

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT 7.40PM ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2012 AT BLIDWORTH  
COMMUNITY LEISURE CENTRE .**

**PRESENT**

P Brooks - Chair  
P Merry – Vice Chair  
Mrs L Chadwick  
Mrs C Dabbs  
Mrs H Dennis  
J Durkin  
B Evans  
A Fell  
M Gammon  
Mrs S Harvey  
G Merry  
G Stocks ( Clerk)

**Also present were :- J Rea , D Welling & Mrs Welling , D Harvey , T Dennis & J Allen .**

**Chair welcomed everyone , & asked if all mobile phones / Tape Recorders could be switched off .**

**Chair reminded Members about Standards & Code of Conduct & to state if they have any conflicts of interest in any Council business on the Agenda .**

**1 . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None .**

**2 . Declarations of Interest Re any Items on the Agenda – Cllr B Evans Re Land Allocation.**

**3. MINUTES AND STATUTORY BUSINESS**

**3.1 To agree Minutes of Parish AGM 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 – subject to the following amendments**  
Item 3 - Cllr Mrs H Dennis re Appointment of Representatives – **Agreed to defer this matter to next meeting**

Item 8.1 - Cllr Mrs Chadwick Re length of proposed lease – **Cllr G Merry stated it is for 30 years , but is flexible .**

**It was Agreed Cllr G Merry set up a Working Party with him as Chair.**

Cllr H Dennis Proposed that prior to applying for Planning Permission we should consult the Community .

Item 8.5 – **Cllr Mrs H Dennis Proposed that – the Allotment Holders & the Community should be consulted prior to applying for Planning Permission .**

Item 9.1 – Cllr Mrs H Dennis stated there was no vote taken to approve the Accounts – **Agreed to re-present the April Schedule of Accounts at next Meeting .**

It was Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held 17 May 2012 be agreed - **9 Members Agreed & 2 Abstained .**

**3.3 Parish Clerk's Update on Actions Taken –**

**Item 8.4 Bloom Judging Day is Mon 9 July 2012 from 2pm ( usually 2 hours max )**

**Item 8.11 Street Lighting - our response sent & is being considered .**

**Item 8.12 – NSDC Grant Claim Form to go in tomorrow .**

**Item 8.13 – Comment Cards – Cllr Mrs SH – need the domain name .**

**Item 8.16 – we have entered Best Kept Village Competition**

#### **4 . FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS**

**4.1** The Schedule of Accounts Net Total £5,030.74 as per Cash Book for March 2012 was **Agreed Ex Cllrs Mrs H Dennis & B Evans who Abstained .**

**4.2** Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012- **Noted**

**4.3 DRAFT 2011/12 Final Accounts** – Clerk explained the workings of these spreadsheets , which are a summary of the monthly cash book reports . The monthly figures are transferred to the Bank Rec. spreadsheet for reconciliation . The various analyses assist in the breakdown of Income & Expenditure .

**7.55pm Standing Orders were suspended .**

**5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD – Chair stated that due to large Agenda he would allow 5 minutes only .**

W Richards asked Re Item 8.5 at Meeting 17 May 2012 whether Outline Planning Permission has been applied for – Chair told him it has not been done yet .

WR also complained suggesting that the recent two year renewal of Lease between BPC & Dale Lane Allots Assoc. was not witnessed .

Mr David Welling then addressed Members regarding planning issues & has taken residents views about same . He stated that the whole community feel strongly and are angry . What surprised him was that BPC were fully aware of the situation prior to the start of consultation @ the Meeting held at Meth . Church Hall , & he cannot understand why BPC wish to go against the feelings of the village . He stated that certain Members chose not to share that information with the wider community & go against the public opinion of the village , & sell the Dale Lane Allots. Site now , as no-one has asked the residents opinion on this matter . If the argument was so overwhelming for new building in Blidworth , why did no-one from BPC give a counter argument . He stated that most of the objections to the NSDC Proposals came from Blidworth . He claimed BPC Members just shrugged their shoulders & implying it's going to happen anyway .

