



MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30p.m. on Thursday 21st September 2017 at
Blidworth Leisure Centre, Belle Vue Lane, Blidworth, NG21 0RD

Present: Councillors: E Hurst (Chair), Y Woodhead, J Bradbury, T Hurst, J Middleton
K Arnold, K Cocker, W Bates (Junior), J Cheesmond
Following co-option S Mottishaw

Clerk: C Brettell

In attendance: 7 members of the public

Action by

- 17/56 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 Planning.
Cllrs Bradbury and Arnold declared an Interest in Agenda Item 17/60 Co-option of new Councillor
- 17/57 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**
Apologies for absence were received and accepted by Cllr Bates (Junior) due to a work commitment but who later was able to join the meeting.
- 17/58 To receive and approve - Minutes of the meeting on 20th July 2017 (Appendix 1)**
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record following the amendment of 17/49.6
- 17/59 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.

17/60 To co-opt new Parish Councillor
Cllrs Bradbury and Arnold declared an interest and left the room

The Clerk had received interest from 3 potential candidates:
Ms S Mottishaw, Miss N Spading and Mr M Riggs. The Chair asked if anyone else would like to come forward. Each candidate gave the Council a brief talk on why they would be a good Councillor and what they could bring to the Village. Each candidate was asked the same two questions. A secret ballot was then held to decide which person to co-opt. It was **resolved** that Ms Sally Mottishaw be co-opted as the new Parish Councillor. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and Ms Mottishaw took a place at the table to join the meeting.

Cllrs Bradbury and Arnold returned to the room

17/61 To receive Representations
61.1 Parishioner Representations

E.L. Hurst

Several Parishioners had come to discuss the possibility of the siting of a bench at the War Memorial for Mr A Musson who had recently passed. Each gave their reason for wanting this.

A further resident informed Councillors of issues with access to footpaths and the siting of a static Caravan at Marriott Lane all of which the Clerk was looking into. He also offered to walk the footpaths to see if they are in good order.

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

Cllr Woodhead discussed a proposal for a Bus Bay at Appleton Road/Sherwood Road. She also informed members that the future of Surestart centres was unclear and alternative buildings were being sought. Nottinghamshire County Council were also looking at reducing staffed Fire Stations and are in the process of reviewing services to see where cuts can be made. Blidworth is a retained service.

Cllr Arnold updated members that Newark and Sherwood District Council are looking at the activities and facilities available for teenagers in Blidworth. They are establishing what Blidworth needs through a Village Plan.

Cllr W Bates(Jnr) entered the meeting 8.10pm

17/62 To receive – Clerks Report

62.1 Parishioner comments and issues in the Village

The Clerk updated members on the complaints received about the state of the Skate Park. This is an ongoing issue and the handyman has cleared many large items from the site over the last few months.

The Clerk had been informed by Via that white Lines were being removed on Belle Vue Lane that had been put there illegally.

Moles had appeared on a strip of land outside Will Scarlett Close. This land was not maintained by the Parish and the resident has addressed the issue herself.

62.2 Missing Bench on Main Street, Blidworth

The Clerk provided members with a copy of letter received from a resident about the land. The Police have carried out door to door enquiries. The land where the bench was sited is not registered to anyone, and neither County or District have removed the bench for maintenance purposes.

It was **resolved** to register this land to the Parish Council if possible.

Clerk

17/63 Planning Applications

Cllrs Woodhead and Arnold declared an interest and left the room

The following applications have been granted consent:

- 63.1 17/01213/ADV – Display of 1No.internally illuminated and 1 No non-illuminated fascia sign, 1 No. externally illuminated gantry sign, 1 No. of internally illuminated projecting sign and 13No. non-illuminated other signs – Tesco Express, Mansfield Road, Blidworth
- 63.2 17/01274/FUL – Resubmission of 17/00855/FUL – Single Storey Extensions to the Front and rear Elevations – M and S Local 26-28 Lyndhurst Avenue, Blidworth, NG21 0RJ
- 63.3 17/01297/FUL – Proposed Warehouse Extension with Foster insulated panels to form secure and pest proof enclosure at East side of store by retaining the existing canopy structure – Tesco Express, Mansfield Road, Blidworth, NG21 0PN

All noted

E.L. Hurst

The following applications have been refused consent:

63.4 17/01241/ADV – 2No. 1.2 x 1.2m Fixed Board adverts fitted to 3.0m High timber posts – Signage, Calverton Road, Blidworth, Nottinghamshire

Noted.

