



MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held remotely via ZOOM at 7.00p.m. on Thursday 18th February 2021

Present: Councillors: J Cheesmond (Chair), J Middleton, K Arnold, Y Woodhead,
LJ Campbell, C Dabbs, N Spalding, W Bates, E Litchfield, N Rhodes
Apologies: J Rea
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: 2

Action by

- 21/079 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**
Cllr Woodhead declared an interest in Planning 21/087 and Cllr Cheesmond declared an interest in Payments 21/86.4
- 21/080 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Rea due to illness
- 21/081 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meetings held on 21st January 2021 (Appendix 1)**
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st January 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 21/082 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda**
(no decisions can be made)
None
- 21/083 To receive Representations**
83.1 Public Participation including **Pandemic Update by Gilly Hagen**
Gilly Hagen provided an update on what work was going on in the Village including statistics regarding the vaccine.
83.2 Reports from District and County Council Representatives on Matters of a direct relevance to Blidworth Parishioners
Cllr Woodhead wanted it clarifying that she was not paid by any Council and that she attends this meeting as an elected Blidworth Parish Councillor, and does not represent any other Council. Updates from District and County go directly to the Clerk. A brief update was given regarding New Lane, no response received as yet.
The sustrans cycle route was discussed and the Clerk asked to find out if the cycle route had been removed. **Clerk**
Newark and Sherwood were complimented on the litter collections and fly tipping being collected promptly. Cllr Woodhead informed members that District were involved in the Guardianship project turning empty shops and storage areas into living accommodation for the homeless.
- 21/084 To Discuss/Update Highways Issues**
The Clerk updated members regarding cutting back of the hedge on Belle Vue Lane which had been reported to VIA again, and also the issue with the dip in the pavement on Warsop Lane just before the Gerry Green Centre which was hazardous. The Clerk had reported this. Cllr Woodhead to chase this up. **Clerk/Cllr Woodhead**

21/085 Business

85.1 To Agree – Plans for Bloom 2021

It was **resolved** to continue with planting the Village this year, possibly low key. The Clerk to ask David Wilson for prices to bring back to the next meeting to agree. **Clerk**

The knee rail around the shrub beds on Mansfield Road are dilapidated and dangerous. The Clerk has reported this on several occasions. Cllr Woodhead to chase up.

Cllr Woodhead

Cllr Rhodes joined the meeting at 7.30pm

85.2 To Discuss/Agree – Donations of NCC Covid funding to Blidworth on the move and SFCC (Appendix 2)

The Clerk had circulated via email information from Neil Bettison regarding the criteria for the Covid funding.

It was **resolved** to award £1720 to Blidworth on the Move for providing tablets, dongles for internet connection, software, website updating, publicity and printing.

It was further **resolved** to award £350 for a freezer and racking for the SFCC. **Clerk**

85.3 To Agree – Grounds Maintenance Options and purchase of Equipment (Appendix 3)

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the pro's and cons of machinery and the Grounds maintenance, and the costs provided by Contractors.

The Clerk updated members that money could be sourced from the fees for the Library as Inspire had not charged the Parish Council for services year 20/21 (£8500 set aside)

It was **resolved** to bring the Grounds maintenance back in house and not use a Contractor

Recorded vote: For: CD/BB/NR/YW/JM/NS/KA

Against: LJC/EL

It was further **resolved** for the Parish Council to purchase a diesel mower up to the cost of £10,000 (+VAT). Cllr Dabbs and Cllr Rhodes along with the Clerk and Parish Handyman to agree and order as appropriate.

85.4 To Discuss/Agree – Grounds/Tree work at Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground (Appendix 4)

It was **resolved** to use the services of LPS Supplies (Peter Stokes) to flail the hedge at Sherwood Avenue Park to allow for fencing to be reinstated at a later date at a cost of £750. This was likely to be carried out in September following the nesting season. Clerk to book the work in. **Clerk**

85.5 To Agree – Health and Safety Training for Parish Groundsman (Emailed out to Cllrs on the 9th Feb 21)

The Clerk went through the training courses available and costs.

It was **resolved** for the Clerk to arrange the necessary training, with the assistance from Cllr Litchfield who would now represent HR. **Clerk/Cllr Litchfield**

85.6 To Agree – Security of Allotment Area (Appleton Road Allotments Plots A14/15) (emailed out to Councillors 8th December 20)

It was **resolved** for Cllr Campbell and Cllr Dabbs to make a site visit and make a decision accordingly.

85.7 To Discuss/Agree email from VIA regarding trees and removal of festive Lights
The Clerk had responded to VIA asking for permission to leave the lights up if possible.
This item was deferred until the next meeting.

85.8 To Agree – Invitation to Mark Spencer to visit Blidworth and discuss Village Issues
Cllr Rhodes expressed a need to write to Mark Spencer and NCC to discuss the road safety issues on New Lane/Mansfield Road, following the consent of the new development and asked for a survey to be requested. The Clerk confirmed that Mark Spencer had been invited to the Village to discuss issues but this was pre-Covid.

It was **resolved** for the Parish Council to write to NCC and Mark Spencer MP stating their concerns and inviting Mark Spencer MP to visit Blidworth. The Clerk and Cllr Rhodes to put the letter together. **Clerk/Cllr Rhodes**

85.9 To Discuss – Outdoor Gym Equipment Maintenance plan (emailed out to Cllrs 25th January)
It was agreed to defer this until the next meeting.

