



MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30p.m. on Thursday 19th April 2018 at
Blidworth Leisure Centre, Belle Vue Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0RD

Present: Councillors: Y Woodhead (Chair), J Middleton, K Cocker, W Bates (Senior),
J Cheesmond, J Bradbury, S Mottishaw, K Arnold, W Bates (Junior)

Clerk: C Brettell

In attendance: 6 members of the public present (inc. Sergeant Hurley and PCSO J Arins)

Action by

18/134 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda
Cllr's Arnold and Woodhead declared an interest in item 18/140 planning

In light of the current events regarding an exchange of emails, Cllr Cheesmond asked the Chair if this could be discussed at the end of the meeting. All were in agreement.

18/135 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs T and E Hurst

18/136 To receive and approve - Minutes of the meeting on 15th March 2018 (Appendix 1)
It was requested that the word 'closing' be changed to 'relocating' (18/132.3).
It was then **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

18/137 To note – Updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decisions can be made)
The Clerk updated members on the actions taken.
Cllr Cheesmond drew members attention to several points mentioned, including the Attendance assessment that he thought could have been handled differently, correspondence that had not gone through the Clerk and comments posted on Facebook by Council members that he felt should be handled by the Clerk and not by individual Councillors in order to protect the Parish Council.

18/138 To receive Representations
138.1 Police Sergeant Hurley
The Chair introduced Sergeant Hurley who talked through the issues raised by Councillors including speeding in the Village, crime incidents, parked cars, drugs and off road bikes on the recreational areas. He advised members and the public to report all such issues using the 101 crime number (this is anonymous) and if possible to include photographs of the incident. The Clerk to publicise this in the Sherwood Newsletter. **Clerk**
He also informed members that a new 'Beat Officer' would soon be available to cover Rainworth and Blidworth.

138.2 Public Participation
A parishioner discussed his concern that there was an erosion of margins on Blidworth Lane. It was apparent that two lorries were now having difficulty in passing and this

situation would worsen. There is also concern that water from the field on the corner of Blidworth Lane/Warsop Lane is draining onto the road causing issues when the weather is very wet. It was requested that the Clerk arrange a site visit with VIAem (Jo Horton/Mike Keeling) and Councillors that are able to attend. **Clerk**

As time was short the Chair asked the second parishioner her concerns and she presented the Clerk with correspondence regarding the War Memorial and her proposal for the upcoming centenary. The Chair requested the Clerk copy this correspondence to all members. **Clerk**

138.3 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners
Nothing to report

18/139 To receive – Clerks Report

139.1 Parishioner comments and issues in the Village

The Clerk updated members on items within the Village. The School in conjunction with Newark and Sherwood District Council had run a poster campaign - several winners had been chosen and prizes had been presented. The Dog Warden had produced some of the posters that can be displayed around the Village. The Clerk showed them to members. The handyman would be able to put these up around the Village over the upcoming weeks.

The tree work at Marriott Lane had been completed and the Clerk showed members photographs.

The Clerk gave details to members regarding the Flag Blessing for the Blidworth St Marys Guides to be held on the 22nd May.

139.2 External and Internal audit

The Internal Auditor was due to come in on Sunday 22nd April to carry out the Internal audit and the Clerk had provided information as requested. Details of the external audit had been received from PKF Littlejohn and the Clerk would be working on this over the upcoming weeks.

Clerk

139.3 Handyman and Contractor update

There had been a substantial amount of litter on all Parks over the Easter holiday.

The grounds Contractor had recommenced work in March. There were several issues raised regarding the small areas of grass frontages in the Village where, due to the wet weather and parked cars, they were churned up and looked messy and possibly needed reseeding. The Clerk to monitor this. **Clerk**

Cllrs Arnold and Woodhead declared an interest and left the room. Cllr Bates (Junior) chaired the meeting in Cllr Woodhead's absence

18/140 Planning Applications

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

140.1 18/00483/FUL - Proposed ancillary warehouse to existing warehouse
Burma House Burma Road Blidworth Nottinghamshire

It was **resolved** to respond with 'No objections to this application'. **Clerk**

