



MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held remotely via ZOOM at 7.00p.m. on Thursday 21st January 2021

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

Action by

21/066 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda

Under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, if any local Parish Councillor is more than 2 months in arrears with their Council tax they must declare an interest and refrain from voting.

The following Declarations were made:

Agenda items 21/69 (69.1 – 69.6) Cllr's J Cheesmond, J Middleton, K Arnold, LJ Campbell, C Dabbs, N Spalding, J Rea, E Litchfield, N Rhodes

As these pecuniary interests relate to the setting of the precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and in accordance with the Code of Conduct, the above named Councillors remained in the meeting and were able to vote on these matters.

21/067 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bates.

21/068 To Consider – Applications for Parish Council Grants

There were no Parish Council Grant applications to address, however the Clerk drew to members attention the request from Cllr Campbell for £200 towards Community Crocheting, and the request for £2700 from Blidworth on the Move (emailed out to Councillors).

It was **resolved** to issue £200 to Cllr Campbell for Community Crocheting during Covid. It was further **resolved** to put aside an additional £1000 in the budget for Parish Council Grants. No decision was made regarding Blidworth on the Move.

21/069 To Agree – Precept for the Financial year 2021/22 including:

69.1 To Agree - Allotment fees for the year commencing 1st April 2022 (Appendix 1)

It was **resolved** for the Allotment fees for the year commencing 1st April 2022 to remain the same with no increase.

69.2 To Approve – Pay increase for 2021/22 in line with NJC Payscale

It was **resolved** to Approve the Pay increase for 2021/22 in line with NJC Payscale, when agreed with the NJC.

69.3 To Agree – Handyman/Contractor for Village Grass Cutting

The Clerk updated members with options for using the Grounds Maintenance Contractor (Weedfree Ltd) and also the costs allocated for machinery/Salary for the Grounds Maintenance employee.

It was **resolved** for the Clerk to discuss options of machinery with the Grounds Maintenance Person, and to discuss with Weedfree Ltd taking on the contract for a shorter period. An informal meeting would be arranged to discuss this further, with options being agreed at the February meeting. **Clerk**

69.4 To Agree - Festive Lights for 2021

A brief discussion took place regarding the festive lights and the meeting with AW Fencing, Cllr Dabbs and the Clerk, with a view to replacing lights and adding new.

It was **resolved** to allocate £6000 in the budget, giving approximately £1000 towards the cost of replacement lights.

69.5 To consider future projects/expenses for the year 2021/22
Cllr Spalding left the meeting at 8.15pm

The Clerk illustrated to members how the use of reserves could be spent and earmarked for the remaining financial year and the upcoming years. Future plans were also discussed.

It was **resolved** to agree to ring fence the following reserves:

Repairs and Renewals £5000

Community Funding/Events £5000

War Memorial Maintenance £1000

Sherwood Avenue Park £97,047

Library – Office rental and additional Library opening hours and staffing £27000 (for 3 year term)

Provision for a community Hub (if and when possible) £70,000

Elections £1000

New Machinery £5000

Grant money received but not yet spent £13280

69.6 To Agree the proposed budget for 2021/22 (Appendix 2)

The Clerk provided members with a proposed budget for 2021/22 based on the previous two years accounts. The Clerk also produced details of the precept request and year end balances over the previous 10 years. These were discussed by members.

In accordance with Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2011 Blidworth Parish Council **resolved** to inform Newark and Sherwood District Council that the precept request for 2021/22 is £ 77410

Equating to £70 per Band D Property (2021/22 Council tax base £1105.78)

Clerk

21/070 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meetings held on 7th January 2021 (Appendix 3)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th January 2021 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

21/071 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decisions can be made)

The Clerk updated members that she had been in contact with Mr Walker (Blidworth Oaks School) to say NCC had allocated an Officer and they hoped to be in touch shortly.

21/072 To receive Representations

72.1 Public Participation

Gilly Hagen discussed with members how the 'Blidworth on the Move' was developing for the Blidworth Community. Plans included Chrome books for residents to help communicate with friends and family, singing and cooking groups and a cinema group all set up on line to help support the residents of Blidworth.

A resident enquired about the use of grit in the village. The Clerk provided an update that the Grounds maintenance person would take note and all blue Grit bins (responsibility of the Parish Council) are filled and available for residents to use on local roads and pavements.

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

Cllr Arnold provided an update on flooding in the Newark district, which alongside Covid issues was keeping the District Council very occupied.