85.10 To Agree – Services of S Stack as Internal Auditor for Year end 2021

It was **resolved** to procure the services of S Stack for the Internal Audit 2021

85.11 To Agree – NALC Councillor Health and Safety Training (emailed out 3/2/21)

It was **resolved** for Cllr Campbell to attend this training and feedback information to Councillors at a cost of £16.80. **Clerk**

85.12 To Discuss – ‘Dogs on lead’ zone at Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground
It was agreed for the Clerk to look into this as advised by the Dog Warden, and bring back to Council the options available. **Clerk**

21/086 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

86.1 Analysis of Payments – January 2021 (Appendix 5)

86.2 Analysis of Receipts – January 2021 (Appendix 6)

86.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st January 2021 (Appendix 7)

86.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for February 2021 (Appendix 8)

The Clerk asked members if the amount of £1248.00 could be added to the payments (Fee for Emptying of Dig Bins NSDC)

The annual subscription for NALC was also removed and would be brought to the next meeting for discussion.

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 86.1– 86.3 and to authorise the schedule of payments (86.4) with the two amendments.

21/087 Planning Applications

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

The Chair brought this item forward to allow the member of the public to comment

As the meeting has reached 9.20pm standing orders were suspended in order to continue with the meeting

Proposal:	Outline Planning Application (all Matters Reserved) for erection of 21 dwellings, entrance road and garages
Site Address:	Land Adjacent To Marriott Lane Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	20/02114/OUTM

It was **resolved** to OBJECT based on the following:

Substandard Access and Highway Safety Impacts

Marriott Lane is unsuitable for any more vehicular traffic. There are no pavements beyond Cottage Close and 2-way traffic is difficult. It is used daily by pedestrians (with children) and horse-riders who access the nearby play-park, fields and bridleway.

Access onto the Main Road has poor visibility and is already difficult to enter/exit - Increased traffic will only exacerbate this, and pose a risk to road users, pedestrians and horse riders.

Consideration has not been given for the additional traffic entering the village due to other local developments that have been passed. Current traffic levels are already excessive, and we request that this is investigated and traffic surveys carried out before further developments are proposed.

Residential Amenity Impacts

The quality of life to residents would be reduced by building on this green space.

Ecological Impact

The area is a valued expanse of green space, with numerous varieties of wildlife and is historic to the Blidworth Conservation Area.

Impact of the Setting and appearance of the Blidworth Conservation Area

The landscape within the Conservation area would be lost, and potentially harm the character of the village.

Proposal:	Proposed two story industrial unit
Site Address:	Unit 3 Leach Way Blidworth NG21 0RU
Planning Application Ref:	20/02438/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Comments'

Proposal:	Erection of a new garden office
Site Address:	Forest Barn Dale Lane Blidworth NG21 0SU
Planning Application Ref:	21/00119/HOUSE

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Comments'

Proposal:	Extension to side of existing unit
Site Address:	Mb Service Centre Leach Way Blidworth NG21 0RU
Planning Application Ref:	21/00172/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Comments'

Proposal:	Proposed change of use of paddock to equestrian use, erection of a stable block, provision of hard standing and the formation of access and parking area
Site Address:	Land On The Corner Of New Lane And Cross Lane Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	20/02109/FULM

It was **Resolved** to Object to this application on the grounds of:

There is an on-going issue in the area of temporary structures, stables and other buildings being erected that then become a permanent fixture.

A change of use should not be considered as we believe the land was advertised and sold as agricultural Agreeing to this proposal sets a precedent for other land owners An Office is shown on the plan, why would this be necessary for equestrian use?

Proposal:	Proposed two storey dwelling and felling of 2no. trees (re-submission of 20/01200/FUL)
Site Address:	Mccolls Mansfield Road Blidworth NG21 0RB
Planning Application Ref:	21/00263/FUL

It was **Resolved** to Object to this application with the same objections as before.

On the grounds that the site entrance/access (New Lane) is unsuitable for additional vehicles. It is narrow and cannot cope with the current amount of traffic using it. The site is presently, and historically been used for vehicle parking for shops on Mansfield Road and there is no provision for parking in the area.

Proposal:	Erection of 3 No. new stable blocks
Site Address:	Land Adjacent To Jesmondene Cottage Blidworth Bottoms Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	21/00089/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Comments'

Proposal:	Proposed extension to stable block (resubmission of 20/00390/FUL)
Site Address:	Stables Calverton Road Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	21/00259/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Comments'

Proposal:	Removal of chimney, conservatory and bay window and alterations to roof including 3 No. dormer windows and velux windows (revised scheme 20/01907/HOUSE)
Site Address:	The Hawthorns Mansfield Road Blidworth NG21 0LR
Planning Application Ref:	21/00300/HOUSE

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Comments'

Public Consultation on the Draft Residential Cycle and Car Parking Standards & Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document ('SPD') 2020 (emailed out to Cllrs 19th Jan 21)

Noted

Planning Decisions

The following Planning decisions have been made (full details emailed out):

Proposal:	Extension to existing stable block
Site Address:	Stables Calverton Road Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	20/00390/FUL
Decision:	Refuse Full Planning Permission

21/088 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

21/089 To Note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 18th March 2021

21/090 Exclusion of Public (Confidential Items)

In accordance with Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 section 1(2) the Council exclude the public and press from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Meeting closed 10.30pm