



**MINUTES OF THE BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at Blidworth Library, New Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG21 0PW
on Thursday 21st March 2024 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: E Litchfield, H Catling, K Marlow, K Hickenbottom, C Williams, C Walsh,
T Smith, C Dear

Apologies: W Bates, G Fisher

Clerk: C Brettell

Members of the Public: 6

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

Action by

24/125 To Elect a Chair

Cllr Walsh was elected as Chair, and duly signed the acceptance of Office

24/126 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda

None

24/127 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk, and to note resignation of H O'Hare

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Bates and Fisher. The resignation of H O'Hare was also noted. The Clerk had published the notice and had today had confirmation that no election had been called, and the Parish Council are therefore able to co-opt. It was agreed for the Clerk to advertise this, with a view to co-opting at the April meeting.

24/128 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th February 2024 (Appendix 1)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th February 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

24/129 To note – updates on matters arising from the minutes if not already on the Agenda (no decisions can be made) and to update on the Actions and Decisions log (Appendix 2)

The Clerk had not heard anything from Canvas regarding the skate park floor covering, she would continue to chase this.

All other items are on the Actions and Decisions log which was updated.

24/130 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 23/139 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.

None

24/131 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes per item)

131.1 Public Participation

A resident asked for an update regarding the section 106 meeting and concern that nothing had been shared with the community regarding the Parish Council's BID. The feasibility study

and costings would like to be seen by residents.

They also expressed concern at the number of resignations that are happening within the Parish Council and asked why this is the case.

The Chairman responded to say that the Parish Councils BID will be discussed on agenda item 24/133.2

A resident asked about the 'Pods' at Sherwood Park, concerned that residents were not aware of this, asking how it had been conveyed to local residents.

A further resident asked why there had been no consultation with residents about the need for Pods, and that residents do not feel that this is appropriate. No football is played on the field. A resident stated that in 1974 a brick building was built on the site for football facilities, which has been demolished. A similar structure wouldn't last long. Time and money should be invested on working with the kids.

A resident confirmed that football isn't played on site as the ground isn't suitable due to the holes, and amount of dog mess on site. Parking is also an issue for residents and a footpath should be considered around the park to help get to the facilities on site.

Parking issues need addressing. Sherwood Avenue near to the park is often congested. Driveways are blocked and the bus has difficulty to get through.

A resident expressed the need for more notice boards in the village. The Chairman responded that there are currently 2 in the village.

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

Cllr Smith to give his report on arrival (currently detained in a meeting).

131.3 Police report

None

24/132 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

Parking outside Sherwood Park was discussed – a sign to be purchased and put back on the gates requesting that access is maintained at all times. **Clerk**

24/133 Business

133.1 To update – Village trail and information board (use of grant funding)

Cllr Litchfield provided an update regarding the trail which was underway.

The Clerk updated members regarding the funding.

It was **resolved** to work with the Blidworth Historical Society with the project.

133.2 To agree – submission of section 106 funding BID to NSDC by 31st March

Cllr Catling responded to all to say that disappointingly the Parish Council are not in a position to move forward for this, and there is a need to progress with a consultation.

It was **resolved** to not submit a funding BID to NSDC for the Sherwood Park Pavilion area, as the project had not come to fruition.

Cllr Litchfield did not participate in this discussion and abstained from the vote.

133.3 To agree – to amend the HR/Finance working party making it a Finance Working Party and a HR committee (terms of reference Appendix 3)

It was **resolved** to have a Finance Working Party and a HR committee, with the terms of reference as per Appendix 3. Members of the committee to be agreed at the next Parish

Council meeting

133.4 To adopt – the Disciplinary procedure (Appendix 4)

It was **resolved** to adopt the Disciplinary procedure

133.5 To adopt – the Grievance procedure (Appendix 5)

It was **resolved** to adopt the Grievance procedure

133.6 To update – Disposal of Parish Council waste

The Clerk updated members regarding the meeting she had had with B Stacey at NSDC, the groundsman, Cllr T Smith. The issue had arisen with Fly tipping being collected which must be reported to NSDC directly. Moving forward the Parish Council needed to look at ways to deal with disposing the waste. This to be reviewed in 6 months time. The Clerk to look into this and bring back to a future meeting. **Clerk**

133.7 To confirm and sign – Cllr acceptance of Social Media Policy as agreed by full Council on the 18th January (minutes Ref 24/105.4)

Councillors signed the form as requested by the Clerk

133.8 To agree – purchase of Banners for summer Gala and future events
Cllr Litchfield updated members regarding the costs for 2 banners.

It was **resolved** for Cllr Litchfield to purchase these at a cost of no more than £200.

