



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 21st September 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, T Smith

Apologies: W Bates
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: 10

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

Action by

23/54 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda

Cllr Litchfield declared an interest in Agenda item 23/62.9 as he is a Trustee of Blidworth Welfare.

23/55 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

Apologies were received and noted from W Bates

23/56 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July 2023 (Appendix 1) and the 10th August 2023 (Appendix 2)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July 2023 and the 10th August 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

23/57 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decisions can be made)

None

23/58 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 23/67 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.

It was agreed to move agenda item 23/62.9 to confidential

23/59 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes per item)

59.1 Public Participation

A resident asked if a grit bin could be sited on Appleton Road, at the junction with Sherwood Ave. The Clerk to look into this with NCC. **Clerk**

It was requested that the notice board on Sherwood Park to be used, as it hasn't much in it.

Mrs Cutts enquired as to the 'Cutts Memorial Planer – why has the planter not been planted up this year, as it has been done for the last 5 years. Cllr Williams responded to explain that he had been told not to plant this up. The Chairman responded to say that this would be looked into.

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

Cllr T Thompson expressed her condolence's for sergeant Graham Savill who lost his life trying to help save a life. She had received complaints about speeding on New Lane/Main Road and parking issues near the chippy. There had been an event where the music was too loud at the 'Bird in Hand'. Visibility was poor for vehicles pulling out of Ricketts Lane.

Cllr T Smith discussed the Planning Application for Heron Foods in Rainworth. The application has been rejected by NSDC. The Development Plan for Newark has been confirmed, this had been passed at District and is now in place, and provides a planning framework to reference. The Highways District Manager is coming to Blidworth to discuss flooding issues, he will be focusing on Cottage Close and Main Street. Cllr Smith also addressed the roads for sale around Andrew Drive. He confirmed that the roads are not for sale, it is the ground under the roads that are owned and are being sold - Land is for sale with Gascoigne's. This will have no impact and nothing can change to the roads.

Cllr Smith also confirmed:

There are parking issues outside VOLTZ, which are being looked into - this is Police matter.

The Local Communities fund will be opening next month

The 141 bus deal has been reached with NCC and will continue to run as is.

59.3 Police report
No police report

23/60 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:-

60.1 Analysis of Payments – July and August 2023 including (Appendix 3)

60.2 Analysis of Receipts – July and August 2023 (Appendix 4)

60.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st July and 31st August (Appendix 5)

60.4 To authorise the schedule of payments for September 2023 and August (retrospectively)(Appendix 6)

The Chairman checked the bank reconciliation figures with the bank statements.

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 60.1 – 60.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments for September 2023 and August (retrospectively)(Appendix 6) (60.4) including the addition of of £180 to NSDC for play park inspections.

60.5 To note – Notice of Conclusion of Audit 2023 (Appendix 7)

Noted. The Clerk confirmed that all paperwork had been published as per the regulations

23/61 Planning Applications

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

Proposal:	Application for lawful Development Certificate for existing use of grazing land and the keeping of horses
Site Address:	Field Reference 9710 Lindhurst Lane, Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	23/01260/LDCE

It was **resolved** to respond to this application stating 'No Objections'
Cllr T Smith Abstained

Application No	23/01399/LDCP
Date Registered	5 September 2023
Proposal	Lawful Development Certificate for front porch
Location	Ikkle Cottage 1 Heaths Yard Main Street Blidworth NG21 0QL
Applicant	Mrs Gail Smalley 95 Mansfield Road Papplewick NG15 8FJ

It was **resolved** to respond to this application stating 'No Objections'
Cllr T Smith Abstained

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:	Householder Application
Application No:	23/00912/HOUSE
Applicant:	Mr Lewis
Agent:	Mr Steve Iberle
Proposal:	Demolition of single-storey side extension and new two-storey side extension.
Site Address:	Norwood Hill Farm New Lane Blidworth NG21 0PW

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **Refuse Householder Application** 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:	23/00719/FUL
Applicant:	Johnstone
Agent:	Mr Jamie King
Proposal:	Change of use from Use Class E to Use Class F1 (Pollyteach Programme).
Site Address:	Unit 6A, Unit 7 And Land Adjacent Unit 7 Hazel Court Blidworth NG21 0RY

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **Refuse Full Planning Permission** 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:	Householder Application
Application No:	23/00886/HOUSE
Applicant:	Ms Louise Barrass
Agent:	
Proposal:	Proposed boundary wall (retrospective)
Site Address:	The Magnolias Ricket Lane Blidworth NG21 0PF

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **Refuse Householder Application** 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:	23/01240/FULM
Applicant:	Mr and Ms S Reavley
Agent:	Mr John Church
Proposal:	Change of use of land to equestrian use (retrospective).
Site Address:	Plot 12 New Lane Blidworth

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

Town and Country Planning act 1990 - Appeal Under Section 78

Site address: Land Adjacent Churchside Cottages Fishpool Road Blidworth
Description of development: Change of use of land to residential garden, retaining wall and new wooden shed.
Application reference: 22/02391/FUL
Appeal reference: APP/B3030/W/23/3321056
Appellant's name: Mrs Roisin Ordonez
Appeal start date: 1 August 2023

All noted

23/62 Business

62.1 To agree – Co-option of Parish Councillor (Appendix 8) closing date 14th September

It was **resolved** to co-opt Kerry Marlow as a Parish Councillor. The Acceptance of Office was duly signed and an agenda and minutes issued and she was invited to join the meeting.