Why have BPC not represented the feelings of the majority of the village . No-one has gone out from BPC to find out from the village what they want . No-one has had the nerve to stand up & put up a counter argument in favour .

He went on to state that BPC should be representing the views of residents & are not doing so . BPC will not be thanked by the village for sanctioning these proposed buildings as todays badly thought out affordable housing is potentially tomorrows slums , which could potentially ruin the village .

**8.pm - Standing Orders were re-instated .**

Mr Rea asked Chair if he would be allowed to continue – Chair refused as we have a large Agenda . Members then agreed he could speak for 1 minute.

**8.02pm Chair suspended Standing Orders for a further 1 minute for Mr Rea**

Mr Rea thanked Chair & congratulated BPC on the recent Village Jubilee Event , which was excellent & a great credit to the village .

He stated that 150 people attended their stall . Of these ,143 were against proposed new build , 101 were angry , 42 were sad , no-one was happy with it . We are not a fringe group . He challenged anyone about the numbers of people in favour of same .

**Chair advised the 1 minute was up .**

**After a brief discussion it was agreed to allow a further 5 minutes .**

J Rea then stated that Cllr G Merry was in favour of saving the Green Belt , how will he vote now ?

Cllr GM replied that he has done as much as he can now . He has been involved in saving Butler Drive , but in his opinion there is no chance of saving the Dale Lane & The Meadows sites . He went on to advise that if the reports are read , if NSDC do not achieve their required numbers , when the final reports go to central gov't. they will make any decisions .

He then commented that there are people in Blidworth who do want new dwellings built .

Mr D Welling stated that BPC are required to work for the village and are not doing so . Also , where is your mandate for taking your decision

Chair reminded him that there are approx 5,000 residents in Blidworth .

Cllr S Harvey then stated that when the Allocation Documents first came out ,she spent approx 2 months work collecting information seeking out discrepancies Re Traffic Surveys etc & several hours compiling our response . There was never any surrender of Allotment Sites unless NSDC considered deducting them from our allowance .

Cllr J Durkin then asked J Rea where his group would like to see the 189 dwellings built ?

JR responded saying he is an interested resident , not a group . We should be sitting down & discussing this .

Cllr A Fell then asked Mr Rea if he thought he could forge a working relationship with BPC – JR Agreed .

Cllr B Evans commented that we have had discussions Re the Dale Lane Allot . Site for almost 2 years now – no-one loses , everyone benefits .

Chair reminded all that the SHLAA Report was completed by all BPC Members & our objections raised were sent by Cllr L Chadwick , our Chair at the time .

J Rea then asked how are we going to continue . Chair replied – By the legal process .

It was then Agreed that a further Public Meeting be arranged as soon as possible .

## **6 PLANNING**

**To Agree Planning Volunteers for next month – Agreed Cllrs P Brooks , J Durkin & M Gammon be appointed for Meeting 19 July 2012 .**

**Cllr G Merry advised that he will take part in discussions but not vote on any of the following matters**

**6.1** Planning Application : Application Number : 12/00746FUL : Location : 11 Abbey Road : Proposal : erection of detached garage - **AGREED**

**6.2 .** Planning Application : Application Number : 12/00743/FUL : Location : Sherwood Forest Community Church , Main Street : Proposal : single storey side extension – **AGREED** .

**6.3 . FOR COMMENTS ONLY** - Planning Application : Application Number : 12/00716/FUL : Location : Combs Farm , Combs Lane , Farnsfield : Proposal : single wind turbine up to 67m in height to blade tip & transformer kiosk Two storey extensions Etc –

(amendment to Planning Consent 11/01156/FUL ) – **AGREED subject to there being no more wind turbines in this locality .**

## **7 . County Councillor / District Councillors – Blidworth Parish Business**

Firstly Cllr G Merry commented on his response to the recent letter circulated throughout the village accusing him of not only selling the Dale Lane Allotment Site but also proposing to have a road built across Sherwood Avenue P.F. to the proposed QE3 Development . These are ridiculous accusations by people who should know better . All sorts of accusations are doing the rounds such as the Compulsory Purpose Notice that was fixed at Dale Lane Allot. Site earlier in the week , which is a legal notice from NSDC which will be put on all sites NSDC have proposed for development .