Cllr Litchfield

Cllr Smith entered the meeting at 19:50

Cllr Smith was invited to give his reports from District and County Council:

Cllr Smith updated members regarding the speed bumps outside Joseph Whitaker, the work will be carried out in the Easter holidays (signage already up to this affect). There is also going to be a moving speed sign and a consultation for yellow lines is in progress. This is all to address the speed issues following the accidents that have happened outside school.

Cllr Dear asked for an update on Haywood Oaks and the amount of potholes. Cllr Smith responded to say that repairs are taking place on certain patches but more work is needed to sort this. New funding has been set aside from the HS2 budget.

He also enquired about the pavement at 1 Haywood Oaks which is not suitable for mobility scooters. Cllr Smith said he would look into this.

Cllr Catling asked for an update regarding the footpath at the New Lane Development; the deadline has been extended until May.

Flooding issues were asked about, following the work carried out on the attenuation basin at the New Lane Development. Residents still see issues with the man holes lifting, as it appears that any flood water is now diverted into the sewage.

The Parish Council to write to the developers (Gleasons) to express concern.

Clerk

133.9 To agree – Contract with NSDC for Dog waste bins (Appendix 6)

It was **resolved** to continue with this agreement at the cost of £2.30 per bin per week (the Parish Council have 10 in the village. The Chairman signed the agreement.

133.10 To agree – attendance on ‘Committees, how it can all go wrong AND Changes to Employees’ Rights’ course on the 22nd April

It was **resolved** for Cllr Catling to attend this course at a cost of £45

Cllr Catling

24/134 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

134.1 Analysis of Payments – February 2024 (Appendix 7)

134.2 Analysis of Receipts – February 2024 (Appendix 8)

134.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 29th February 2024 (Appendix 9)

134.4 To authorise the schedule of payments for March 2024 (Appendix 10)

134.5 To remove – H O’Hare as bank signatory on both Unity Trust and NatWest Bank Accounts

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

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 134.1 – 134.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments for March. It was noted that the Clerk had not paid the amount to Canvas until they make contact regarding the surface issues.

It was further **resolved** to remove H O’Hare from both Unity Trust and Natwest Bank accounts

24/135 Planning Applications

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

Proposal:	First floor rear extension with cladding
Site Address:	High Park Farm Cross Lane Blidworth NG21 0LX
Planning Application Ref:	23/02259/HOUSE

It was **resolved** to respond stating no objections to this proposal

Proposal:	Proposed lowering of kerb
Site Address:	7 Haywood Oaks Lane Blidworth NG21 0TP
Planning Application Ref:	24/00388/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating no objections to this proposal

To update – Planning Application at Dale Lane Ref. No. 22/01495/FULM

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

The lawful development:

Lawful development certificate for proposed photo-voltaic solar panel(s) to detached garage roof, widening of existing french doors to lounge to bi-fold doors and widening of existing access gateway to 4.5 metres.

SECOND SCHEDULE (the land)

The property/land known as:

High Park Farm Cross Lane Blidworth NG21 0LX

This Certificate relates to application reference: **24/00002/LDCP**.

The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012

Application for:	Works to Tree/s Protected by TPO
Application No:	24/00111/TPO
Applicant:	John Bradbury
Agent:	
Proposal:	Remove 1no Beech tree under 5-day notice.
Site Address:	Land Off Blidworth Lane Blidworth

Newark and Sherwood District Council as Local Planning Authority in pursuance of their powers under the said legislation **Grant Works to Tree/s Protected by TPO** for the works described as above, subject to the following conditions:

Noted

24/136 Updates from working party leads

136.1 Communications/Marketing/Events (EL)

Cllr Litchfield updated members regarding the stall fees and preparation for the Summer gala. The Welfare Brass band will be performing along with the local dance troupe. WP meeting to be held in April to discuss.

136.2 Village Planting (CWm)

Cllr Williams had received interest in the village from residents to help with the village planting. He asked for it to be noted that he would not exclude any residents from helping with this. The groundsman had started to look at plants and costs

136.3 Parks and Open Spaces (KH)

The Working Party were looking at Dog waste bins, and the car parking at Sherwood Park

136.4 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan

136.5 Finance

24/137 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

The Clerk drew members attention to the Local Waste Plan from NCC emailed out to members on the 8th March

24/138 To note – Future dates

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 18th April 2024

Upcoming Parish Council Surgery - Saturday 23rd March 2024 and dates and locations of future surgeries – This to be looked at for future surgeries

Annual Parish Gathering – Saturday 20th April 2024

A 10 minute comfort break was held

24/139 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 8.45pm