

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.40PM ON THURSDAY 19th JULY 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
M Gammon
Mrs S Harvey
G Merry
G Stocks (Clerk)

**Also present were :- Mr D Welling & Mrs Welling , W Richards + Blidworth Garden
Competition Competitors – Mr Mills & Children & M Atherton .**

**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 & asked for a Dispensation to answer any questions that may occur relating to
his land - AGREED.**

3. MINUTES AND STATUTORY BUSINESS

**3.1 To agree Minutes of Parish Meeting 21 June 2012 – Cllr P Merry Proposed & Cllr J
Durkin Seconded subject to the following amendments :-**

**P6 Cllr SH Re Item 8.16 s/b - Cllr SH is waiting for a Domain Name & then to meet with
Clerk .**

**P7 Cllr SH Re Item 8.25 – Clerk to send Cllr SH details of all quotes from the 3
companies so that she can investigate them .**

3.3 Parish Clerk's Update on Actions Taken –

Item 8.2 - Letter sent to owner of field .

Item 8.2 – Drain cleared

Item 8.22 – letter sent to BCA

4 . FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

**4.1 The Schedule of Accounts Net Total £10,847.28 as per Cash Book for June 2012 was
Agreed Ex Cllrs Mrs H Dennis & B Evans who Abstained .**

**4.1a The Schedule of Accounts Net Total – (-£44,796.33) as per Cash Book for April 2012
was Agreed Ex Cllrs Mrs H Dennis & B Evans who Abstained .**

4.2 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30th June 2012- Noted

Chair then asked & it was Agreed that Item 8.8 be b/f .

8.8 Presentations to Winners of Blidworth Garden Competition .

Cllrs Mrs C Dabbs & B Evans together with M Atherton organised & helped judge the Event . Although there were not many entrants they were excellent quality . List of Winners were :-

- 1. Best Garden – M Atherton Runner Up – Kathy Straw**
- 2 . Best Container – Kathy Straw Runner Up – M Atherton**
- 3 . Best Children’s Basket – The Mills Family**
- 4 . Best Floral Display (Businesses) – No Entries – but thanks were expressed to Blidworth Community Church for all their help with B in Bloom . Both Cllrs agreed all local shops should be thanked for their displays for both Jubilee & B in Bloom .**
- 5 . Best Scarecrow – Blidworth (St Mary’s) Brownies Runner Up – M Atherton**

8pm Standing Orders were suspended .

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD – Chair stated that due to large Agenda he would allow 2 minutes only .

Mr D Welling , spoke to Cllr P Merry regarding the comments he made at the Public Meeting the previous evening , & said that Cllrs . should be more supportive of the Parish . At the recent Meeting @ Blidworth Welfare , he stated there was no support for the proposed development . He then criticised Cllr PM saying he did not live in the village & was not voted in by the residents .

Mr DW then turned to Cllr G Merry , & stated he was not voted in by the majority , do not represent the people of the village , & come election time most of the village will oppose you . Cllr GM replied , OK put your money where your mouth is & stand for Council , & asked him where he was at last election time .

Mr DW replied that he did not know about it & was not aware of it .

Mr DW was then advised his 2 minutes were up .

Cllr PM responded to Mr DW , as being singled out by the newcomer who (1) obviously knows very little about Local Authorities when he is unaware when elections occur , & (2) , unsure why he lives just across the border in Rainworth , which is closer to the Community Leisure than where some other Councillors live , was born & bred in Blidworth & spends most of his time here .

Cllr M Gammon advised him that the last joint District / Parish Elections were held in 2011 @ on same day .

Cllr GM stated they were advertised throughout the village , in Focus magazine etc ; & information can easily be found regarding forthcoming elections , & if anyone wants to put up & stand against me , go ahead . He also stated that Mr DW has a right to speak to Members but not insult them .

Cllr J Durkin stated that after the election in May 2011 there were still 4 vacancies that were filled by co-opted Members , but now it seems the whole village is against the Parish Council , especially the Save Blidworth Group , which means it is a very difficult time for us , and we are being isolated by most of the village & ostracised by some residents .

Mr W Richards then stated that at the AGM on 17 May 2012 , Cllr WE Proposed & Cllr PM Seconded that “ we now move forward & apply for Outline Planning Permission , & asked if this had happened – Chair told him - No

WR then stated that at the same Meeting Cllr WE Proposed & Chair Seconded that we go ahead & apply for Planning Permission , (with 50% discount) , most of the balance being found by NCC – Agreed 7 – 1 with 2 Abstentions .

WR was then advised this was a completely different matter .

6 PLANNING

To Agree Planning Volunteers for next month – this matter was not dealt with .

