



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

Present: Councillors: E Litchfield, K Marlow, K Hickenbottom, C Williams, C Walsh,
T Smith, C Dear, W Bates, G Fisher

Apologies: H Catling
Clerk: C Brettell
Members of the Public: 6 inc. 2 Police

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

The Chair asked if anyone was recording the meeting to make themselves known.
It was noted that no one was recording.

Action by

24/140 To receive - Declaration of interests both pecuniary and non-pecuniary and applications for dispensation on items listed on the agenda

None

24/141 To receive - Apologies for absence given to the Clerk

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr H Catling

24/142 To receive and approve – Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st March 2024

(Appendix 1)

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st March 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

24/143 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 updated regarding Canvas and the concrete surfacing. They had recommended that the Parish Council contact a local contractor to obtain a quotation as this is not within the guarantee.

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

Cllr Smith (NCC) and Clerk meeting with NCC/Via next week to discuss the grass verge cutting.

24/144 To determine which items on 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 24/153 and a resolution passed in order to discuss the item.

None

24/145 To receive Representations (no more than 5 minutes per item)

145.1 Public Participation

A resident raised an issue with the section 106 money - back in 2022 the Parish Council agreed to work with the community to make sure the money would be put to good use.

Several meetings were held, and at the meeting on the 23rd October it was resolved to move forward, with costing, feasibility etc. being discussed with the community. This has now been abandoned and he asked the Chair the reason behind this.

Cllr Bates responded to the email sent and asked for the remark to be removed about 'dubious projects'. which he felt is not the case.

Cllr Litchfield discussed a 'Wish List' for the Parish Council to put together with residents with ready to go projects, which will be brought to fruition.

Cllr Smith confirmed as NSDC District Councillor that there had been 5 or 6 expressions of interests in the section 106 money.

A resident asked if the fair will be coming to Blidworth as it is going to Rainworth. Clerk responded to say they had not responded to the Parish's request to see if the access to Sherwood Park was suitable. Cllr Bates also mentioned that the past investment in the park had also been considered.

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

Cllr Smith gave an update regarding the 'speed cushions' installed at Warsop Lane. It was stressed that these have been installed to reduce the speed of vehicles and not to address parking issues. Yellow lines are yet to be done, as they are currently under consultation.

Cllr Bates enquired about a 20mph zone down Warsop Lane, and also the amount of pot holes on local roads - this to be addressed further.

Parking issues in the village was also discussed - The police do carry out operations and continue to look into this. In regard to Warsop Lane, Cllr Smith is working with Joseph Whitaker school, and emphasized that this is the responsibility of everyone including parents dropping their children off.

Parking on Belle Vue Lane is also an issue. The Police confirmed that they have not enforced anything as it frees up the pavement on the other side of Belle Vue for the safety of pedestrians.

145.3 Police report

The Police reported that they had looked into kids trespassing on Rickets Lane. There had been an incident with kids with a knife on Belle Vue Lane park, and drugs and sexual activity on Rigg Lane. The Police were patrolling and reporting has gone down.

Cllr Litchfield requested it be noted that there is a hiding place behind bushes on Belle Vue Lane (opposite Aberconway Street).

24/146 To Discuss/Update on Highway Issues in the Village (if not already covered in District and County Council reports)

An anonymous letter had been received from residents regarding Priory Road – Noted. As there are no contact details no further information could be obtained.

Cllr Smith updated that 13 Potholes are to be filled imminently on Rigg Lane.

24/147 Business

147.1 To co-opt Parish Councillor (Appendix 3 – Please treat as confidential)

It was **resolved** to Co-opt Theresa Duffy who duly signed the Acceptance of Office form.

147.2 To update – village trail and information board (use of grant funding)
Cllr Litchfield provided an update, in the slight delay. The Clerk updated about the funding, and had requested an extension until the end of May – this is yet to be confirmed with Miner2Major.

147.3 To agree – purchase of replacement parts for the village notice board (Appendix 4)

It was **resolved** to purchase 3 magnetic back boards for the village notice board on Mansfield Road, along with 3 rolls of neoprene tape for sealing, all at a cost of £479 + VAT

147.4 To agree – repairs to floodlight at Sherwood Park (Appendix 5)

The Clerk had contacted 4 electrical firms and had obtained 2 quotations.
It was agreed that the light should still be under warranty with Overton Electrical. The Clerk to enquire and if necessary come back with further quotations to repair/replace the light.

Clerk

147.5 To agree – members of HR and Employment Committee (ToR Appendix 6)

It was **resolved** for this item to be deferred to the May meeting.

