



MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30p.m. on Thursday 16th November 2017 at
Blidworth Leisure Centre, Belle Vue Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0RD

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

Clerk: C Brettell

In attendance: 2 members of the public, 2 Police Representatives and 2 Representatives
from the Forestry Commission

Action by

17/81 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda

No Declaration of Interests were received.

17/82 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

Apologies for absence were received and accepted by Cllr Bates (Junior) and Cllr Cocker due to work commitments and Cllr Woodhead due to illness.

17/83 To receive and approve - Minutes of the meeting on 19th October 2017 (Appendix 1)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th October 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

17/84 To note – Updates on matters arising from the minutes (no decisions can be made)

The Clerk updated members on the items/actions arising from the minutes that had been carried out. Mr Ezt had accepted the alternative garage plot and had been asked to put this in writing to the Council.

17/85 To receive Representations

85.1 Public Participation

Including representation from the Forestry Commission regarding Sherwood Avenue

A parishioner commented on the amount of litter in the bins around the New Lane area of Blidworth that aren't being emptied. The Clerk to report this. **Clerk**

The Chair welcomed the representatives from the Forestry Commission and the two PCSOs to the meeting. A discussion took place around actions/measures that could be taken in order to improve the issues on Sherwood Avenue Park and the land adjoining the Forestry Commission. It was agreed for a site meeting to be arranged with all parties to discuss further. **Clerk**

PCSO John Arins informed members that Sgt Hurley was now in charge of Operations and would hopefully introduce himself over the upcoming months. His aim was to prioritise Sherwood Avenue in the hope to reduce crime.

85.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners

Cllr Arnold reported that the CEO of Newark and Sherwood District Council had resigned.

B. Hurst

17/86 To receive – Clerks Report

86.1 Parishioner comments and issues in the Village

The Clerk updated members on events in the village. The smashed blue grit bin had been removed and cleared away by the handyman on Lyndhurst Lane and the timer on the lights at the Sherwood Avenue Play park had been altered to go off at 8.30pm in a hope to reduce activity in the area. The Clerk brought up the issue from the previous meeting regarding the speed sign on Blidworth Lane and was asked to contact Cllr Woodhead to see if any suggestions could be made. **Clerk**

17/87 Planning Applications

There are no Planning Applications that require Comment.

87.1 For Information -17/00096/NEWDEV – 21 new build homes – Land adjacent Belle Vue House, Belle Vue Lane, Blidworth - Proposed Street Naming.

Following the Parish Council's proposal to Newark and Sherwood District Council that the Street be named 'Andrew Cutts Way' the Chair was delighted to report to members that permission had been sought from the family and that Newark and Sherwood had authorized the proposal.

17/88 Business

88.1 Update from Working Party – Christmas Fair and Light Switch On and Pensioners Party

AW Fencing had commenced the lighting work and the holly tree had been cut back in preparation for this. Mr Ward had informed the Clerk that some of the lights were showing their age and were not as economical as they could be. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a meeting with Festive Lighting and Mr Ward one evening while the lights are in situ and as many members as possible would attend. This could then be discussed in preparation for the budget meeting. **Clerk**

Viaem had inspected the electrical installation and the Licence would be issued shortly. The Clerk updated members with the stalls attending the Christmas Fair and the expected income/expenditure. Help was needed on the day from anyone available.

Everything had been arranged for the Pensioners Christmas Party and numbers and menu choices would be confirmed with BJ Bakery for the catering. **Clerk**

88.2 To Confirm – Details regarding the siting of a bench in memory of A Musson at the War Memorial

The Clerk showed members the photographs provided by Mr Mussons family. Mr Murray representing the family discussed the proposal and was in full understanding and agreement of what was resolved.

It was **resolved** that the bench is to be located at the 'Well Area' on pavers to match the existing path. The bench will match the existing bench on the site which is approximately 4'6" (as per photograph provided) and will bear a simple plaque (at the discretion of the family) which has no link to the War Memorial itself.

88.3 To Discuss – Highways, Road Safety and Footpath issues

Cllr Bradbury asked if any action could be taken to reduce the speed on 'sheep dip' on Blidworth Lane as there had recently been two serious accidents. The Road is not suitable for pedestrians and in places difficult for two large vehicles to pass. It was requested that the Clerk email Cllr Woodhead to see if anything is possible. **Clerk**

The Clerk updated members regarding the footpath stiles and static caravan issues that were being addressed by Newark and Sherwood District Council.

88.4 To Update – Parks and recreational areas

The Clerk updated members regarding the quotations that were being received in regard to upgrading the Belle Vue Lane Play area.

The Clerk discussed the meeting she'd had with the Contractor to discuss the issues raised in relation to the new Park on Marriott Lane.

It was **resolved** to purchase the missing parts as per the quotation for the handyman to fit.

The Clerk brought to members attention the need to cut back some of the trees at Marriott Lane, which are overgrown and causing a moss problem to the play area. The Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Councillors.

Clerk

It was **resolved** that the metal play posts and equipment on the grassed area on Marriott Lane be primed and painted green by the handyman.

Clerk

88.6 To update – Parish Council Deeds

The Clerk and Chair had located the original copies of the deeds. This information as to how to access them would be stored in a sealed envelope for use by future Parish Councillors.

88.7 To Discuss and Authorise – Bank Mandate Signatories

It was **resolved** that the authorised signatories on the current bank mandate be amended to add Cllrs Middleton and Bates (Senior) and remove the retired Clerk Geoff Stocks. **Clerk.**

88.8 To Discuss Workshop and Tools

It was **resolved** to purchase a selection of basic tools for use by the handyman in the first instance to a value of up to £200.

It was discussed and agreed that the workshop guttering needs clearing out and the overgrown shrubbery at the back on the workshop needs cutting back. It was further agreed that the two mowers should be started on a regular basis. The Clerk to arrange for this to be done with the handyman.

Clerk

88.9 To Discuss Office Security and Improvements

The clerk discussed the various quotations that had been received. A further quotation was to be received along with confirmation from Newark and Sherwood District Council that the work was agreeable.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Office could be painted in the winter months by the handyman. Clerk to arrange.

Clerk

17/89 Financial Matters (yellow Papers)

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

89.1 Analysis of Expenditure – October 2017 (Appendix 2)

89.2 Analysis of Income – October 2017 (Appendix 3)

89.3 Bank reconciliation Statement as at 31st October (Appendix 4)

89.4 To authorise schedule of Payments for November 2017 (Appendix 5)

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information and schedule of payments as per items 89.1 – 89.4

17/90 To note – Correspondence received

90.1 Public Consultation on the Introduction of Mixed Crewing and Alternative Crewing (Appendix 6)

Noted - The Chair directed members to the website on information provided (Appendix 6) for any comments to be made.

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

E.L. M.S.A.