He went on to mention further accusations regarding the proposed QE3 Development .

Cllr G Merry advised that the Planning Application for this went in last week at a cost of £837.50 ( of which £750 has been billed to Cllr C Warren , NCC ) ; & the balance will come from his NCC Members Fund .

He stated that permission could take up to 8 weeks or so , & then , if granted , work can begin on how a management Committee can be set up & funds for the whole project can be found .

## **8 GENERAL PARISH AFFAIRS**

**Chair then intervened & asked if Item 8.6 could be discussed at this time – Agreed**

**8.6 Update Re Diamond Jubilee Event 5 June 2012** – Chair stated at this opportune moment , that on behalf of BPC he wished to present Lucy Chadwick with a beautiful table decoration to thank her , from all the Council , for the tremendous work she did on managing this fantastic village event , which attracted an estimated 1,500 people , with no problems & we believe , well under budget .

Cllr Mrs LC thanked everyone for all the teamwork involved in this , & stating also , hats off to the village , with all the groups involved . We have had lots of comments & feedback – such as it should be done every year . LC agreed , saying that with the tremendous help we received from such as , The Welfare , Community Church & BCA for supporting us financially , & suggested that we write asking if the organisation of some events could be shared by them all

Cllr B Evans agreed , saying he spoke to several stall holders & everyone was delighted .

**Agreed we Agenda item for next month .**

**8.1 Neighbourhood Watch** – Chair suggested that we do not renew our involvement with Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Watch Assoc . but could use the new Police Alert System where emails are sent to persons agreeing to same , who can then forward them on to friends etc on

another street , so that word can get round a village very quickly , and is free & right up to date , not telling you of a crime that happened say 3 to 4 weeks ago . He offered to forward emails if requested .

Cllr G Merry stated that we have not had the required effectiveness for several years , just a few reports .

**Cllr J Durkin Proposed & Chair Seconded & it was Unanimously Agreed that we turn down Membership of Bassetlaw NW Scheme , do not pay their Account & enrol for Police Alert Scheme , & put details in FOCUS magazine .**

**8.2 Highways / Footpaths** – Cllr Mrs S Harvey expressed her disappointment at the NCC LIS Grant Application for the proposed new footpath from Blidworth to Ravenshead being turned down .

**Cllr Mrs L Chadwick Proposed & Chair Seconded , & it was Unanimously Agreed that a letter be sent to the landowner of the corner field on Fishpool Road , ( which is for sale ) , expressing an Interest in a portion of field nearest the road , to allow a wider footpath , which could give the opportunity for this proposed footpath to be done , with appropriate funding .**

Cllr H Dennis stated that the Drain opposite Black Bull on Main St / Marriott Lane junction is still blocked – **Clerk to notify NCC .**

Also , FP alongside Marklew Close needs clearing – **Clerk to arrange .**

### **8.3 Allocations & Dev Management Dev Plan Re Add'l Sites – Noted**

Cllr Mrs S Harvey was annoyed that we have had no response from NSDC , after we asked to be informed who was going to do the surveys , & can we send our comments with a covering letter to the Secretary of State , concerning all the information that was sent to them was sent by NSDC . The Inspectorate was expecting the information sent to them to be accurate .

