MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW on Thursday 18th January 2024 commencing at 7.00pm

The Chairman asked those present that if anyone was recording the meeting to make themselves known.

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

Apologies: W Bates, T Smith
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: 4

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

Action by

24/96 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.
All Parish Councillors declared an interest in Agenda item 24/103
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, all Councillors remained in the meeting and were able to vote on these matters.
Cllr Litchfield also declared an interest in Agenda items 24/102.7 and 24/105.7

24/97 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk
Apologies were received and noted from T Smith and W Bates

24/98 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th November 2023
(Appendix 1)
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th November 2023 be accepted as a true and accurate record

24/99 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda
(no decisions can be made)
Nothing to update

24/100 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 24/110 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.
None

Cllr Williams joined the meeting at 7.05pm

24/101 To receive Repesentations (no more than 5 minutes per item)

101.1 Public Participation

A resident expressed his interest in joining the Working Party for the Village planting and Parks and Public spaces .

A resident enquired about 2 benches on Boundary Crescent, on a communal grass area that required maintenance. The Clerk to look into this. **Clerk**

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

No reports received, however, Cllr T Smith had stated that if anyone wants to raise anything directly with him, they're welcome to.

101.3 Police report

PC Napier gave a report that he had dealt with ASB nominals but was now visiting along with the housing team. ASB figures had gone down. There is a new ASB team working alongside the Police separate to NSDC.

The new Chief Constable has carried out a review of the local force. PMT has been set up to again to work with the youth, by June this should be in full force. There is a Support worker in place – Juliette who is based at Blidworth Library.

The Chairman had had a conversation with Tesco, there had been a lot of theft which was being reported, and people hanging around the shop making staff feel uncomfortable. Police to make contact and look at support from the ASB team.

Councillors also expressed concerns about parking around the bike shop/café on the pavement blocking access for pedestrians, and disabled users. Although this has been referred to NCC, the Police were asked to look into this as it is causing an obstruction on a regular basis. The Police asked for photos and registration numbers to be sent in so they could look into the matter.

24/102 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

102.1 Analysis of Payments – November and December 2023 (Appendix 2)

102.2 Analysis of Receipts – November and December 2023 (Appendix 3)

102.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30th November and 31st December 2023 (Appendix 4)

102.4 To authorise the schedule of payments for December 23 (retrospectively) and January 2024 (Appendix 5)

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

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 102.1 – 102.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments for December (retrospectively) and January, including 2 additional payments – ChipHosting £75 and expenses for the Groundsman £36.98

102.5 To re-appoint Sue Stack as internal auditor

It was **resolved** to appoint Sue Stack as the internal Auditor for this financial year

102.6 To agree – additional signatories to Unity Trust and Nat West bank accounts and to remove J Rea

It was **resolved** to remove J Rea as signatory on both bank accounts and to add Cllr Callam Walsh to the NatWest account and Cllr Helen Catling to both the Natwest and Unity Trust accounts as signatories. **Clerk**

102.7 To agree – Parish Council grant applications received up to 31st December 2023 (Appendix 6)

It was **resolved** to award £200 to Blidworth Bowls Club as per the Parish Grant application.

102.8 To discuss – Allocation of remaining covid grant money (Appendix 7)

It was **resolved** to defer this to the next Parish Council meeting so that Parish Councillors could give this further consideration.

24/103 To agree – Precept for the Financial year 2024/25 including:

103.1 To note – Forest Folk Allotment annual payment increase in line with inflation

The increase of £35.91 was noted making the annual payment a total of £666.00 (rounded up as agreed with A Saunders).

A new agreement to be sent to the Forest Folk Allotment Society for signing. **Clerk**

103.2 To note – Salary increases for 2024/25 in line with NJC Payscales

These were noted, and were agreed in line with the Green book agreement to which both employees are employed. Any future pay increases to be implemented as per instruction from NALC.

