



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 19th June 2025 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: C Walsh (Chair), C Dear (Vice Chair), T Duffy, A Sykes, J Harvey
W Bates, Cllr Marlow (part of meeting)

Apologies: E Litchfield, K Marlow, T Smith

Clerk: C Brettell

Members of the Public: 3 inc. County Cllr R Ward

Abbreviations: NCC – Nottinghamshire County Council

NSDC – Newark and Sherwood District Council

The Chair asked if anyone was recording the meeting to make themselves known.
It was noted that no one was recording.

Action by

25/19 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda

None

25/20 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Litchfield, Cllr Smith and Cllr Marlow. It was also noted that a resignation had been received from G Fisher.

25/21 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 25/32 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.

None

25/22 To receive and approve – Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2025 (Appendix 1)

The following amendment was made to add 'Vice' to 25/02 that had been omitted.

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th May 2025 be accepted as an accurate record. These were signed by the Chair.

25/23 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 worked through and updated.

25/24 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)

24.1 Public Participation

A resident commented about parking issues around the village, especially with parking on pavements along Mansfield road making visibility difficult for pedestrians and road users.

He expressed that the Village is looking well with the exception of various streets in the pit village which requires sweeping. Cllr Duffy advised them to ring NSDC and to request the road sweeper.

A resident commented on the work carried out at Sherwood Park with the planting of Laurels, which he thought had been costly. His request for netting had still not been addressed. Cllr Bates gave a response.

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

Although invited District Cllr Thompson was not in attendance. Cllr Smith had sent his apologies.

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

Cllr Ward reported that he had carried out a village walk-about in Rainworth and Blidworth. He had reported that urgent work was needed to the road surface on Grange Road, and the shrubs to be cut back on Dale Close and along Dale Lane.

Cllr Ward confirmed that the projects are still going ahead as put in place by the previous County Councillor including the work to Warsop Lane, and the bollards on Main Street. He is also looking at flooding issues and has noted the number of weeds present in Blidworth, which he has requested been looked at as a matter of urgency.

24.4 Police Report

No police report.

24.5 Report from other Community Groups on matters relevant to the Blidworth Community

Cllr Duffy advised that the hygiene bank was in operation for residents in the village. To be advertised on Facebook etc.

25/25 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.

25/26 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

26.1 Analysis of Payments – May 2025 (Appendix 3)

26.2 Analysis of Receipts – May 2025 (Appendix 4)

26.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st May 2025 (Appendix 5)

26.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for June (Appendix 6)

The 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 26.1 – 26.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments for June (26.4), with the addition of 2 payments – Go Motorwise £104.13 (Repair to mower) and NSDC £90 (Park Inspections)

25/27 Business

27.1 To discuss – Digital Heritage trail and information board and its unveiling on Saturday 19th July

The Clerk updated members with the arrangements for this event. Details to be advertised on Facebook. All Parish Councillors were encouraged to attend.

27.2 To discuss – Access to a Water supply and available options

The Clerk updated members that enquiries had been made with the library and allotments and that options would be brought back to a future meeting.

27.3 To update - Meeting with Estates at NSDC regarding the Parish Workshop

Cllr Bates updated members that a meeting had been held with the Estates team to discuss the Parish Workshop. It was resolved to give delegated authority to the Parks and Open Spaces working party to explore this further and to put together an initial proposal.

27.4 To agree – attendance at NALC AGM – 15th October and to agree voting rights if Applicable

Cllr Dear, Cllr Duffy and Cllr Harvey expressed an interest to attend.

It was **resolved** to give voting rights to Cllr Dear on behalf of the Parish Council.

27.5 To discuss – repairs to flood lights at Sherwood Park

The Clerk updated members that an issue had been raised by a resident earlier this year.

The Clerk had requested that an electrician make a site visit to see what is required and to provide a quotation.

Clerk

27.6 To agree – repairs to play equipment as thought necessary

The Clerk had circulated the park inspections to Parish Councillors. It was agreed for the Working party to look into this and provide solutions moving forward.

Clerk/Cllr Bates

27.7 To agree – preliminary suggestions to look at a new Play area, equipment and parking at Marriott Lane and grant funding.

The Chair updated members regarding having a project ready to go if funds are available.

Cllrs to engage with residents, park users and Blidworth Oaks School for an initial consultation.

Councillors

27.8 To update – provision for emails and Website

The Chair updated members that he had attended a Webinar regarding the change over to .gov. Financial implications mean that this would be a priority next year. A current estimate is around £100 per year.

