



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 20th November 2025 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: C Dear (Vice Chair), T Duffy, E Litchfield,
K Marlow, J Harvey, A Devine, A Sykes, W Bates

Apologies: None

Clerk: Not in attendance due to illness. Notes taken by Cllr Harvey and typed up
by Clerk

Members of the Public: 2

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

Action by

25/83 To Elect a Chair and if necessary, a Vice Chair

A confidential ballot took place and as a split vote was recorded, a Chair was not elected. It was agreed for Cllr Dear as Vice Chair to chair the meeting. The election of a Chair was deferred to the January meeting.

It was agreed that in the absence of the Clerk, Cllr Dear would record the meeting to assist with the note taking. This would be deleted on completion of the minutes by the Clerk.

25/84 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 26/97.2

25/85 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

None

It was also noted that Cllr Walsh had submitted his resignation.

25/86 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 25/97 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.

None

**25/87 To receive and approve –
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th October 2025 (Appendix 1)
Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th November 2025
(emailed out 18th November)**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th October 2025, and the minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 13th November be accepted as a true and accurate record.

25/88 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.
It was **resolved** to move this to the next Parish Council meeting

25/89 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)

89.1 Public Participation

A resident enquired again about moving the noticeboard to a more prominent place in the village. Cllr Duffy highlighted some of the issues in doing this, with planning permission and land ownership needing to be considered.

The Parish Council to consider the options, and bring back to a future meeting.

Clerk

89.2 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.

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

Cllr Ward not in attendance.

89.4 Police Report

The Police were not in attendance, but the Clerk had circulated the report – reports of E bikes, fires in the woods and reports of drones over farmland.

89.5 Report from other Community Groups on matters relevant to the Blidworth Community
Cllr Duffy reported that there is an increase in numbers attending the Southwell Food hub.

25/90 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

The lights on Sherwood Park at the MUGA had been reported not working. Who do residents report this to?

Clerk

25/91 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

91.1 Analysis of Payments – October 2025 (Appendix 3)

91.2 Analysis of Receipts – October 2025 (Appendix 4)

91.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st October 2025 (Appendix 5)

91.4 To authorise - schedule of payments for November (Appendix 6)

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 91.1 – 91.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments for November (91.4) for £7853.85.

91.5 To remove C Walsh as authorised signatory on both Unity Trust and NatWest bank Accounts

It was **resolved** to remove C Walsh as authorised signatory on both Unity Trust and NatWest bank Accounts

91.6 To add signatories to both Unity Trust and NatWest bank accounts

It was **resolved** to add Cllr A Sykes as a signatories to the Unity Trust and NatWest bank accounts and Cllr Marlow to the NatWest account.

25/92 Business

92.1 To agree – Parish Council communication and Facebook and social media

It was **resolved** for Cllr Sykes and Cllr Devine to be administrators for Parish Council communication, Facebook and social media.

92.2 To agree – New Councillor Training with NALC at a cost of £45 for Cllr Devine
It was **resolved** for Cllr Devine to attend the New Councillor training at a cost of £45.

92.3 To agree – application for a memorial bench with plaque and the planting of an Oak Tree in Sherwood Park

It was **resolved** to decline the request for a memorial bench with plaque and the planting of an Oak Tree in Sherwood Park. The Clerk to write back to explain that the Parish Council must remain fair and it would set a precedent for other residents wanting a bench and plaque.

Clerk

92.4 To update - Christmas lights

It was agreed for Parish Councillors to have a walk around and look at the Christmas lights on Saturday afternoon following the Christmas event.

92.5 To agree – Additional bonfires in September/October at the Dale Lane Allotment site
The current allotment agreement has provision for two annual bonfires. These are permitted in the months of April and November.

It was **resolved** to allow the Forest Folk Allotments to hold an additional bonfire in September/October – subject to the same terms and conditions.

92.6 To update – ‘Heart of Blidworth’ proposals and ‘Sherwood Forest Day’
Cllrs Litchfield, Marlow and Dear had attended the ‘Moot’ day. Michelle Walsh (MP for Sherwood) would provide a sign for Blidworth.

92.7 To agree – Servicing of Toro Mower and hedge cutters including blade sharpening

It was **resolved** to proceed with the servicing and blade sharpening at a cost of no more than £1500.

92.8 To agree – work to ‘Indian Bean’ tree at the Blidworth War Memorial, following approval of Planning Application submitted

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

92.9 To agree – Section 106 working group and to discuss possible proposals to be sent to Newark and Sherwood District Council

It was **resolved** to send the proposals to NSDC for initial feasibility.

92.10 To agree – action regarding overgrown tree from property on Saville Road on to the Dale Lane Allotment site

It was **resolved** to pursue this matter.

92.11 To agree - Committee for legal matters and terms of reference

It was **resolved** to set up the Legal Matters committee with the terms of reference as provided and circulated by the Clerk. Members of the committee are Cllrs Bates, Litchfield and Devine

92.12 To agree – Events for 2026

The following events were agreed:

21st February 2026– Sherwood Forest Day

19th July 2026 – Summer Gala, to be held at Blidworth Welfare

21st November 2026 – Christmas Event

25/93 Updates from working party leads:

93.1 Events – Christmas event on Saturday 22nd

93.2 Village Planting – Wild seeding for 2026

93.3 Parks and Open Spaces – No update

93.4 Finance – meeting to be arranged to discuss budget

25/94 Planning Applications

To receive, and where appropriate comment on the following applications, including any applications received since the agenda was published:

Proposal:	Proposed industrial units.
Site Address:	Land At Gilbert Way Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	25/00670/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating ‘no comments’ regarding this application.

Proposal:	Extension to workshop, ancillary lean-to store, staff mess facilities and associated canopies.
Site Address:	Desman Engineering Ltd Burma Road Blidworth NG21 0RT
Planning Application Ref:	25/01563/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating ‘no comments’ regarding this application.

Proposal:	Use of outbuilding as a beauty room
Site Address:	56 Haywood Oaks Lane Blidworth NG21 0UA
Planning Application Ref:	25/01751/HOUSE

It was **resolved** to respond stating ‘no comments’ regarding this application.

Planning Decisions

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

Application for tree works: Works to Trees Subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and/or Notification of Proposed Works to Trees in Conservation Areas (CA) Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Proposal: Indian Bean - reduce by no more than 2 metres, ensuring a balanced and aesthetic canopy
Site Address: Land On The Corner Of Surgery Lane Blidworth
Application Reference: 25/01769/TWCA

With reference to your recent notice of intent to carry out works to tree(s), I would advise you that District Council has no objection to your proposals.

Notification under Regulation 5 of The Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003 (as amended)

Proposal: Erect one 10m light wooden pole.
Site Address: Telecommunications Pole WP1
Oak Avenue
Blidworth
Applicant: Openreach
Application Reference: 25/01602/TELNOT

We acknowledge receipt of your notification of intention to install the above electronic communications apparatus which was registered on 12th September 2025. Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority does not wish to recommend any conditions in relation to the installation of the development in this instance.

Noted

- 25/95 To note – Correspondence received**
All relevant correspondence sent out via email
Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Nottinghamshire and Nottingham (emailed out to Parish Councillors 10th November 25)
Noted
- 25/96 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 15th January 2026**
at Blidworth Library

25/97 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 8.31pm

Signed as a true record: _____ Date: _____