**Cllr Mrs Harvey then Proposed & Cllr Mrs L Chadwick Seconded that we send a copy of our comments to Sec of State that were sent to NSDC , with a covering letter outlining our thoughts Re New Lane issues / Traffic Surveys & letters to NSDC requesting information that was ignored , to bring to their attention our feelings have been ignored – Agreed 8 – 2 Abstained-(Cllrs LC & HD ) . Suggested Cllr SH meet with Clerk to formulate this letter .**

Various comments were then made such as :-

NSDC are not listening to us .

Proposed housing in Rainworth are nearer to Blidworth Shops than some proposals in Blidworth .

All NSDC Cllrs voted on Allocations , but several of them have no proposed sites in their villages .

Some Green Belt Areas seem to be targeted as disposable Green Belt .

Appleton Road Allot. Site only has 4 years left on its Lease with NCHA .

Concerned that NSDC have now changed Dale Lane Allot . Site is not now Green Belt Land .

Are Save Blidworth Campaign Members aware of all the problems we have had with NSDC .

Cllr B Evans commented eventually its all about money . If we have to use Green Belt Land , make sure it is used wisely for the benefit of all the village , we need to grow .

Cllr JD is concerned that change of land use @ rear of Oak Avenue now contains several sheds etc which are under investigation .

Cllr P Merry mentioned the new site @ Rainworth , adj his property , is nearer to Blidworth Shops than Rainworth Shops , which has been mentioned before to NSDC & ignored . He went on to say that BPC have done a tremendous amount of work on this Land Allocation issue .

It was then suggested we arrange a date for another Public Meeting before submitting our comments to NSDC prior to 30 July 2012 .

**8.4 Update Re Blidworth in Bloom** – Clerk advised that our Judging Day is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012 @ 2pm & should last 2 hours .Cllr Mrs C Dabbs advised that all planting has been done that was agreed . During next two weeks prior to judging , Julian & Ben will be doing lots of mowing & strimming , Cllr G Merry is to organise a last minute NSDC litter pick & road sweeping blitz .Cllr B Evans advised help is needed for regular watering of flower boxes at village entry signs - Several members volunteered .

**8.5 BPC Website** – Chair & Cllr Mrs L Chadwick advised that they had perused 3 PC Websites – Trowell , Pillerton Priors & Ravenshead . Both agreed the Ravenshead PC Website was the best , with an approx cost of £650 . **Chair Proposed & Cllr B Evans Seconded , & it was Unanimously Agreed we purchase same .**

**8.6 Update Re Diamond Jubilee Event 5 June 2012 – SEE PAGE 4**

**8.7 Internal Audit Report for Y/E 31 March 2012 – Noted -** Clerk advised the Report is available to see in Parish Office .

**8.8 Update Re Village Garden Competition** – Judging to take place on , or around 29<sup>th</sup> June

**8.16 Update Re Suggestion Forms – Agreed Cllr S Harvey to meet with Clerk .**

**8.17 Update Re Lectern @ Rockings-** Chair advised the unveiling ceremony will be Tuesday 3 July 2012 . Hazel Robinson will conduct the ceremony & the creator of the cradle Morris Reddington will also attend .

**8.19 Grant Application from Ollerton & Dist. C.A.B. –** Members stated we are getting a better service from Churches United – **Chair Proposed & Cllr J Durkin Seconded & it was Unanimously Agreed we reject this service from Ollerton & Dist CAB .**

**8.20 Ollerton & Dist. C.A.B. – Closure of Outreach Service - Noted .**

**8.21 NCC Re LIS Scheme – Footpath from Blidworth to Ravenshead - Noted**

**8.22 To elect a BPC Delegate to BCA Committee – Chair Proposed & Cllr P Merry Seconded & it was Unanimously Agreed Cllr Mrs S Harvey be our delegate .**

**8.23 Proposed Annual Fair / Fete – Agreed defer to next Meeting .**

**8.24 Banners from Pit Wheels o/s BCC . – Cllr B Evans spoke with Suzanne , Centre Manager , Re our concerns Re the large banner hanging over the pit wheels which is disrespectful – AC Agreed to take it down whilst Bloom Judging is taking place . Cllr J Durkin Proposed & Cllr Mrs C Dabbs Seconded that as the wheels are a Community Asset not NSDC's we should ask them to remove this banner from this site .**

