



MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30p.m. on Thursday 15th March 2018 at
Blidworth Leisure Centre, Belle Vue Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0RD

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

Clerk: C Brettell

In attendance: no members of the public present

Action by

- 18/122 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 18/128 planning
- 18/123 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk, including Attendance assessment of Cllr Woodhead**
Apologies for absence were received and accepted by Cllr Bradbury (Illness).
The Attendance assessment for Cllr Woodhead was no longer relevant.
- 18/124 To receive and approve - Minutes of the meeting on 15th February 2018 (Appendix 1)**
It was requested that the initial 'T' be entered before Hurst on item number 117.5. It was then **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th February 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 18/125 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.
No response had been received from Pinders Circus. Sam's Place had contacted the Clerk to say they had now received funding for the solar panels and small wind turbine. The Clerk had explained the 6 month rule and it was agreed that this could not be revisited until September.
- 18/126 To receive Representations**
126.1 Public Participation
No public present
126.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners
Nothing to report.
- 18/127 To receive – Clerks Report**
127.1 Parishioner comments and issues in the Village
The Clerk had reported an abundance of issues including overgrown jittys, street lights, virgin boxes, overgrown shrubbery and dog mess. Several reports of sitings of horses and quad bikes on the Sherwood Avenue playing field and the Bull Piece had been reported and would be discussed with the Police. The Clerk had invited Sgt Hurley to attend the April meeting and has asked if there is anything inparticular the Parish would

like to report. A variety of issues were discussed.

It was requested that the Clerk put a request in the Sherwood News Letter asking for horse riders to be considerate and stick to the bridleways.

Cllr Bates (Jr) discussed 'Tippings Wood' which is littered with plastic. It was requested that the clerk ask Nottinghamshire County Council for a clear up of the site.

Further to the work being carried out by the Forestry Commission a report had been received about the potential of restricting access for wheelchair users. This had been noted and the Forestry Commission informed. The Clerk showed members photos sent in by the resident.

A Dog education session had been held at Bidworth Oaks School with particular reference to Dog Mess and the Children were having a poster competition which would be distributed throughout the Village. The Dog warden was monitoring the effect this may have, in the hope of an improvement.

Several requests had been made to the Parish to erect more Dog Mess bins in the Village. The Clerk reiterated that it was difficult to erect these bins on posts that the Council did not own as the Parish are no longer allowed to secure bins to lampposts/bus stops etc.

The Clerk informed members that Newark and Sherwood were not too concerned as to the sort of bin that dog mess is deposited in as long as it was a bin - 'Any Bin will do' campaign. The Clerk had received (today) the annual agreement for Dog bin emptying. This was discussed and **resolved** to continue with the number and locations as are at present at a cost of £ 988.00 + VAT.

The Clerk informed members that the repairs to the park at Marriott Lane had been carried out by Play and Leisure with no further cost incurred. They had also confirmed that they believe the swing to meet the requirements of British Standards and so no alterations have been made.

18/128 Planning Applications

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

128.1 18/00367/FUL - Demolition of single storey rear extensions to dwelling and detached garage within rear garden. Construction of a two storey rear extension and detached garage - Rockside, Field Lane Blidworth NG21 0QQ

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

128.2 18/00420/FUL - Householder application for proposed extensions and internal alterations 2 Kirks Croft Blidworth NG21 0QU

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

18/129 Business

129.1 To Discuss – Quotation for upgrading/additional Festive Lights (Appendix 2)

It was **resolved** to defer this item until further information is available

129.2 To Discuss – Highways, Road Safety and Footpath issues

The Clerk discussed the issue of the broken bench on Mansfield Road, Blidworth. The Handyman had been out to have a look and this was too big a job to reinstate the bench legs into a new concrete base. Nottinghamshire County Council had installed the bench many years ago as part of a grant scheme and it is no longer their responsibility. They had advised that the bench be removed, the Parish Council were in agreement with this. The clerk was awaiting an update from Mike Keeling in regard to the traffic survey carried out on Mansfield Road/Warsop Lane.

The Clerk was requested to contact Nottinghamshire County Council to ask what the criteria is for pot holes to be repaired, and to why only half of Blidworth Lane had been resurfaced when the remaining road surface is need of repair. **Clerk**
Cllr Bates enquired about the Footpath diversion to view the druid stone. The Clerk read out the response from VIA regarding Rights of Way diversions. Cllr Woodhead said she would look into this. **Cllr Woodhead**

129.3 To Approve – Financial Regulations (Appendix 3)

The Council were not in agreement with the Financial Regulations produced by the Clerk and felt they were too long and detailed. The Clerk explained that they had been produced from the NALC template (2016) and were a statutory document.

It was **resolved** to form a working party in order to discuss and produce a new version of the Financial Regulations. This would consist of Cllrs Cocker, Cheesmond, Bates (Junior) and E Hurst. The Clerk to arrange. **Clerk**

129.4 To Approve – Financial Risk Assessment carried out by Clerk (Appendix 4)

It was **resolved** to approve the Financial Risk Assessment, which is a working document that can be updated and amended at any time. Recorded Vote: For: WB(Junior), JC, YW, JM, SM, WB (Senior), KC Against: TH Abstention: EH

129.5 To Discuss – Parish Website

The Clerk discussed the quotes received and asked members to have a look at some of the websites suggested to get an idea what would be suitable for Blidworth Parish Council.

It was **resolved** to pay the fee of £71.88 + VAT To Sherwood Solutions for the Linx Business Package in order to allow the website to continue for a further year as is. It was further **resolved** for the Website working party consisting of Cllrs Cocker and Arnold and the Clerk to look into this and the options available and report back to Council.

18/130 Financial Matters (yellow Papers)

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

130.1 Analysis of Expenditure – February 2018 (Appendix 5)

130.2 Analysis of Income – February 2018 (Appendix 5)

130.3 Bank reconciliation Statement as at 28th February 2018 (Appendix 6)

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 130.1 – 130.3

130.4 To authorise schedule of Payments for March 2018 (Appendix 7)

Members queried the payment to NALC for the annual membership. It was requested that the Clerk ask Newark and Sherwood District Council for advice as opposed to NALC.

A recorded vote was taken to move this forward and authorise the list of payments.

For: WB (junior) WB (Senior) JC and KA Abstention: EH, TH, YW, JM, SM, KC

It was therefore **resolved** to accept and authorize the schedule of payments for March.

18/131 To note – Correspondence received

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