103.3 To consider future projects/expenses for the year 2024/25 and agree the proposed budget

Cllrs Catling and O'Hare talked through the figures following discusion by the Working Party at their meeting last week. Projects were discussed and agreed alongside the amount in the reserves.

It was **resolved** to agree the proposed budget, using reserves to cover £5855.00 to support the precept.

103.4 To agree – The precept request from Newark and Sherwood District Council for The year 2024/25

In accordance with Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2011 Blidworth Parish Council **resolved** for the precept requested from NSDC for 2024/25 to be £95291.00 Equating to £81.13 per Band D Property

The Chairman signed the precept request form.

24/104 Planning Applications

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

Proposal:	Creation of new single storey extension to provide a private changing area
Site Address:	Nottinghamshire Fire And Rescue Service Blidworth Fire Station Mansfield Road Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	23/01996/FUL

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

Proposal:	Certificate of Lawfulness to continue the existing use of land for grazing horses on for personal use only.
Site Address:	Field Reference Number 1411 Butler Drive Blidworth
Planning Application Ref:	24/00028/LDCE

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

To update – Planning Application at Dale Lane Ref. No. 22/01495/FULM
No update to be given despite chasing with NSDC.

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 (as amended) SECTION 192 (as amended by Section 10 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) (ORDER) 2015 Article 39 CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE OR DEVELOPMENT (PROPOSED)

Outcome:	Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed new render to the building
Site Address:	Bromfield Main Street Blidworth NG21 0QD
Planning Application Ref:	23/01810/LDCP

Prior Approval Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015
Prior Approval Schedule 2, Part 1 Class A

Application for:	Householder Prior Approvals
Application No:	23/02062/HPRIOR
Applicant:	Mr A Stapleton
Agent:	David P Formon
Proposal:	Householder prior approval for proposed single storey rear extension The length that the extension extends beyond the rear wall of the original house: 3.36 metres Eaves height of the extension: 3 metres Maximum height of the extension: 3 metres
Site Address:	46 Mansfield Road Blidworth NG21 0RA

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the above Act and order, herby determine that **Prior Approval Is Not Required** for the development

Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Application for:	Section 73 Major Application
Application No:	23/01813/S73M
Applicant:	Gleeson Homes - Mr Ryan Waddell
Agent:	
Proposal:	Variation of conditions 5 and 8 attached to planning permission 21/01502/S73M to amend the landscaping plans to remove/replace several trees/hedges on the southern border due to engineering requirements and remove the garage serving plot 67
Site Address:	Land At New Lane Blidworth

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **Grant Section 73 Major 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:	23/01515/FULM
Applicant:	Mr & Mrs P Begley
Agent:	Mr Colin Birch
Proposal:	Remove single storey front extension. Alterations, conversion and single storey front extension to garage.
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 **Grant Full Planning Permission Major** for the development described in the above

Section 192 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)

Application For: **CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS OF PROPOSED USE OR DEVELOPMENT**

NOTICE OF DECISION

Application No: 23/01667/LDCP **Previous Ref**: PP-12465489

Application Date: 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

Applicant: MR MAX LEE

Agent:

Use/Operations/Matter specified in application: LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE FOR PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION, INCLUDING THE ADDITION OF PHOTO-VOLTAIC SOLAR PANEL(S) TO THE DETACHED GARAGE ROOF, REPLACING FRENCH DOOR WITH BIFOLD DOORS, WIDENING EXISTING ACCESS GATEWAY

Site Address: HIGH PARK FARM CROSS LANE BLIDWORTH NG21 0LX

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **REFUSE TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE** in respect of the use, operations or other matter

Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Application for:	Section 73 Application
Application No:	23/01752/S73
Applicant:	Mr Britton
Agent:	Mr Steve Iberle
Proposal:	Application for variation of conditions 08 and 09 to extend the period of time in which the works are to be undertaken attached to planning permission 22/02461/FUL; Removal and replacement a single storey outbuilding and conversion with adjacent barn to form annexe (part retrospective)
Site Address:	Hill Top Farm Main Street Blidworth NG21 0QL