**8.25 Tenders Re Floodlights @ Skatepark – As tenders were so close Cllr Mrs L Chadwick asked Clerk if he knew any of these 3 Companies . He replied he knew 2 of them . Agreed defer to next meeting as Members required more information .**

**8.26 The School Field - Cllr Mrs L Chadwick outlined the previous discussions Re this land , which is unusable by the School because of Dog Fouling , despite several attempts . Chair advised that both he & our Clerk invited Helen Smith from NCC for a discussion on this matter . She advised that if the School became an Academy NCC will give them this land . HS needs to look at the actual Conveyance . Fencing the whole field could cost , ( depending on height of fencing ) , up to £30k , she is to check this . The field could only be used for say Football , Cricket or Tennis , with School having 1<sup>st</sup> choice up to 4pm. We would be expected to cut & mark out & if we allow youngsters from village to use at nights/weekends , the pitch was unfit on Monday am , we would be liable . We would also have to insist this whole field be a Dog Ban Area . Agreed we need to wait for response .**

**8.27 Re NCC - Lengthsman Scheme–Invite to Meeting @ Ravenshead Sports Hall 20 June 6.30pm for 2 Reps . with a view to forming 1 or 2 clusters in Gedling District – Due to a Road Accident earlier in the day , which the NCC people happened to be in , at 7.30 it was agreed we cancel same . Chair & Clerk did speak with several local Parish Council people there , & it was obviously a proposed scheme providing lots of questions .**

**8.29 Xmas Lights Quotation – Agreed Defer to next Meeting .**

**The following 2 Items are for Information Only with a view to a Resolution @ next Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012 .**

**8.30 DRAFT New Financial Regs .**

**8.31 Re Localism Act – New Standards & Code of Conduct**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE - ( Not individually copied but available for inspection , before , or on night of Meeting )**

**9.1** NALC Re The Localism Act 2011 – Parish/Town Councils Training Event £60 each – **Agreed Chair & Cllr Mrs S Harvey to attend .**

**9.2** Home Start Dukeries AGM 11.07.12 @ Ollerton Town Hall 10am-Noon - **Noted**

**9.3 .** pdp Special Offer – any course £150 - **Noted**

**9.4 .**W Richards F.O.I.Request d/d 28 May 2012-Re Names & Addresses of Dale Lane Allotment Holders,& details of any other land used as Allotments administered by BPC - **Noted**

**9.5 .** LCR –Summer 2012 - **Noted .**

**9.6 .** Audit Commission Re Consultation on Appointment of external Auditor for 2012/13 & future years - **Noted.**

**9.7 .** NSDC Re Proposed intention of new Standards Framework from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 **Noted.**

**9.8**Gedling Borough Aligned Core Strategy **Noted .**

**Emails – These are for noting only & may be inspected @ Parish Office**

- 1.** PDP Compliance News 15.05.12
- 2.** PDP Compliance News 22.05.12
- 2a .** PDP Compliance News 29.05.12
  
- 3.** PDP Compliance News 06.06.12
- 3a** PDP Compliance News 13.06.12
  
- 4** FOI News from PDP 22.05.12
- 5** FOI News from PDP 06.06.12
- 6** PSMA Newsletter – May 2012
- 7** W Lakin-Re BJ Bakery
- 8** NCC Re Streetlighting Comments-a full reply when they have the Final Plan .
- 9** RCAN Newsletter
- 10** Re Marriott Lane PF
- 11** **Cllr H Dennis – Agreed to defer to next Meeting**

**THE CHAIR THEN PROPOSED & IT WAS AGREED “THAT IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE TRANSACTED (LAND) , IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC BE TEMPORARILY EXCLUDED AND THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW “ .**