



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW**  
**on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: J Rea, E Litchfield, H O'Hare, H Catling, M Atherton,  
Apologies: C Walsh , K Hickenbottom, W Bates, T Smith  
Clerk: C Brettell  
Members of the Public: 2

Abbreviations: NCC – Nottinghamshire County Council  
NSDC – Newark and Sherwood District Council

**Action by**

**22/68 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda**  
None

**22/69 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk**  
Apologies were received and noted from C Walsh, K Hickenbottom, W Bates and T Smith. The Chair updated members that resignations had been received earlier that week from N Rhodes and C Dabbs.  
As it was now within 6 months of the May election, an election could not be called. It was agreed for the Clerk to provide a notice to advertise the 2 vacancies with a view to co-opting at the January meeting.

**22/70 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
(Appendix 1)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**22/71 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 after careful consideration with Cllr Walsh a new laptop had been ordered. This would have the latest windows version and Office 2021.

**22/72 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes per item)**

72.1 Public Participation

A resident enquired if a meeting regarding the section 106 money had been arranged. This was discussed. He also brought to members attention the incident that had occurred on Route 6 with a cyclist. Signage was to be looked at and the Police and Forestry Commission had been informed.

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

None

72.3 Police report

None

**22/73 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village** (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

The points raised by the resident were reiterated and it was agreed to put out a polite reminder on the Parish Council FB page to be courteous to other users on public footpaths.

**22/74 Financial Matters**

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

74.1 Analysis of Payments – November 2022 (to follow)

74.2 Analysis of Receipts – November 2022 (to follow)

74.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (to follow)

74.4 To authorise the schedule of payments for December 2022 (to follow)

The Clerk had been unable to provide the financial information as per items 74.1-74.3 as the bank statements had not been received. These to be brought to the January meeting.

It was **resolved** to authorise the schedule of payments 74.4 as circulated to members. The Clerk was yet to receive the invoice from Live and Local for £85. This to be paid when received.

74.5 To discuss – The Budget proposals for 2023/24 (to follow)

Cllr O'Hare talked through the budget proposals that had been put together. The Chair requested Councillors give thought to this in preparation for setting the precept in the New Year. Consideration for future projects was also explored.

The Clerk to distribute the 'Tax band' figures when received from NSDC along with examples of what the precept request would look like to residents on their Council Tax bill.

A further budget meeting would be held by the Working Party on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, prior to the figures being agreed at the Budget meeting.

74.6 To agree – Sue Stack as Internal auditor for 2022/23

It was **resolved** to appoint Sue Stack as the Internal Auditor. As discussed, an interim audit would be arranged with her. **Clerk**

**22/75 Business**

75.1 To update – Update on relevant works regarding Sherwood Avenue Recreational Ground

The Clerk updated members that the temporary CCTV from NSDC would be fitted next week.

75.2 To update – Jubilee mural board

Cllr Catling updated members regarding the Mural board. It was agreed that to pursue either party (Rainworth Fencing and ImageSkool) through the Small Claims court would be unproductive. NSDC had offered to provide further funding for a separate Art project on the mural boards. It was agreed for the boards to be stripped and repainted and prepared for an Art Project in the New Year possibly involving Blidworth Art Club and the local school.

75.3 To update – Moving forward with a Neighbourhood Plan

A meeting had been arranged on the 19<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm for all Councillors to attend with Emma Raine from NSDC.

75.4 To update – Blidworth Walking trail and information board  
Cllr O'Hare was moving this forward and would start linking interested parties together in order to form the basis for the trail.  
**Cllr O'Hare**

75.5 To feedback – Remembrance Service  
The Chair and Clerk updated members regarding the incidents with the road closure. The Police had been informed. It was agreed to look at additional signage, cones and stewards for next year. The Clerk had requested assistance from the Police if possible.  
The Chair thanked those involved with the day and the Blidworth Guides for making the wreath.

75.6 To discuss – Allocation of 106 money and meeting with residents  
A meeting had been arranged for 10am on the 9<sup>th</sup> December with NSDC to discuss the consultation with residents. A meeting with residents would be arranged shortly after. Residents that had shown an interest would be invited.

75.7 To discuss – Purchase of allotment land

Cllr O'Hare updated members regarding options for purchasing allotment land, which would be of benefit to residents and the Parish Council.

It was **resolved** to build a business case to present to Councillors following the May elections. The Chair/Vice Chair to work on this.  
**Cllr Rea/O'Hare**

75.8 To update – Purchase of notice board for Sherwood Avenue Park  
The Clerk had visited 'Men in Sheds' to discuss making a notice board for Sherwood Park. They were willing to make this for the Parish Council and would just charge for materials.

It was **resolved** to go ahead with this.

75.9 To discuss – Play Inspection from October (emailed out to Cllrs 13<sup>th</sup> October) and agree to rolling contract of inspection from the Play Inspection Company.  
The Clerk updated members regarding the items of 'Low Risk' on the Play parks. She and the groundsman had looked at the areas to be addressed and had taken this up with the suppliers. The Clerk to email any updates to Councillors.

It was **resolved** to enter into a rolling contract for the Play park inspections, which would hold the price for the upcoming year (£397.50 + VAT for 5 areas).