Cllrs Woodhead and Arnold returned to the room

17/64 Business

64.1 Update from Working Party – Summer Gala/Christmas Light Switch On/Christmas Fair, including allocation of funds for Christmas Fair

The Chair gave an update on the Summer Gala and informed members that the Working Party would be meeting shortly to finalise arrangements for the Christmas light Switch on and Christmas Fair. As costs were likely to be less than last year it was decided to not set an allocation of funds.

64.2 To Discuss - Pensioners Christmas Party

It was **resolved** that this would be the same format as in previous years - The Clerk confirmed that the catering would be the same price as last year. The Clerk to arrange as necessary.

Clerk

64.3 To Discuss – Possibility of the siting of a bench in memory of A Musson at the War Memorial

The Chair read to members information from the War Memorial Trust about siting of materials at a War Memorial site. The land is sacred and should be used to remember service men and women. The family of Mr Musson was asked if there were any other suitable locations they would consider in the Village but the family feel very strongly that a bench should be put here as without him the War Memorial wouldn't exist.

It was **resolved** to defer this item until the October meeting as more time is needed to consider the options.

64.4 To Discuss – Highways, Road Safety and Footpath issues

Members discussed the following issues:

Overgrown shrubbery and tree on the Corner of Mansfield Road leading into Rainworth which are blocking the pavement

Horse riders are often not in control of their horses in areas of Cross Lane, which is causing a hazard to land Owners, cars and pedestrians.

The sign on the corner of Cross Lane/Rickett Lane has been knocked down and needs re-fixing.

The Clerk to address these issues as necessary

Clerk

64.5 To Update - Remembrance Day

The Clerk updated members on the arrangements for Remembrance Day including the Road closures and hire of Road signage. Mr Payne (parishioner) had offered to provide the cones and Road closure signs - Stewards are needed to stand with the Road Closure signs and members were asked if anyone could help.

64.6 To Discuss – Parks Inspections for July and August and course of action (Appendix 2)

The Park Inspections were brought to the attention of members.

It was **resolved** that an upgrade of the Park on Belle Vue Lane be carried out with a view to looking at Sherwood Avenue after that. The Clerk to get quotations for the work as necessary.

Clerk

64.7 To Discuss – Insurance Renewal and adequate cover (Appendix 3)

The Clerk ran through the Policy bringing to Members attention items she had queried with Came and Company.

It was **resolved** to renew this cover as per the documentation.

E. L. Hurst

64.8 To Agree – Clerk or Councillor attendance at ‘Data Protection and FOI for Local Councils’ workshop

It was resolved that the Clerk along with Cllrs Woodhead and Bates (Junior) attend this workshop at a cost of £90.

17/65 Financial Matters (yellow Papers)

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

65.1 Analysis of Expenditure – July and August 2017 (Appendix 4)

65.2 Analysis of Income – July and August 2017 (Appendix 5)

65.3 Bank reconciliation Statement as at 31st July and 31st August (Appendix 6)

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 65.1 – 65.3

65.4 To authorise schedule of Payments for September 2017 (Appendix 7)

It was **resolved** to authorize the Schedule of Payments for September 2017

17/66 To note – Correspondence received

66.1 Correspondence from R Jenrick MP regarding Newark Police Station (Appendix 8)

Noted – Anyone wishing to respond to contact the Clerk

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

E.L. Hunt