140.2 18/00410/FUL - We will be installing 100kW of solar panels. The solar PV array covers an area of 48m x 30m; 4 arrays of 92. The proposed area shall be located at the southern boundary of one of the applicants fields. It is grade 3c land. Will be an extension of an existing 250kW array which was granted permission. 16/01048/FUL

Previous Ref: PP-05286239 - Haywood Oaks Farm Haywood Oaks Lane
Blidworth NG21 0PE

It was **resolved** to respond with 'No objections to this application'

Clerk

140.3 17/02273/FUL - Demolition of existing pair of semi-detached dwellings and the development of 1 x 3-bed dwelling, 1 x 2-bed dwelling, 2 x 1-bed flat and 1 x 3-bed bungalow - 1 And 3 Central Avenue And Land To The Rear Blidworth Nottinghamshire NG21 0SH (Amended Application)

It was **resolved** to respond with 'No objections to this application subject to comments from Neighbours'.

Clerk

140.4 18/00605/FUL- Change of use from a Swimming pool to a dwelling – Copt Hill Farmhouse, Ricket Lane, Blidworth, Nottinghamshire

It was **resolved** to respond with 'No objections to this application subject to Statutory Regulations'.

Clerk

140.5 18/00478/LDC - Application for Certificate of Lawful Development for conversion of redundant farm building to private dwelling house including alteration of fenestration and removal of existing canopy; replacement of roof covering with clay pantiles; replacement of steel windows with double glazed UPVC units and form new openings - Archers Water Farm Blidworth Lane Blidworth Nottinghamshire

It was **resolved** to respond with 'No objections to this application subject to Statutory Regulations'.

Clerk

The following Application has gone to appeal and requires comment:

140.6 17/01637/FUL - Former White Lion Public House Main Street Blidworth Nottinghamshire NG21 0QD - Proposed two-bedroom dwelling with integral single garage. - Appeal reference: APP/B3030/W/17/3192445

The Clerk read out the Parish's response to the original planning Application.

It was **resolved** that no further comments would be added.

Cllrs Arnold and Woodhead returned to the room

18/141 Business

141.1 To Discuss – Highways, Road Safety and Footpath issues

It was agreed to arrange a site visit with Jo Horton/Mike Keeling to discuss issues raised including responsibilities for Winter gritting and the hedge responsibility at Tipings Wood. Cllr Cheesmond offered to re-instate the bench outside Busy Bee's further to last months meeting. It was agreed not to go back on the decision previously made for Notts County Council to remove it.

141.2 To Approve – Financial Regulations as agreed/discussed by working party

The working party had met on the 3rd April to discuss, 3 small amendments had been made to the Regulations which the Clerk read through.

It was **resolved** to approve the Financial Regulations

141.4 To Amend – Standing Orders

This item was not discussed.

141.5 To Discuss – Approach to GDPR

The Clerk discussed with members the Toolkit provided by NALC which she was working through. Although many items had been put in place, there is still a large amount of work involved and the Clerk asked if she could have assistance in moving this work forward.

It was **resolved** that Cllr Bates (Junior) would assist.

141.6 To Agree – Quotations for summer planting

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The Clerk had emailed out full details of the options available and provided members with a hard copy. This detailed a full list of the summer planting required, the four quotations requested and options for watering.

It was **resolved** that David Wilson carry out the planting and watering as per his quotation.

141.7 To Discuss – Plastic/litter issues in Tippings Wood

It was **resolved** to defer this item until the next meeting.

141.8 To Agree - Dates for Summer Fair and Christmas Light Switch on Event 2018

It was agreed that the Clerk liaise with the Blidworth Welfare to arrange the dates and inform members accordingly. **Clerk**

141.9 Sickness absence

The Chair discussed this item in regard to Councillors. It was agreed that a procedure should be put in place to remind members when they have been absent.

18/142 Financial Matters (yellow Papers)

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

142.1 Analysis of Expenditure – March 2018 (Appendix 2)

142.2 Analysis of Income – March 2018 (Appendix 2)

142.3 Bank reconciliation Statement as at 31st March 2018 (Appendix 3)

142.4 Year end balances (Appendix 4)

142.5 To authorise schedule of Payments for April 2018 (Appendix 5)

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 142.1 – 142.5

18/143 To note – Correspondence received

All other relevant correspondence/email circulars have been emailed directly to Councillors

The meeting closed at 9:30pm

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