MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW on Thursday 20th July 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: H O'Hare (Chairman) J Rea, E Litchfield, C Williams, G Fisher, H Catling, K Hickenbottom, C Walsh, W Bates

Apologies: T Smith
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: 6

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

Action by

23/34 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda
None

23/35 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk
Apologies were received and noted from Cllr T Smith

23/36 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2023 (Appendix 1)
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th June 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

23/37 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda
(no decisions can be made)
The trees outside the Welfare are still being looked into by VIA
The 'Blidworth Parish Council' pop up banner had not been ordered due to cost.
No response had been received from Thompsons Fair.
No response had been received from Mandarin Creates regarding the Parish Logo.
The Clerk still to chase these items.

23/38 To determine which items of the agenda, if any, should be taken with the public excluded. If the Council decides to exclude the public the item will be moved to 23/47 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.
None.

23/39 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes)
39.1 Public Participation

A resident reported the overgrown shrubbery on Belle Vue Lane and behind the Village notice board that is untidy and needs sweeping – Clerk to report.
He also commented that he felt nothing should be discussed confidentially. Cllr Bates responded that some issues should be, especially in regard to personnel.

A resident discussed parking issues in the village that were causing issues especially related to blocking driveways. The Clerk had directed them to information on the NCC website and also to report issues to the local police.

A resident discussed the issues with anti-social behaviour at Sherwood Park. His fence was being damaged, kids were climbing over the fence and damaging his property. The police had been involved and visited the resident. The Parish council to look at ways to improve visibility by cutting back the tree and shrubbery.

A further resident added to this – the Police attended today, and they were taking action on several drug related incidents.

Residents were invited to attended Working Party groups to help develop communication between the Parish Council and residents.

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

No report from District Councillor T Thompson

Cllr T Smith had sent his apologies and submitted the following report which the Clerk read out:

141

We're in a 'good' place with my 141 bus campaign at the minute. I've had 2 more meetings with the Cabinet Member for Transport last week to talk about some logistical issues to iron out, and we're still in productive discussion with Stagecoach about the practicals of the service continuing (one form or another). Rather unhelpfully, the local press have been incorrect in their most recent reporting of the 141, they've said Stagecoach is happy to continue the service. The reality of what Stagecoach actually said, however, is they will continue to run the service if we continue to subsidise it (which is a monumental sum of taxpayer money). Despite this, discussions are in a good place. Unfortunately, we're entering 'commercially sensitive' stages, so I can't give any figures, but I'm feeling positive. I know Parish always offers their support on this, and I'm very grateful for it and would ask just that you continue to support me in this as I carry on lobbying.

Dale Lane Shrubs

I would be very interested to know the Parish Council's official stance on what you/we want to do regarding the Dale Lane shrubs query. I know that social media has responded very actively towards the question of what should happen, and I'm very keen to hear resident's views on this before we formulate a plan going forward. I also have a meeting with NSDC to get them properly onboard. Thanks to Clare too for all the queries she's raised on this with Via.

County Hall

At a meeting of Full Council last week, NCC have now made the decision to begin the process to vacate County Hall (Our current, 90 odd year old somewhat stately building in West Bridgford) and move to a new, eco, custom built office in Hucknall. The reasons for this are overwhelmingly financial, County Hall costs the taxpayer several million to run and the new building will eliminate that loss, but alongside this the new building is in response to changes in working habits/culture (working from home), to allow us to lead in creating environmentally friendly large builds in the county, and to 'recentre' local political power away from the city and leafy suburbs of West Bridgford and towards areas with historic under-investment - Hucknall.

Blidfest

I also just wanted to flag Blidfest, and formally thank the organisers (John in particular) and say what a good event it was for the village. Very well turned out, very good natured, and very welcome.

39.3 Police Report

The Police were unable to attend.

23/40 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

40.1 Analysis of Payments – June 2023 including (Appendix 2)

40.2 Analysis of Receipts – June 2023 (Appendix 3)

40.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30th June (Appendix 4)
40.4 To authorise the schedule of payments for July 2023 (Appendix 5) and to agree to authorise the payments for August retrospectively in September

It was agreed to move £107 from the Lyndhurst Windfarm remaining grant to the materials budget to be used for black bags and gloves
The Chairman checked the bank reconciliation figures with the bank statements.
It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 40.1 – 40.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments (40.4) including the addition of £90 to NSDC.
It was further **resolved** to agree to authorise the payments for August retrospectively in September.

40.5 To discuss and approve - Grant for Men in Sheds (Ransom Woods) (Appendix 6)

It was **resolved** to approve this grant and donate £200 to men in Sheds (Ransom Woods)

23/41 Planning Applications
To receive, and where appropriate comment on the following applications:

Proposal:	Proposed boundary wall
Site Address:	The Magnolias Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 0PF
Planning Application Ref:	23/00886/HOUSE

It was **resolved** to respond to this application stating that the Parish Council do not support retrospective planning applications, as per their Policy agreed on the 13th October 2022.

Proposal:	Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new single storey rear extension to existing property
Site Address:	38 Haywood Oaks Lane Blidworth NG21 0TP
Planning Application Ref:	23/01116/HOUSE

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

Proposal:	Erection of a Proposed Agricultural Barn
Site Address:	Field Reference Number 6760 Blidworth Lane Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	23/01169/FUL

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

41.1 To agree – Planning Permissions notification from Newark and Sherwood District Council (emailed out to Councillors 6th July)

It was **resolved** to sign the documentation sent from Newark and Sherwood District Council, duly signed by the Chairman.