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **Grant Section 73 Application** for the development described in the above

Section 192 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)

Application For:	**CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS OF PROPOSED USE OR DEVELOPMENT**

NOTICE OF DECISION

Application No:	23/01608/LDCP **Previous Ref**: PP-12441672
Application Date:	11 SEPTEMBER 2023
Applicant:	MR JOHN SMYTH
Agent:	
Use/Operations/Matter specified in application:	CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR PROPOSED USE OF LAND TO PRODUCE SMALL SCALE FRUIT, FLORAL AND HERB PRODUCTION WITH ERECTION OF A POLYTUNNEL
Site Address:	PLOTS 12C AND 12D RICKET LANE BLIDWORTH

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **REFUSE TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE** in respect of the use, operations or other matter

All Noted

24/105 Business

105.1 To discuss and implement – Actions and decisions log (Appendix 8)

It was **resolved** to implement the Actions and decisions log with immediate effect. The Clerk to send out to Councillors and an update to be given at the beginning of each meeting in 'matters arising'.

105.3 To update - Working Party/Advisory Committees and clarification of WP groups and leads (Appendix 9)

This was discussed and updated, however, it was **resolved** to move and discuss the inclusion of residents in these groups to exclude the public (24/110). Cllr Williams was against this decision.

105.4 To agree - updates to the Parish Council Social Media Policy

It was **resolved** to update the Social Media Policy as per the documents circulated

This agenda item was moved to be discussed in conjunction with agenda item 24/105.4.

105.2 To agree - Use of Parish Council Facebook page and WhatsApp group

This was discussed in conjunction with the Social Media Policy. A new WhatsApp group and Facebook page were being constructed by Cllr Walsh, the terms of the new Social Media Policy would apply.

105.5 To discuss and agree – attendance at The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has launched a new online event on the good, the bad, and the ugly of social media in the local council sector on 28 February 2024. At a cost of £40+

It was **resolved** for this to be available for all Councillors. Individual Councillors to let the Clerk know so that she can book a space. **Clerk**

105.6 To discuss – Parish Council input with sand bags (emailed out to parish Councillors 4th December 2023)

It was **resolved** for the Clerk to discuss this with Cllr Smith and respond accordingly. Cllr Litchfield had raised that residents are still having issues with the flooding from October.

105.7 To discuss – Proposal for the Parish Councils BID for the section 106 money
This was deferred to the next meeting

105.8 To update – Village trail and information board (use of grant funding)
The Chairman gave an update on the trail and the meeting she had had before Christmas.

It was **resolved** that as the spend had been agreed from grant funding that a payment could be made upfront as necessary for the lectern board.

105.9 To update - PSPO order emailed out to Parish Councillors out 4th January 24
This was deferred to the next Parish Council meeting.

105.10 To discuss – 'Chord Progression' music sessions in Blidworth
This was discussed and it was agreed to support 'Chord Progression' with their music sessions to be held at Blidworth Welfare for a 6 week period commencing on the 20th February 2024. This would not be a Parish Council event but would be supported and advertised.

24/106 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)
It was noted that the Clerk had circulated a report and photos of a car that had crashed in the flood water on Dale Lane.
The Chairman asked for it to be raised that there was substantial flood water and soil on the road from the fields off Baulker Lane. Residents were reporting that they weren't using Haywood Oaks Lane as the road conditions are too bad.

24/107 Updates from working party leads
107.1 Communications/Marketing/Events (EL) It was noted that a family fun day at Sherwood Park was to be held in May
107.2 Village Planting (CW)
107.3 Parks and Open Spaces (KH)
107.4 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan (EL)
107.5 HR/Finance (HC)

24/108 To note – Correspondence received
All relevant correspondence sent out via email

24/109 To note – Future dates
The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 15th February 2024
Upcoming Parish Council Surgery - Saturday 20th January 2024

Cllr C Williams left the meeting at 8.45pm
A ten minute comfort break was held

24/110 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 9.16pm