



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held at 7.40p.m. on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at**  
**Blidworth Leisure Centre, Belle Vue Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0RD**

Present: Councillors: E Hurst (Chair), Y Woodhead, J Bradbury, J Cheesmond, T Hurst  
J Middleton, K Arnold

Clerk: C Brettell

In attendance: 3 members of the public

**Action by**

- 17/20 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**  
Cllrs Woodhead and Arnold declared an interest in agenda item 17/25
- 17/21 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**  
Apologies for absence were received and accepted by Cllr W Bates (Senior) and Cllr Cocker
- 17/22 To receive and approve - Minutes of the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (Appendix 1)**  
It was **resolved** that subject to three minor amendments the minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 17/23 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.
- 17/24 To receive Representations**
- 24.1 Parishioner Representations  
A parishioner expressed his concern at the condition of the Industrial Estate on Burma Road. The Clerk to discuss this with Newark and Sherwood District Council. **Clerk**
- 24.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners  
Nothing to report.

Cllrs Woodhead and Arnold declared an interest and left the room

**17/25 Planning Applications – (copies available at meeting)**

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

- 25.1 17/00221/FUL – The demolition of 6 garages and the development of 4 x 1 bed flats – Land adjacent 23 Haywood Oaks Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0TP *Revised Site Plan and Floor Layout*

It was **resolved** to object to this application (same as before) on the grounds of highway safety, neighboring properties being overlooked, infrastructure and no safe parking being available for local residents who have lost their garage space. **Clerk**

25.2 17/00757/FUL – Householder application for first floor side extension and alterations to existing roof – East View, Marriott Lane, Blidworth  
It was **resolved** to respond with 'No objections to this application'.

**Clerk**

25.3 17/00592/FUL – Former white Lion Pubic House Main street, Blidworth - To note further objections made (emailed to Councillors)

Cllrs Woodhead and Arnold returned to the room

## 17/26 **Business**

26.1 Update - Bloom

Mrs Dabbs (Bloom Co-Ordinator) gave members an update. The Clerk informed members that a donation had been received for £200 from the Sherwood Forest Community Church. Tesco had responded to Mrs Dabbs letter with a £25 giftcard for plants. A £50 donation had also been promised from the local 'Lions Club'. The Clerk had informed Nottinghamshire County Council of the messy flower beds and overgrown shrubbery around the Tesco site and was hopeful it would get tidied up shortly.

26.2 To discuss – Entry to 'Best Kept Village Competition 2017'

It was **resolved** to enter the 'Best Kept Village Competition 2017' at a cost of £8. **Clerk**

26.3 Update – Summer Fair/Christmas Event and arrange working Party as necessary  
The Clerk gave an update on all the activities and stall holders that were lined up for the Summer Fair on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July. There was an estimated income from stall holders of £150.

It was **resolved** to allow the working party to finalise the arrangements for this event. The working party consisting of Cllrs Bradbury, E Hurst, Arnold and T Hurst  
It was further **resolved** to allow a spend for this event of no more than £1500.

26.4 To Discuss – Arrangements for Remembrance Day

The Clerk informed members of potential issues for the Remembrance Day parade and would report back to members when more information was available. Cllr Woodhead informed members that the school had offered use of their playground and help had been offered from the cadets.

26.5 To Discuss – Highways, Road Safety and Footpath issues including update on Petition

The Clerk brought to the attention of members, issues within the Parish:  
The railings at the war memorial had been realigned by Cllr Bradbury and he was also attending to the Village sign on Dale Lane.  
A parishioner had reported concern about the safety of Ricket Lane/Cross Lane for horse riders. This had been expressed to Nottinghamshire County Council.  
Members brought up the number of caravans and buildings appearing around the area. It was agreed that the Clerk address this with Newark and Sherwood District Council.

**Clerk**

The petition to reduce the speed Limit on Mansfield Road, Blidworth/Warsop Lane, Rainworth was underway.

26.6 To Discuss and authorise Monthly and Annual Playground Inspections by Newark and Sherwood District Council

It was **resolved** to defer this item to the end of the meeting as further information was available to members in item 17/30

*E. L. Hurst*

26.7 To consider allowing the use of the Sherwood Avenue Playing Field by the Blidworth Guides on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 for an outside activity  
This item was removed from the Agenda as was no longer required

## 17/27 Financial Matters

27.1 To approve - Internal Audit (Appendix 2)  
It was **resolved** to approve and accept the Internal Audit carried out by P Strudwick.

27.2 To agree – Inventory/Asset Register as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 (Appendix 3)  
The Clerk ran through the figures on the Inventory/Asset Register.  
It was **resolved** to remove the water Bowser from the list as this is now in the possession of Rainworth Parish Council. This gave an amended total of £589364.

27.3 To consider, approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement – Section 1 (Appendix 4 – Annual Return and schedules)  
Consideration was given to the Annual Governance Statement by members.  
It was **resolved** to approve the Annual Governance Statement which was duly signed by the Chair.

27.4 To consider, approve and sign the Accounting Statement – Section 2 (Appendix 4 – Annual Return and schedules)  
It was **resolved** to approve the Accounting statement which was duly signed by the Chair.

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

27.5 Analysis of Expenditure – April 2017 (Appendix 5)

27.6 Analysis of Income – April 2017 (Appendix 6)

27.7 Bank reconciliation Statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> April (Appendix 7)

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 27.5 – 27.7

27.8 To authorise schedule of Payments for May 2017 (Appendix 8)  
It was **resolved** to authorize the Schedule of Payments for May 2017.

## 17/28 To receive – Clerks Report

28.1 Website – The Parish Council Website had been updated and the Agenda for tonight's meeting had been uploaded. Work on the website would be ongoing in order to bring it up to date.

28.2 Parish Office – The Parish Office had been re-arranged and parishioners and contractors were getting used to the new opening hours.

28.3 Dog Warden – The new dog warden had introduced himself and was looking at ways to help the Village with the fouling issues that the Clerk had made. The Clerk had asked if there could be some presence at the Summer Gala to give advice to residents.

## 17/29 To note – Correspondence received

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

*E. L. H.*