Cllr Woodhead had not provided a report, and Councillors requested an update on the TRO (3322) – Prohibition of Waiting on New Lane, Blidworth. **Cllr Woodhead**

Cllr Campbell asked Cllr Arnold if anything could be done regarding the flood water on Blidworth Lane, which was horrendous, and requested this be reported. The Clerk responded that the issue had been reported many times to VIA, and the advice from Mike Keeling was to report each time an issue arose. Cllr Campbell suggested that the Chair and herself take some footage of this to forward onto VIA. It was also suggested that contact be made with the Internal Drain **Clerk/Cllr Campbell/Cllr Cheesmond**

21/073 Business

73.1 To Discuss – Quotations for the Gate at the Bull Piece

The Clerk informed members that she had contacted 6 Companies and only 2 had been able to provide quotations. The first being from Anderworth Engineering to repair the gate arm at a cost of £385.00, and the second a quotation from MPR Electric Gates for a replacement gate and posts at a cost of £2500.00+VAT.

The Chair informed members that he had also obtained a quotation from LPS Supplies who could repair the gate at a cost of £350.

It was **resolved** to proceed with the quotation from LPS Supplies to repair the gate.

The Chair reminded members that he had made secure the site with concrete blocks, and was yet unsure as to the cost of this.

Cllr Campbell thanked Cllr Cheesmond for carrying out this work when it was required urgently.

73.2 To Agree – Update to Standing Orders (emailed out to members 21st December 2020)

It was **resolved** to amend the Remote Meetings protocol and procedures – Amendments to Standing Orders to read:

4) Councillors in Remote Attendance

a) A councillor in remote attendance is present and counted for the purposes of the quorum when they can:

i) hear and see other members of the council

73.3 To Agree – New Cllr Training and Planning Training

It was **resolved** for Cllrs Rea and Rhodes to attend the ‘New Councillor training’ (£25 per delegate), and Cllrs Rea, Rhodes and Litchfield to attend the ‘Introduction to Planning’ training (£16.80 per delegate). Both remote attendance. Clerk to arrange **Clerk**

73.4 To Agree – Training for Parish Groundsman

The Clerk updated members about the need for Health and Safety training for the Grounds Maintenance Person and gave an idea of cost. It was agreed for this to be looked at further when the necessary training was known.

73.5 To Update – Youth Forum

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

21/074 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

74.1 Analysis of Payments – November and December 2020 (Appendix 4)

74.2 Analysis of Receipts – November and December 2020 (Appendix 5)

74.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30th November and 31st December 2020 (Appendix 6)

74.4 To Authorise schedule of payments for January 2021 and December 2020 retrospectively (Appendix 7)

The Clerk gave members an update regarding the New play area which was awaiting a mound of earth to be removed, with this in mind it was **resolved** to withhold £1000 from the final invoice from Kompan until this had been completed.

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 74.1– 74.3 and to authorise the schedule of payments (74.4).

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

21/075 Planning Applications

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

None for consideration

Planning Decisions

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

Proposal:	Two storey rear extension, retention of porch to front and render to front elevation (part retrospective)
Site Address:	77 Dale Lane Blidworth NG21 0S
Planning Application Ref:	20/01551/HOUSE
Decision:	Refuse Householder Application

Proposal:	Alterations to roof including removal of chimney and new dormer windows and rooflights, removal of and alterations to existing bay windows, new porch and single storey rear extension.
Site Address:	The Hawthorns Mansfield Road Blidworth NG21 0LR
Planning Application Ref:	20/01907/HOUSE
Decision:	Refuse Householder Application

Proposal:	Removal of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension
Site Address:	18 Haywood Avenue Blidworth NG21 0RE
Planning Application Ref:	20/02010/HOUSE
Decision:	Grant Householder Application

Proposal:	Residential development of 81no 2, 3 and 4 bed dwellings and ancillary works
Site Address:	Land At New Lane Blidworth Nottinghamshire
Planning Application Ref:	20/00475/FULM
Decision:	Grant Full Planning Permission Major

Proposal:	Erection of new signage consisting of Fascia Advertisements (1 x externally illuminated), Vinyl Graphics To Windows and false windows
Site Address:	25-27 Lyndhurst Stores Lyndhurst Avenue Blidworth NG21 0SB
Planning Application Ref:	20/01969/ADV
Decision:	Grant Advertisement Consent

Proposal:	Extension to outbuilding to form garage.
Site Address:	Fountain Dale House Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 0ND
Planning Application Ref:	20/01745/HOUSE
Decision:	Grant Householder Application

Proposal:	Extension to outbuilding to form garage.
Site Address:	Fountain Dale House Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 0ND
Planning Application Ref:	20/01746/LBC
Decision:	Grant Listed Building Consent

All noted.

21/076 To note – Correspondence received
All relevant correspondence sent out via email

21/077 To Note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 18th February 2021

21/078 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 10.25pm