62.2 To agree – Insurance renewal at a cost of £2356.52 including adequacy of 'Trustees and Officials indemnity' and confirmation from Parish Councillors to statement (emailed out to Councillors 5th Sept)

It was **resolved** to renew the Insurance at a cost of £2356.52
Councillors confirmed acceptance of the statement which was circulated and signed by members. It was agreed that the 'Trustees and Officials indemnity' was adequate.

62.3 To agree – Christmas lights options and quotations for 2023 (Appendix 9)

It was **resolved** to proceed with the Christmas light quotation from AW Ward at a cost of £4264.00 + VAT. It was further **resolved** to have the additional lights (Festoon and snowfall tubes between Belle Vue Lane and Haywood Avenue) at a cost of £1774.00. This would be taken from the existing budget and the £750 designated funds from Inspire (credit from Library closure).

62.4 To update – Grass verge cutting in Blidworth and the agreement with VIA (Appendix 10)
The Clerk had circulated the background papers via email, the original agreement commencing in 1996. It was agreed for the Clerk to look into this with NCC Cllr T Smith and report back to members.
Clerk/T Smith (NCC)

62.5 To discuss and agree – preparation for Remembrance service
The Clerk updated members regarding the preparation for Remembrance.
The road closure had been applied for, and volunteers were required to assist with this.
The Clerk to meet with the Vicar to confirm the service arrangements.
The Knitting ladies are providing knitted poppies to be used by Blidworth Oaks School for the poppy net. A wreath to also be made.

It was **resolved** for Cllr Hickenbottom to provide the PA system at no cost to the Parish Council.

62.6 To update - Miner2Major Grant funding and moving forward with village trail
The Clerk confirmed that the grant money had been received.

It was **resolved** to go ahead with the digital trail now that the grant funding was in place as per the discussions agreed in April (minute Ref. 23/121.4)

62.7 To agree – Cutting back of holly tree On Rookwood Court in preparation for the Christmas Lights (Appendix 11)
Members considered the quotations.

It was **resolved** to use Forest Farm Trees at a cost of £290 + VAT.

62.8 To consider - Anti-social behavior issues at Sherwood Park and quotations for tree removal (Appendix 12)
Consideration was given to quotations obtained and it was resolved to refer this back to the Open Spaces working party to look at this in relation to what residents would like to see.
Open Spaces WP

62.10 To agree – Winter grit and additional grit bins (Emailed out to Councillors with details of current bins 5th September)
The Clerk had circulated the location of Parish and NCC grit bins to members via email.

Following discussion, it was **resolved** to order the 5 free bags of grit.

62.11 To agree – Allowing multiple fires at Dale Lane Allotment site at a date (to be agreed) in November

Following discussion it was **resolved** to allow the Forest Folk Allotment Society to have multiple fires as opposed to one large one. This would be in line with their agreement and they would let the Parish Council know the date in November they would like to have it.

62.12 To note - Nottingham waste plan (emailed out to Councillors 31st August)
Noted

62.13 To agree – Venue and caterers for Pensioners Christmas Party on Tuesday 5th December

It was **resolved** to have the Pensioners party at the SFCC on Tuesday 5th December, and to use Patchills Pantry as the caterers at £11 per head. 50 pensioners could be catered for on a first come first served basis. The Clerk to arrange this. **Clerk**
The Clerk confirmed that Blidworth Oaks school choir could attend this event.

62.14 To agree – Christmas Light Switch on Event and venue

It was **resolved** to hold the Christmas Light Switch on event at Blidworth Library on Saturday 25th November 2-6pm. Stalls would be limited due to space and no food and Drink or alcohol to be consumed in the library. The Events WP to confirm further details in conjunction with the Clerk.

The Clerk confirmed that Blidworth Oaks school choir could attend this event.

Inspire had confirmed that they would be happy for a tree to be sited outside the library. NCC Cllr T Smith to look into this with the clerk. **T Smith/Clerk**

62.15 To agree – Purchase of mobile phone for Parish Clerk

It was **resolved** for the Clerk to purchase a mobile phone up to the value of £300 (using the Stationery & equipment/Phone & postage budget).

Cllr Walsh to assist with this.

Clerk/Cllr Walsh

23/63 Updates from working party leads:

63.1 Comms/Marketing/Events/Youth Forum – Items previously updated and confirmed. Cllr Fisher to design poster for Christmas Event

63.2 Bloom/Planting - including provision for winter. Cllr Williams to contact Wilsons

63.3 Parks and Open Spaces – including update with Sustrans and possibility of a pump track/children's Play area at Sherwood Park. Cllr Bates to update at the next meeting

63.4 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan – to be looked at further for next meeting

63.5 HR/Finance

23/64 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

Several items were reported. Cllr Litchfield suggested logging this on the 'MyNotts' app which can be downloaded from the NCC webpage.

23/65 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email – A resident had kindly offered to sponsor some benches in the village, the Clerk and the Parks and open spaces WP to look into this.

Parks and Open spaces WP/Clerk

23/66 To note – Future dates

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 19th October 2023

Parish Council Surgery and Medal awards- Saturday 30th September 2023

A 15 minute comfort break was held

23/67 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 9.20pm