidworth NG21 0PZ

<b>Proposal:</b>	Proposed detached garage
<b>Site Address:</b>	7 Hillside Road, Blidworth NG21 0TR
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	24/01067/HOUSE

**It was resolved to respond stating ‘no objections’ to both of the above applications**

**24/45 To note** – Correspondence received  
Noted

**24/46 To note** – The date of the next Parish Council meeting is 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and an upcoming Councillor Surgery session on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
**Agreed**

**24/47 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.*

**HR update on Staff working arrangements**  
This was discussed, but no resolutions made

Meeting closed at 9.15pm