Cllr Walsh

27.9 To discuss - Use of mower to cut school playing field

The Chair updated members of the request from C Williams for the Parish Council to cut the school playing field (adjacent to Sherwood Park) or to borrow the Mower for this purpose.

It was **resolved** that with the current workload the Parish Council were unable to carry out this work or to loan the mower, at present.

27.10 To discuss – First Aid training Event and possible rearranging

It was **resolved** to cancel this event.

27.11 To agree – Sexual and General Harassment Policy

It was **resolved** to agree and adopt the Sexual and General Harassment Policy.

25/28 Updates from working party leads:

- 28.1 Events – Cllr Dear updated Councillors regarding the summer Gala which was underway
- 28.2 Village Planting – Cllr Dear updated Councillors the summer planting is now in full bloom
- 28.3 Parks and Open Spaces – Cllr Bates to arrange a meeting.
- 28.4 Finance – A meeting to be arranged to discuss the budget.

25/29 Planning Applications

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

Proposal:	Proposed Development of Nine detached dwellings along with associated Garages, Access Road and Landscaping.
Site Address:	Land To The North Of 14 Cottage Close Blidworth NG21 0QE
Planning Application Ref:	25/00785/FUL

It was resolved to respond stating:

Blidworth Parish Council strongly object to this application. The access to the site is both dangerous and inappropriate. Within the Blidworth conservation area, the Parish Council also feel that the proposed development is not in fitting with the character of the village and is further 'Over development' on greenfield space.

It was further **resolved** to ask District Councillors T Smith and T Thompson to ask for this application to be 'called in'. The Clerk to email both District Councillors and request this.

Clerk/District Councillors

It was **resolved** to add the following planning application to the agenda:

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Application No	25/00596/FUL
Date Registered	3 June 2025
Proposal	Agricultural storage building.
Location	Field Reference Number 7909 New Lane Blidworth
Applicant	Mr David And Mrs Linda Tasker 3 Cedar Grove Broadmeadows South Normanton Alfreton DE55 3BP
Q Code	Q18 All Other Minor Developments
Case Officer	Howard Cheng - Telephone 01636 655316
Application website	https://publicaccess.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SU5716LB04M00

8.25pm Cllr Marlow entered the meeting

It was resolved to respond stating:

Blidworth Parish object to this application. The Parish Council feel that there is a lack of information regarding this application, with little knowledge of the access or the visual impact on site due to the size of the building. There is also a lack of assurance on the environmental impact of the building, especially with this being in an area of Greenbelt.

The Parish Council would like it noting that they were not notified directly of this application and feel that residents may also not have received the relevant information.

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)

Application for:	Planning Permission
Application No:	25/00485/HOUSE
Applicant:	Karolina Bukowy
Agent:	SARBA LTD Artur Szymonik
Proposal:	Demolish existing conservatory and erect single storey rear extension
Site Address:	43 Robin Hood Road Blidworth NG21 0ST

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

Application for:	Full Planning Permission
Application No:	25/00050/FUL
Applicant:	Sanctuary Health Partners Ltd - Mr Younas
Agent:	Mckenzie Tilson - Mr Alasdair Tilson
Proposal:	Proposed single storey extension
Site Address:	Haywood Oaks Nursing Home Kirby Close Blidworth NG21 0TT

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,

The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012

Proposal:	Unsure of specific name of tree - does produce blossom. The works we are wanting to carry out is to cut the overhanging branches that are encroaching over our property due to it leaning significantly on the fence and by doing this we are reducing any further damage.
Site Address:	Red Lion Lodge Field Lane Blidworth NG21 0QQ
Applicant:	Miss Chrissy Harvey
Application Ref:	25/00756/TWCA

Thank you for your application received on 7 May 2025. We have checked the details submitted and can confirm the proposed tree works do not require consent from the Local Authority.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)
SECTION 191 (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 (EXISTING)

The lawful works:

Lawful Development Certificate to demonstrate that 05/01649/FUL remains extant

SECOND SCHEDULE (the land)

The property/land known as

Cottage Farm Cross Lane Blidworth NG21 0LT

This Certificate relates to application 25/00619/LDCP.

All noted

25/30 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

The Clerk advised Councillors to keep the storage of emails down, as some were exceeding the limit.

25/31 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 17th July 2025 at Blidworth Library

To note – The date and Place of the next Parish Council Surgery – Saturday 28th June.
The location to be outside the Fish Net/Post Office to talk to residents from 10am.

A 10 minute comfort break was held

25/32 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 8.58pm

Signed as a true record: _____ Date: _____