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 : 11/01009/FUL : Location : Land Adj 40 Main Street : Proposal : erection of dwelling – **Chair stated that he was not prepared to give his approval to this due to the difficulty in both access & egress to the property & it would need a full Dynamic Risk Assessment . It was Unanimously Agreed that NSDC Planning Committee should have a Site Inspection & Clerk to also write to Cllr G Merry regarding this .**

6.2 . Notice of Decision : Application Number : 12/00611/FUL : Location : 18 Belle Vue Lane : Proposal : erection of brick wall to front – **Noted** – (Clerk has enquired , but there is no right of Appeal). **It was then Agreed by all (Ex Cllr G Merry) , that we write to Head of Planning regarding this as we have had numerous verbal complaints from parents , Re danger to schoolchildren & the wall needs measuring.**

Late Item 6.3 . Planning Application : Application Number : 12/00858/FUL : Location : The Old Fire Station Day Nursery , Mansfield Road : Proposal : Erect steel fencing & gate to front of site + new disabled access ramp - **AGREED.**

Late Item 6.4 Notification of Decision : Application Number : 12/00746/FUL : Location : 11 Abbey Road : Proposal : erect detached garage : **Noted**

Late Item 6.5 Notification of Decision : Application Number : 12/00743/FUL : Location : Sherwood Forest Comm Church : Proposal : Single storey side extension : **Noted**

7 . County Councillor / District Councillors – Blidworth Parish Business

Cllr GM explained that he has just returned from 2 weeks holiday , but before going he went to see the Dale Lane Allotment Holders Re the Compulsory Purchase Notice NSDC had put up one day , then removed it the next , to explain that the land has not been sold , & to clarify why we had agreed to apply for Planning Permission – that we needed to find out what this village asset is worth . Apparently , someone has been to see the Allots Secretary , G Swain , & told him the land had been sold , which is totally untrue . If we apply & then get Planning Permission & do not start building within 3 years , we will have to reapply .

8 GENERAL PARISH AFFAIRS

8.1 Neighbourhood Watch .

Noted

8.2 Highways / Footpaths – Clerk advised that , as requested he firstly rang the owners of the field on Fishpool Road , who advised him that they currently have a potential buyer . Clerk explained the situation & asked that we be still considered , which he immediately confirmed in writing .

Cllr M Gammon again raised the problem of parked vehicles on pavements @ Belle Vue Lane . Cllr J Durkin confirmed that earlier today there were vehicles fully parked on the Belle Vue Lane pavements .

The following actions were Agreed :-

Call a meeting with Police

Arrange for a Community Speed Gun Exercise & a Traffic Survey

Cllr G Merry to bring up at his meeting tomorrow with CH Inspector Ak Khan .

8.3 Land Allocation

Cllr Mrs L Chadwick reminded Members that our Response must be received by NSDC by 5pm on Monday 30 July 2012 , but unfortunately she will be on holiday from Friday 20 July until after the above date .

She then Proposed & Chair Seconded then All Agreed (Ex Cllr B Evans Abstained) , that Cllrs Mrs S Harvey & Mrs H Dennis put together our response , then confer with Chair & Clerk prior to submission

8.4 Update Re Blidworth in Bloom – Cllr Mrs C Dabbs advised that the Judging Day went well , they were impressed with what they saw .One area that was not , was around the Tesco Store , with sweet papers , cash machine receipts & overflowing bins.

Cllr G Merry Proposed & Chair Seconded & it was Unanimously Agreed we write to Tesco regarding this matter .

Cllr G Merry also praised the NCC & NSDC staff who did an excellent job .

Cllr B Evans also commented on the tremendous effort Cllr Mrs Dabbs has put in to achieve an excellent result , together with our Village Handyman Julian & his son Ben .

8.5 BPC Website – Chair stated that he recently sent out the appointment letter as agreed last month , but then discovered he lives in Moscow . Last week another person was consulted .

8.6 Best Kept Village Competition .

1st Round , Blidworth has been placed in the top four of our Section . The next round is from 2nd to 20th July inc. – with a different set of judges .

Clerk advised that the other 3 finalists are Collingham , Ratcliffe on Trent & Southwell

8.7 NCC Lengthsman Scheme

Chair advised that he & Clerk attended a Meeting @ Ravenshead PC regarding this scheme . We have Provisionally Agreed to join the Pilot Scheme which runs till the end of the preliminary period 31 March 2013 , but not as the Lead Authority . Further documentation has since been received . **Awaiting further information re start date .**

All Agreed that we sign the Agreement & return same to NCC (Cllr Mrs LC thought Agreement was poorly written.