75.10 To discuss – Opening up of path onto Belle Vue Lane to the rear of the Parish workshop.  
The Clerk had asked District Cllr Thompson to look into this.

75.11 To discuss – Quotations for replacement garage door at the Parish workshop (Appendix 2)  
Members reviewed the 3 quotations received to replace the garage door.  
It was **resolved** to accept the quotation from Mansfield Garage Doors at a cost of £1347.30 inc. VAT.

75.12 To discuss – DBS Checks  
Further to the last Parish Council meeting, the SFCC were unable to carry out these checks on the Parish Councils behalf.

It was **resolved** to defer this to the Comms/Marketing/Events working party for further discussion and to agree a service provider. **Comms/Marketing/Events working**

75.13 To discuss – Contribution to NCC Youth bus for food  
It was agreed for the Parish Council to ask Tesco for support with this.

75.14 To discuss – Christmas Lights in the village  
The Clerk updated members regarding the issues that had occurred this year with the lights.

It was **resolved** for all Councillors to attend a site meeting on the evening of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> in order to evaluate the lights and to look at future plans. Following on from this the work could be put out to tender. **All Councillors**

**22/76 Updates from working party leads:**

76.1 Comms/Marketing/Events/Youth Forum

The Chair provided an update of the Christmas Light Switch on Event and Pensioners Christmas Party that had been a great success. It was agreed to book the SFCC for next year.

76.2 Bloom/Planting

Cllr Atherton updated members with his plans for next year. A detailed plan with costs to be put together for early next year to be agreed.

76.3 Parks and Open Spaces

Cllr O'Hare updated members regarding the break-ins and incidents at the Dale Lane Allotment site

76.4 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan

76.5 HR/Finance

**22/77 Planning Applications**

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

<b>Proposal:</b>	Proposed roof alterations to create additional living space, by extending building out the front hip to gable wall and extending the existing roof to rear over the flat roof of the existing extension.
<b>Site Address:</b>	Sandon New Lane Blidworth NG21 0PW
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	22/02186/HOUSE

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Objections' to this application.

<b>Proposal:</b>	4 no detached properties with associated detached single garages.
<b>Site Address:</b>	Land At Former T P Ulyett Landscaping The Nursery Main Street Blidworth
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	22/01968/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating 'No Objections' to this application. However, the Parish Council request that consideration be given to the neighbours comments.

<b>Proposal:</b>	Proposed new replacement stables building
<b>Site Address:</b>	Hilltop Stables Ricket Lane Blidworth
<b>Planning Application Ref:</b>	22/02216/FUL

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

### Planning Decisions and Appeals

The following Planning decisions/Appeals have been made:

*For the full list of conditions please see the Newark and Sherwood District Council Planning Portal*

<b>Application for:</b>	Householder Application
<b>Application No:</b>	22/01872/HOUSE
<b>Applicant:</b>	Jonathan Himsworth
<b>Agent:</b>	
<b>Proposal:</b>	Erection of a porch to front elevation.
<b>Site Address:</b>	12 Aberconway Street Blidworth Nottinghamshire NG21 0RF

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **Grant Householder Application** for the development described in the above application, subject to the following conditions.

<b>Application for:</b>	Full Planning Permission Major
<b>Application No:</b>	22/01712/FULM
<b>Applicant:</b>	Mr & Mrs P Begley
<b>Agent:</b>	Mr Colin Birch
<b>Proposal:</b>	Demolish single storey front extension. Single storey front extension and replacement pitched roof over.
<b>Site Address:</b>	Stokeley Cross Lane Blidworth NG21 0LZ

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **Refuse Full Planning Permission Major** for the development described in the above application, for the reasons set out below.

#### Reasons for Refusal:

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Given the extensions and alterations which have taken place previously, in the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, the dwelling has already been disproportionately extended. Despite the overall footprint of the dwelling remaining the same due to the proposed element of demolition, the proposal would lead to an additional (albeit modest) increase in floor space of the dwelling at first floor which cumulatively with previous extensions is considered to be harmful. In addition, by replacing an existing flat roof with a pitched roof would also lead to a significant increase in the volume of the roof having a harmful impact upon the openness of this part of the Green Belt.

<b>Application for:</b>	Full Planning Permission Major
<b>Application No:</b>	22/01769/FULM
<b>Applicant:</b>	Mr and Mrs Booth
<b>Agent:</b>	Mrs Helen Broadhurst
<b>Proposal:</b>	Partial change of use of agricultural land to mixed agricultural and equestrian, and new fencing and gates.
<b>Site Address:</b>	Plot Numbers 6, 7 And 8 Land North Of Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 0NG

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **Grant Full Planning Permission Major** for the development described in the above application, subject to the following conditions.

All noted.

- 22/78 To note – Correspondence received**  
All relevant correspondence sent out via email. However, the Clerk drew members attention to emails relating to the Devolution, and the Allocations and Development Management Plan from NSDC.
- 22/79 To note – The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023**
- 22/80 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.*

The time had reached 9.20pm. It was **resolved** to suspend Standing Orders to continue with the meeting

**Meeting closed 9.27pm**