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

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Application for:	Full Planning Permission Major
Application No:	23/00405/FULM
Applicant:	Mr & Mrs P Begley
Agent:	Building & Design Service - Mr Colin Birch
Proposal:	Demolish single storey element on southern elevation of the dwelling. Extension and replacement roof of single storey element on the western elevation of the dwelling and install solar panels
Site Address:	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

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Application for:	Full Planning Permission Major
Application No:	23/00296/FULM
Applicant:	Mrs Lyndsey Turner-Whitby
Agent:	Mr George Machin
Proposal:	Retention of existing stables, container and fencing and change of use of land to equestrian (retrospective).
Site Address:	Field Reference Number 1798 New Lane Blidworth

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

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Application for:	Full Planning Permission
Application No:	22/02461/FUL
Applicant:	Mr Britton
Agent:	Mr Steve Iberle
Proposal:	Removal and replacement a single storey outbuilding and conversion with adjacent barn to form annexe (part retrospective)
Site Address:	Hill Top Farm Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 0QL

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

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Application for:	Full Planning Permission
Application No:	23/00901/FUL
Applicant:	Mr Scott Meikle
Agent:	
Proposal:	Creation of a driveway and dropped kerb (resubmission)
Site Address:	33 Main Street Blidworth NG21 0PX

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **Grant Full Planning Permission** for the development described in the above

All noted

23/42 Business

42.1 To agree - Section 106 money and agreement for use at Sherwood Park (Appendix 7)

It was **resolved** to go ahead with the benches, picnic tables, litterbins and wildflowers as per the information when confirmation arrives confirming the change to the 106 agreement from NSDC

42.2 To agree – Purchase of medals for bloom volunteers

It was **resolved** to purchase the medals at a cost of £76.74 + VAT. This would come from the remaining Summer Planting budget.

42.3 To agree – Archiving of Parish Council minutes

It was **resolved** to archive the minutes from 1990 to 2010 (20 years) Cllr Bates to contact the Blidworth Historical Society to see if they would like to scan any before they are archived. The Clerk commented that minutes from 2011 are available on the Parish Council website. **Clerk**

42.4 To agree – Advertisement of casual vacancy with a view to co-opting in September
It was **resolved** to advertise this vacancy with a view to co-opting in Sepember. **Clerk**

42.5 To agree – Christmas lights options for 2023
Cllr Williams updated members regarding the meeting he had had with AW Ward and the plans for this years Christmas lights. A full plan together with costings would be brought back to the September meeting. **Working Party**

42.6 To agree – Purchase of road closure signage for Remembrance service (Appendix 8)
It was **resolved** to purchase the signs from Street Solutions UK at a cost of £204.12 + VAT **Clerk**

42.7 To agree – CCTV at Sherwood Park including removal of temporary CCTV and return of allocated grant money
It was **resolved** for the Working Party to re-look at the options and bring back to the September meeting. **Working Party**

42.8 To update – Grass verge cutting in Blidworth and the agreement with VIA, including cutting back of areas that are not the responsibility of Blidworth Parish Council (Appendix 9)

Discussion took place regarding the grass verges and the correspondence from VIA. It was **resolved** for the Clerk to go back to them stating that the Parish Council agree payment for 5 cuts but this would need to be at a cost of £665 per cut. **Clerk**

42.9 To update - Minor2Major Grant funding and moving forward with village trail
It was **resolved** to proceed with the village trail should the NCC grant funding be Successful. The Parish Council expected to hear shortly about this.

42.10 To update – Section 106 meeting (13th July) and a plan moving forward
Cllr Walsh updated members regarding the meeting that was held on the 13th July. He had contacted NSDC and they were pleased we are working with them to consult with the public to discuss projects. A further meeting had been arranged for Thursday 27th July at 7pm in the Library.

42.11 To discuss – supporting RAGE (Residents Against the Bilsthorpe Incinerator) – email sent out to Councillors 10th July 23
Councillors discussed this and asked the Clerk if she could invite their representatives to discuss this with Parish Councillors, preferably before the next Parish Council meeting on the 21st September. **Clerk**

23/43 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

The Clerk reported that the overhanging hedge on the jitty on Boundary Crescent was being addressed by the tenancy Officer as it is the tenants responsibility to cut this back.

Discussion took place regarding the shrub beds along Dale Lane. The Clerk had reported to this to both NSDC (planted as part of a NSDC scheme) and VIA (Highways concern as causing an issue with visuability). NSDC Cllr T Smith had arranged a meeting to discuss this and advised that a consultation would be needed to understand the needs of residents.

23/44 Updates from working party leads:

44.1 Comms/Marketing/Events/Youth Forum – Cllr Litchfield provided an update regarding the upcoming Gala.

44.2 Bloom/Planting – The Clerk updated that Mrs Cutts had been in touch regarding the memorial planter on Dale Lane, and whether it would continue to be planted. The Clerk to look back at the minutes and this to be discussed at the September meeting.

44.3 Parks and Open Spaces – including update with Sustrans and possibility of a pump track/children's Play area at Sherwood Park to be looked at – Cllr Bates gave an update and would like to discuss options for a pump track and play area at Sherwood Park and bring back to a future meeting. A meeting had been arranged with Sustrans, Cllrs Catling and O'Hare to be involved.

44.4 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan – nothing to report

44.5 HR/Finance – nothing to report

23/45 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

23/46 To note – Future dates

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 21st September 2023

Upcoming Parish Council Surgery - Saturday 22nd July 2023 – cancelled

23/47 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 at 9.05pm