8.8 Update Re Village Garden Competition – SEE PAGE 1

8.16 Update Re Suggestion Forms – Cllr S Harvey stated she is waiting for the Domain Name & will then meet with Clerk .

8.17 Update Re Lectern @ Rockings- Installed July 5th – excellent job – Cllr Mrs C Dabbs suggested that we arrange for adjoining seats to be moved , 2 Flower baskets to be replaced by 4 Tubs screwed into decking , to assist in preventing vandalism . Finally arrange for decking to be re-stained – **Clerk to arrange Re Costings .**

8.19 Proposals from Cllr Mrs H Dennis - Cllr Mrs H Dennis outlined the proposals in her email . After a short discussion regarding these proposals , **it was Agreed not to have a Finance & Standards Committee . She then Proposed & Cllr Mrs L Chadwick Seconded & it was Agreed that Clerk arrange for NALC Training on Cllrs Responsibilities Re Financial matters .**

8.20 New Register of Interest Forms – some completed Forms handed in , Members are asked to please complete & return same to Clerk a.s.a.p .

8.21 Standards Training Event 20 Sept 2012 10am @ Kelham Hall - Noted

8.22 LGA Re LG Pension Scheme 2014 Employer Consultation - Noted

8.23 Proposed Annual Fair / Fete – TR from last Meeting - Cllr Mrs S Harvey Proposed & Chair Seconded & All Agreed , (Ex Cllr W Evans Abstained) , that Clerk enquires & books the Fair twice yearly .

8.24 NSDC Items to be considered @ Planning C'ttee 10 July 2012 - Noted

8.25 Tenders Re Floodlights @ Skatepark -TR from last Meeting– Cllr Mrs S Harvey made investigations into the 3 companies whose quotes had been received by Clerk . However , because , in her words “ the Clerk has already obtained 2 quotes in which he had a vested interest “ , she contacted another company to investigate . As Clerk was in Comm .Leisure Centre early last Monday morning to collect the mail , a man was speaking to receptionist asking about floodlights . Clerk intervened & spoke with him , & it became clear he had received an email from Cllr SH as above , so Clerk asked him to come to Parish Office , where he gave Clerk the full facts :- Clerk knew nothing about this , & explained that we had already received 3 quotes two months ago , so advised him that

even if he sends a quote in , Members may decide not to accept it after all this time . Clerk then went down with him to site , explained what was needed , which he fully understood , & he agreed that provided Clerk received his quote by the following Thursday morning (the day of the Meeting) , Clerk would present quote before Members . He seemed to be quite happy at that , & assured Clerk it would be there by Thursday , but no quote has been received .

Cllr Mrs SH then stated that she has spoken with him & he explained he has not put a quote in , because he said that when he met Clerk , Clerk replied abruptly saying “we’ve already got 3 quotes & do not need anymore “.

Cllr W Evans Proposed & Cllr Mrs L Chadwick Seconded & All Agreed (Ex Cllr J Durkin Abstained) , that when we go out to Tender , all sealed quotations are brought to the Meeting & opened before Members , for them to make their decision .

Cllr Mrs SH also asked Clerk to send her Specification details Re Xmas Lights Tender so she can obtain quotes .

8.26 NCC Collision Report Summary 2009-11 + Mansfield Rd Traffic Stats . – Agreed copies to go to all Cllrs .

8.27 Cllr Mrs H Dennis – Suggestion Re Working Parties Terms of Reference – Agreed Working Parties to be picked each month when necessary .

8.28 Annual Audit Return 2011-12 – Complete – “an unqualified opinion “ -

8.29 Xmas Lights Quotations – TR from last Meeting – Agreed Clerk to arrange for 2 further Quotes .

8.30 DRAFT New Financial Regs - Agreed.

8.31 Re Localism Act – New Standards & Code of Conduct - Noted – Members were asked to complete & submit revised Reg of Interest forms & return to Clerk .

Also Agreed that Clerk should register Library & School Field as Community Assets .

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

9.1 Response – Summer 2012 Noted

9.2 RHS News - Noted

9.3 RCAN News - Noted

9.4 Communities @ RHS - Noted

9.5 Cllr J Durkin Re Concerns about steel containers & fixed buildings on greenbelt land – Noted

Late Item 9.6 NCC Re “TITAN “ Project – Agreed to go on Notice Board .

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

1. PDP Compliance News 19.06.12
2. PDP Compliance News 26.06.12
- 3 PDP Compliance News 03.07.12

4 . PDP Compliance News 10.07.12

5 . F.O.I.News 19.06.12

6 . F.O.I.News 03.07.12

7 . Cllr H Dennis (Deferred from last meeting) – Cllr Mrs HD stated that our External Auditors should have been told about the Employment & Health & Safety Committee & Finance & Standards Committee were voted out in December 2011 .

Meeting closed @ 10.15pm .