147.6 To agree – The Parish Council domain name including: (Appendix 7)

- a) To agree that Blidworth Parish Council begins the steps required to migrate email and the parish council to a gov.uk domain.
- b) That the council agrees upon a suitable gov.uk domain from the suggestions above, or any other proposals from Councillors.
- c) The clerk, being the responsible finance officer and, and therefore the “Chief Executive or equivalent non-elected high-ranking officer” grants Cllr Walsh the permission to apply for “[the chosen] domain name or for any domain name until [the clerk] explicitly withdraws consent”.
- d) The clerk nominates Cllr Walsh as the technical point of contact
- e) Cllr Walsh compares Approved Registrars and selects a suitable Approved Registrar
- f) Blidworth Parish Council purchases a gov.uk domain after June 2024, when the registration fee reduces from £50 +VAT to £10 +VAT per year.
- g) Blidworth Parish council commits to this yearly renewal fee of £10 +VAT.
- h) Cllr Walsh to explore web hosting and email services and bring pricing information to a future council meeting for further discussion and approval.

It was **resolved** to proceed with motions a) – h) as above.

147.7 To note – work carried out to path/road way off Marriott Lane (Appendix 8)
The Clerk updated members regarding the work carried out by a resident on the road/path way at Marriott Lane. This was noted by Parish Councillors

The Clerk informed members that the stone wall to the west boundary is collapsing in parts. Cllr Bates asked if the stone wall is protected/listed. the Clerk to look into this further.

Clerk

Parish Councillors to look at the roadway/path on Marriott Lane and bring back to a future meeting.

- 147.8 To agree – Summer planting and costs
Cllr Williams updated members regarding the summer planting in the village.

It was **resolved** to allow Cllr Williams along with the Working party to proceed with this project within the years budget of £4000.

24/148 Financial Matters

To receive and approve accounts and financial information:

- 148.1 Analysis of Payments – March 2024 (Appendix 9)
148.2 Analysis of Receipts – March 2024 (Appendix 10)
148.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31st March 2024 (Appendix 11)
148.4 To authorise the schedule of payments for April 2024 (Appendix 12)

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

It was **resolved** to accept and approve the financial information as per items 148.1 – 148.3 that had been submitted to members and to authorise the schedule of payments for April.

24/149 Planning Applications

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

Proposal:	Creation of Forest School
Site Address:	Scarecrow Farm Cross Lane Blidworth Mansfield
Planning Application Ref:	24/00478/FUL

It was **resolved** to respond stating ‘no comments’

Proposal:	Development for 62 dwellings on grazing land, south of Dale Lane, Blidworth.
Site Address:	Land South Of Dale Lane Blidworth NG21 0SU
Planning Application Ref:	22/01459/FULM

It was **resolved** to respond stating that the Parish Councils original objections remain unchanged
Cllr Smith abstained from voting on these Planning Applications

The Clerk asked members if they could respond to her regarding any information to Planning Application 24/00628/LDCE as per her email.

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 191 (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 (EXISTING)

The lawful use of the property/land for

Certificate of Lawfulness to continue the existing use of land for keeping of horses with associated structures for personal use only

SECOND SCHEDULE (the land)

The property/land known as

Field Reference Number 1411 Butler Drive Blidworth

This Certificate relates to application 24/00028/LDCE.

Town and Country Planning act 1990 Appeals Under Section 195/26K

Site Address:	High Park Farm Cross Lane Blidworth NG21 0LX
Proposal:	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
Application Ref:	23/01667/LDCP
Appeal Reference No:	APP/B3030/X/24/3337169
Appellant:	Mr Max Lee
Start Date:	18 March 2024

I am writing to let you know that an appeal relating to the above site has been made to the Secretary of State. The appeal follows the refusal to grant a Certificate of Lawful Use as detailed in

Noted

24/150 Updates from working party leads

150.1 Communications/Marketing/Events (EL)

Activities all agreed

150.2 Village Planting (CWm)

150.3 Parks and Open Spaces (KH)

150.4 Neighbourhood/Parish Plan

150.5 Finance (HC)

150.6 HR Committee – update if applicable

24/151 To note – Correspondence received

All relevant correspondence sent out via email

The Clerk drew members attention to **the Planning Application Local Validation Checklist Consultation** emailed out on the 4th April 24

24/152 To note – Future dates

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting (Annual Parish Meeting) – 16th May 2024

Upcoming Parish Council Surgery - to be put on May agenda none for April
Annual Parish Gathering – Saturday 20th April 2024 10am Blidworth Welfare

24/153 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