



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held at 7.30p.m. on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at**  
**Blidworth Leisure Centre, Belle Vue Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0RD**

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

Clerk: C Brettell and G Stocks

In attendance: 3 members of the public

**Action by**

- 17/01 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**  
Cllrs Y Woodhead declared an interest in agenda item 17/05
- 17/02 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**  
Apologies for absence were received and accepted by Cllr W Bates (Senior)
- 17/03 To receive and approve - Minutes of the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (Appendix 1)**  
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 17/04 To note – Updates on matters arising from the minutes (no decisions can be made)**  
The Clerk updated members on the items arising from the minutes.
- 17/05 To receive Representations**
- 5.1 Parishioner Representations  
A parishioner discussed his concerns regarding the planning application (17/6.2 on the Agenda) at this point Cllr Y Woodhead left the room.  
A parishioner thanked the Clerk (G Stocks) for assisting with actioning the reinstatement of a boundary wall that had caused concern at the top of Haywood Oaks Lane. The amount of traffic on Haywood Oaks Lane was also cause for concern and this was noted by members. Finally the parishioner reported that there was a hedge which was now encroaching onto the highway on Main Street opposite the Church causing problems for traffic. The Clerk would look into this and report as necessary. **Clerk**
- Cllr Woodhead returned to the room
- 5.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners  
Cllr Woodhead informed members that she had met with the highways department regarding the Children Walking to Joseph Whittaker School. Bollards had been discussed and the removal of chevrons on the Mansfield Road/Warsop Lane Junction.  
She also informed members of an Emergency Road Closure on Cross Lane, Blidworth. She would forward this notification to the Clerk.  
A petition is ongoing as instructed by the Parish Council.  
Cllr Woodhead also informed members of rubbish that had been dumped on the School playing field on Belle Vue Lane. She had spoken to the Headteacher who had agreed,

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despite lack of funds to clear the rubbish and write to local residents to say that the dumping of rubbish is not acceptable. Cllr E Hurst communicated to members that she had been informed that Town and Country had been employed by the School to maintain this land.

Cllr Woodhead requested that the goal posts on this field were in need of repainting. The Clerk to ensure this is carried out

Clerk

Cllr Woodhead declared an interest and left the room

**17/06 Planning Applications – (copies available at meeting)**

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

6.1 17/00592/FUL – Three storey Two bedrooed detached house with integral double garage and improvements to existing access – Former white Lion Public House Main street, Blidworth

It was **resolved** to object to this application on the grounds of highway safety, including little or no safe parking for the potential resident and dangerous site access. Infrastructure, and the loss of historic caves.

6.2 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

It was **resolved** to object to this application 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

**The following applications have been granted consent:**

6.3 17/00135/FUL – Erection of new porch and bay window to front elevation – 18 Farr Way, Blidworth, NG21 0UB

6.4 17/00058/FUL – Extension to existing light industrial unit with Office accommodation at first floor – Adjoining Unit C Crewe Close, Blidworth, NG21 0RT

6.5 17/00131/FUL – Erection of a conservatory to the rear elevation – 16 Sherwood Avenue, Blidworth, NG21 0SY

6.5 17/00194/FUL Previous Ref: PP-05708850 – Demolition of 1 garage and the development of 1 x 2 bedroom bungalow – Land to the rear of 12-16 Central Avenue, Blidworth

6.6 17/00334/FUL – Householder Application for attached double garage – 26 Dale Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0TG

6.7 17//00124/FUL Previous Ref: PP-05772403 – Two Storey dwelling – Land adjacent to Dale House, 4 Dale Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0TG

All Applications were noted.

6.8 To agree – Procedure for dealing with Planning Applications

It was **resolved** for the Clerk to email all Councillors with details of Planning Applications when received. Councillors could then view them online and send comments to the Clerk which could be sent to Planning on behalf of the Parish Council. This would ensure

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Planning applications are dealt with in a timely manner. The Clerk assured members that hard copies would still be available in the Office and at meetings.

Cllr Woodhead returned to the room

## 17/07 Business

### 7.1 Update - Bloom

Mrs Dabbs (Bloom Co-Ordinator) gave members an update, and it was agreed that a 'Well Dressing' would be produced together with a Robin Hood themed story trail for Children in the Village. It was resolved to set a budget of up to £5000 for Bloom in this financial year. This would include up to £50 for prizes/gift vouchers for the children as Mrs Dabbs sees fit.

The Clerk informed members that the Parish had received an offer of help with the painting of railings, bins etc. This was gratefully accepted. The Clerk to arrange Clerk

### 7.2 Update – Summer Fair/Christmas Event

Cllr E Hurst gave an update on all the activities and stall holders that were lined up for the Summer Fair. Due to a cricket match there was a change of date to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July.

### 7.3 To Agree – Grants Policy and Application (Appendix 2)

Subject to an amendment stating that the Parish Council requires sight of accounts and a valid bank account it was **resolved** to accept the new Grant Application Policy and application form. Applications would be accepted with a closing date of 28<sup>th</sup> November and then a decision would be made at the Budget meeting of successful applications.

Clerk

### 7.4 To Discuss – Highways, Road Safety and Footpath issues

Cllr Woodhead reminded members of her meeting, discussed at 5.2. Cllr Bates (Junior) updated members on the various accidents that occurred. It was **resolved** for Cllr Woodhead to produce a petition as requested by the Parish Council to ask for the speed limit to be reduced to 40mph. All Councillors would need to assist in getting this signed by residents.

Cllr Woodhead  
All Councillors

## 17/08 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information for the month of March 2017 (Appendix 3)

### 8.1 Analysis of Expenditure

### 8.2 Analysis of Income

### 8.3 Schedule of Accounts

### 8.4 Bank reconciliation Statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> March – to follow

### 8.5 Balance of PWLB as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 8.1 – 8.5

## 17/09 To receive – Clerks Report

9.1 Equipment – The Clerk had purchased a laptop and associated equipment and had negotiated a new telephone and broadband deal which would save the Parish Council money. Quotations and costings were available in the office.

9.2 Internal and External Audit – The Internal Audit was underway with P Strudwick and should be completed within a week. The Clerk had received the paperwork from Grant Thornton and would be working on this shortly.

9.3 Annual Parish Meeting – a reminded that this was to be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Methodist Church. Refreshments for the event had kindly been donated by McColls.

9.4 Work to allotment tree – Photographs were distributed showing the work before and after completion.

9.5 FOI request – A FOI request had been received regarding the quotations for the play equipment for the Park at Marriott Lane. The Clerk informed members that the quotations could not be found in the Parish Office. Advice had been taken from NALC and it was agreed that a response would be sent stating this was the case. **Clerk**

9.6 Health and Safety Update – Health and safety signage, a first Aid Kit and Fire extinguishers were to be purchased for the Office and Workshop. The Flag Pole had also had its annual safety check.

9.7 Financial Risk Assessment – This would be updated and brought to a future meeting.

**17/10**

**To note – Correspondence received**

To note – PDP Compliance News (Copies available at meeting)

All other correspondence has been emailed directly to Councillors

All correspondence noted.

The Clerk informed members that any appropriate circulars would be emailed to Councillors when they arise.